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Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on Wed 10th Sept 2025, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillors: Cllrs: Dave Stewart, Andrew Burroughs, Lynda Burroughs, Pete Gosling and Dr Jeremy Lockwood.
IW Councillor: Claire Critchison.
Clerk: Mrs Michala Bailey
Public: 3

95/25 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

RESOLVED: Cllr Chris Parker apologies noted.

96/25 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

To receive any declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests and written requests for dispensations on items forming the agenda.

RESOLVED: It was determined that Vice Chairman Andrew Burroughs, Cllr Lynda Burroughs and Cllr Pete Gosling have an interest in item 4A on agenda.

97/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting on the 14th July 2025.

RESOLVED: Minutes approved. Chairman Stewart passed on his thanks to Cllr Dr Lockwood for and amazing Moroccan evening.

98/25 PLANNING

- A. 25/01162/HOU Location: Badgers Holt, Pyle Shute, PO38 2LE
Proposal: Proposed loft conversion to include rear dormer window; alterations to widen driveway and vehicular access; construction of retaining wall.
- B. 25/00317/FUL. Location: The Green Barn Upper House Lane Chale Isle of Wight
Proposed alterations and conversion of workshop/storage to form residential dwelling, with new access and parking (revised plans -readvertised application) Decision: GRANTED

RESOLVED: No objections made to planning A.

99/25 FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation for July and August 2025

RESOLVED: Bank reconciliation noted.

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for September 2025

RESOLVED: There were no receipts in the period

RESOLVED: The following payments were noted and authorised:

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| BACS | Claire Critchison – food pantry (JULY) | £259.08 |
| PAY | Lloyds bank charges (JULY) | £4.75 |
| PAY | Lloyds bank charges (AUG) | £4.75 |
| BACS | WI Chale – Hall Hire (SEPT) | £15.00 |
| BACS | WI Chale – Hall Hire for food pantry (AUG) | £15.00 |
| BACS | Community Action - Payroll (SEPT) | £793.62 |
| BACS | Claire Critchison – food pantry (AUG) | £47.40 |
| BACS | Newport food pantry – goods purchase for Chale | £105.42 |
| BACS | ParishOnline-new website and emails | £312.00 |

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| BACS | IOW Council- election re-charge | £36.00 |
| BACS | Island Roads – dog bin emptying | £184.80 |
| Chq 1528 | M. Bailey – clerk expenses | £131.54 |
| Total | | £1909.36 |

RESOLVED: Noted and agreed.

100/25 EMERGENCY PLAN

The village EP was discussed further. It was agreed that Cyberattacks must be added and additional 1st aiders (from the WightMouse, Stubbings and/or SWAY) should be investigated. The SWAY building should also be added to the Voluntary group and additional community resources sections. Chairman suggested a tabletop exercise with the IWC would be advantageous in the new year.

RESOLVED: Clerk to re-write plan with additional info. Cllr Gosling to speak with WM and Stubbings re- 1st aider.

101/25 PHONE BOX – St Andrews and Chale Green

Cllr Dr Lockwood and Ward Councillor Claire Critchison met on site to discuss the use of the new box at St Andrews church. Long term would involve re-writing the Chale Trail, possible QR codes linking to historical info about the village and the wildlife/ancient woodland etc. A future meeting with Dave Badman, Will Thurbine and David Yates will be arranged to gather this info. Short term boarding and a leaflet rack would be ideal along with INFORMATION signs in the top of the box.

RESOLVED: Cllr Dr Lockwood to cost and present purchase of boarding and leaflet racks. Clerk to investigate cost of information signs.

102/25 VILLAGE PLAN UPDATE

The Clerk advised that it will be time to re-visit the village plan next year (10 years since the last Plan) and that it will take some considerable work and funding to do so. A short explanation of the Importance of updating the plan was given.

RESOLVED: Cllr Andrew Burroughs and Cllr Lynda Burroughs volunteered to take the lead on this project. Chairman asked Clerk to Agenda it for every meeting.

103/25 CAROLS ON THE GREEN

The Clerk advised that she had received a request from Rev Rob at St Andrews for an early settlement of the date for the Carols on the Green this year due to other Parish requests. Chairman suggested a joint venture with SWAY and the youth groups supported by them which was agreed by RW.

RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to request the 18th Dec.

104/25 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

All events noted with an addition of a further food pantry to be held at the new SWAY Hub in October. Date to be confirmed. Chairman advised that he will be attending the Legal Service at Newport Minster on the 13th Oct.

RESOLVED: None.

105/25 S137 FUNDING REQUESTS

11.1 Cllrs agreed to donate £300 to SWAY to be used solely towards the purchase of blinds for the building to ease and help the privacy of neighbouring properties.

RESOLVED: Clerk to obtain bank details and complete a BACS transfer.

11.2 That in pursuance of the powers conferred by S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, the Council approved expenditure of £60.00 in respect of continuing support to residents of Chale Parish to Sight For Wight

RESOLVED: Clerk to obtain bank details and complete BACS transfer.

106/25 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

The Clerk. The clerk circulated her report prior to the meeting. Clerk also mentioned the amount of time it is taking to set up new email and website info. This is not something the Clerk is used to or confident in doing at the moment as it's all a learning curve and all from self-learning videos. In

addition some research into cost of repairing the old phone box on The Green was explained. It appears only the door requires attention but that could cost up to £1000 plus delivery.

RESOLVED: Clerk to monitor hours spent on new website. WC Critchison will look at phone box and see if it can be repaired at a more reasonable cost.

Parish Councillors.

Cllr Gosling mentioned the ploughing match in Chale on the 23rd Sept.

Cllr Andrew Burroughs mentioned the 'quiet roads' proposal for Southdown Lane which would reduce the speed to 20mph. This was a green party manifesto item and was sadly put on the back burner but is now coming to the fore due to potential new legislation. Ward Councillor Critchison is aware of the issues in Southdown Lane and will be reigniting the 'quiet lanes' agenda with the IWC.

Cllr Lynda Burroughs attended the IWALC meeting on the 23 July. Unfortunately, it was not well Organised. A summary will be circulated. In addition, residents had asked about putting benches on the recreation ground. This is not a PC matter but to refer to the Recreation Ground committee. She wished to thank those who rebuilt the hall wall and those who completed the wing walk in aid of raising funds for the hall.

RESOLVED: None

Chairman – Dave Stewart.

The Chairman will be attending the opening of the SWAY hub and wished to give credit to the leaders and board members who have and continue to do immense work to make this a success.

RESOLVED: None

Ward Councillor Claire Critchison – Councillor Critchison forwarded her report prior to the meeting and reads as follows:

Cllr community catch up/surgery sessions.

Niton: Wednesday 17th September 10.30 – 11.30am, Exchange

Chale Pantry: Friday 19th September 12.30-1.30pm, Village Hall

Ward Councillor Critchison report will be available to read in full appdx to the minutes. However she asked that all residents take part in the Island Transport Plan Consultation.

RESOLVED: None

107/25 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Richard Webb – SWAY was present at the meeting and wished to convey a concern over the parking issues that may arise once the hub is open. Every effort has been made to direct people to the car park in front of the old shop but due to a lack of parking restrictions on the main road and in Spanners Close it may cause some future problems. RW asked if the PC could assist with this and ask the IWC for yellow lines or APB's. RW also asked if the scrub land between the new building and the Common Land can be cleared in readiness for re-planting.

RESOLVED: The PC suggested monitoring the situation for now. Yellow lines are not the responsibility of the PC and take many months if not years to have placed. Access protection bars can be applied and paid for by the individual property owner if there should be a future problem. This can simply be done through Island Roads. Cllrs had no objection to the scrub land being cleared as long as checks had been made for nesting birds.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

In accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act of 1960, the Press and Public will be excluded from the following item, having due regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

108/25 CHALER OF THE YEAR 2025

To Discuss pre-nominated recipients for Chaler of the year for 2025. Council Chairman Dave Stewart nominated a Chale resident for their voluntary work in assisting the Parish Council over several years. Nomination was agreed and seconded by Cllr Gosling.

RESOLVED: Clerk to organise gift and co-ordinate with Chairman.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 9.35 PM