



Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on Mon 12th Jan 2026, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillors: Cllrs: Dave Stewart, Andrew Burroughs, Pete Gosling, Lynda Burroughs, Chris Parker.
IW Councillor: Claire Critchison
Clerk: Mrs Michala Bailey
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01/26 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

RESOLVED: Cllr Dr Jeremy Lockwood apologies noted.

02/26 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: None received.

03/26 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting on the 8th Dec 2025.

RESOLVED: amendment to 143/25 – should read BUDGET.

146/25, should read ‘hub will be open for the event in case of rain’

04/26 PLANNING

A. None Received

B. None Received

RESOLVED: None received.

05/26 FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation for Dec 2025

RESOLVED: Bank reconciliation noted.

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for January 2026.

RESOLVED: No receipts were received.

RESOLVED: The following payments were noted and authorised:

PAY	Lloyds bank charges (Dec)	£6.48
BACS	Community Action - Payroll (Jan)	£793.62
BACS	SLCC membership for Clerk	£158.00
Chq 1532	M. Bailey – clerk expenses	£213.37
Total		£1270.55

RESOLVED: Clerk advised that her expenses included the purchase of a new dog bin for Eastview Lane as the current one is broken and not repairable.

5.3 To discuss and agree the budget for 2026/27

Clerk presented the current spend to date and the estimated end of year spend to Council. With an average 5% increase to all services (as IWC provided services have not submitted their 26/27 costs) and an agreed increase to Clerks salary and Councillor expenses (for any travel and associated expenses to any meetings regarding the proposed devolution) the agreed budget for 26/27 was £23100.00.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to budget of £23100 for 26/27.

5.4 To agree precept amount for 26/27

Clerk advised that the calculation for the precept will be received soon from the IWC but until it had the decision of how much precept to request (taking into account any reserve spend) could not be confirmed at this meeting. Clerk proposed to send calculations to all councillors asap and to ratify at February meeting which is the same date for deadline to IWC!

RESOLVED: Noted and agreed by Council.

06/26 MEETING DATES FOR 2026/27

Clerk presented dates from April 26 to March 27 of which 2 meetings would be a Wednesday due to bank holidays. Clerk also requested that the time be bought forward to 6pm. Councillor Lynda Burroughs advised that the hall may be booked out on a Wednesday evening but she will confirm. Any Wednesdays that clash could see the meeting moved to the SWAY HUB at Spanners close.

RESOLVED: Meeting time to change to 6.30pm with immediate effect. Councillor Lynda Burroughs to advise hall users that the hall will not be available on the 15th April.

The APM and APCM meeting on the 13th May 2026 will be at the HUB if available.

07/265 PHONE BOX – St Andrews and Chale Green

Cllr Dr Lockwood updated council that he is exploring some information on grants supplied by Ward Councillor Critchison and will report back when he has any further information. The internal boarding for the new phone box at St Andrews will be complete by the end of the month.

RESOLVED: Ongoing and monthly updates required.

08/26 VILLAGE PLAN UPDATE

Councillor Andrew Burroughs updated that he will be requesting volunteers to set up a focus group this month. This will be primarily to discuss the plan and what questions to be asked for the parish consultation. He asked what budget was available for this. It was agreed that the marketing budget can be used.

RESOLVED: Ongoing and updates will be given as and when necessary.

09/26 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

9.1 Councillor Lynda Burroughs advised that soup and roll will be an addition after the coffee morning on the 17th.

9.2 In addition, Councillor Gosling advised that a food pantry event will be held this month.

He will be running one at the SWAY HUB on thurs 22nd Jan at 11am. Funding has now dried up and the grant application was declined. There is a real need for the pantry and it was discussed whether the Parish Council could assist with this? Clerk advised that the ringfenced money for the HUT running costs is no longer required and if Councillors agreed to VIRE the funds to the pantry this would be possible. Clerk also mentioned the small remaining budget of donated money that is earmarked for the Food Bank which is no longer running. It was agreed that this is no longer required then the funds remain in the donation pot.

RESOLVED: Hut running cost fund to be donated to the Food Pantry with a caveat that the funds can ONLY be used for that purpose. Clerk to contact Food Bank organiser to discuss remaining funds.

10/26 S137 FUNDING REQUESTS

RESOLVED: None Received.

11/26 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

The Clerk. The Clerk report was circulated prior to the meeting. In addition, the Clerk has received a request for the new Co-ordinator for landslides and coastal change to address the council and discuss her new role. Agreed by Councillors. A request for support to an application for an outreach provision of support services by IWALC. Agreed in principle to the concept as long as the outreach part does serve all communities. The Clerk also had a meeting with the manager of the SWAY hub regarding ongoing parking complaints. The car park in front of the old shop is under used and a site visit ascertained that at least 8 spaces are available there. Clerk also mentioned that a request to fund a small leaving gift for the retired Church Warden as been received. A copy of the painting of St Andrews has been requested. Council agreed to look at cost.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Coastal officer and invite her to meeting. Clerk to respond to IWALC request. Clerk to look at cost of gift.

Parish Councillors.

Cllr Andrew Burroughs expressed his concern over the new digital landline issues that are affecting Chale residents in that if there is a power cut then the landline goes down and due to weak mobile phone signals in some parts of the Parish, residents are left vulnerable. He stated that this would be discussed as part of the parish plan.

Cllr Pete Gosling advised that the WightFibre cabinet at Chale Green may be re-positioned at the SWAY Hub as there is power easily available there. SWAY are happy for this to happen and it will benefit the residents of Chale Green immensely.

Cllr De Jeremy Lockwood was not present but sent an email to the clerk advising that the future St Andrews church, if discussed, requires a short, medium and long-term plan and he would support a public meeting in the future. He is very interested in what plans the church has.

RESOLVED: Ward Councillor Critchison and Clerk to arrange a public meeting with Rev'd Marsh to discuss the Church and its future.

Chairman – Dave Stewart.

RESOLVED: None

Ward Councillor Claire Critchison – Councillor Critchison's report was circulated prior to the meeting and will be appdx to these minutes.

12/26 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: None.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 9.21 PM