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Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on Mon 16th Mar 2026, commencing at 6.30pm.

Present

Councillors: Cllrs: Dave Stewart, Andrew Burroughs, Pete Gosling, Dr Jeremy Lockwood
IW Councillor: Not present
Clerk: Mrs Michala Bailey
Public: 1

25/26 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

RESOLVED: Councillors Lynda Burroughs, Chris Parker and Ward Councillor Claire Critchison apologies noted.

26/26 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.

27/26 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 9th Feb 2026.

RESOLVED: Minutes approved.

28/26 PLANNING

A. **26/00254/FUL.** Sheep Lane Farm, Blythe Shute. Change of use from agricultural building to Office.

Councillors discussed the application at length and previous planning issues relating to this building being previously used for residential purposes. The scale and lay out of the application is of concern and leads to future residential use again.

RESOLVED; Clerk to advised planning that the PC does not support this application.

B. None Received

RESOLVED: None received.

29/26 FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation for Feb 2026

RESOLVED: Bank reconciliation noted.

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for March 2026.

Received HTB – interest £508.34

RESOLVED: Noted.

RESOLVED: The following payments were noted and authorised:

PAY	Lloyds bank charges (Feb)	£4.75
BACS	Sway – hall hire for public meeting on 11/3	£20.00
BACS	Community Action - Payroll (mar)	£793.62
BACS	Hall Hire(mar)	£20.00
BACS	IOW Council – grounds maint 25/26	£1142.58
BACS	R. Archer – printing for farewell gift (S.tester)	£90.00
Chq 1534/BACS	M. Bailey – clerk expenses	£49.95
Total		£2120.90

RESOLVED: Clerk asked that due to only one cheque signatory being present at the meeting that her expenses be paid by BACS on this occasion. Agreed by Councillors

5.3 To note and discuss the grounds maintenance contribution for 2026/27

Clerk advised that the IWC are currently asking for £1184.86. councillors asked if this includes VAT? Clerk unable to advise as it is not clear in letter.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact IWC and ask about VAT.

5.4 To note increase in dog bin emptying services.

Clerk advised that the increase from £3.40 to £3.64 per bin per week.

RESOLVED: Agreed to continue with services as bins are needed and used.

30/26 PHONE BOX – St Andrews and Chale Green

Cllr Andrew Burroughs advised that the boarding for the phone box at St Andrews church will be put up when the weather improves ready for leaflet holders.

Councillor Dr Lockwood advised that he and Ward Councillor Claire Critchison are preparing to complete the application to the Heritage Lottery for funding to renovate the phone box at the green. (application circulated prior to the meeting for feedback) He asked for a letter of support from the Parish Council and will ask other local groups. He suggested that the Chale Trail be updated due to the large amount of historical significance in the village and will try and get it on the IOW walking festival. He suggested that if the funding application is successful then the HL will want to see a planned celebratory event for this and it would be useful to have other councillors sit on a steering group to help the process.

RESOLVED: Councillors Dave Stewart and Andrew Burroughs volunteered to sit on the steering group. Future meeting of those on the group to be held. Ongoing and monthly updates required.

31/26 VILLAGE PLAN UPDATE

Councillor Andrew Burroughs updated that he had one volunteer from the face book request to help with the village plan update. One member of the Chale WI has also volunteered which is an enormous benefit to the process as she has recently helped with the Brightstone plan. That now makes 3 in total. The plan will initially be more of a survey to residents, with an update on the history of the village and then an update on the planning requirements. More help will be required once the survey is ready for distribution.

RESOLVED: Ongoing and updates will be given as and when necessary. Clerk to ascertain if there is a digital version of the old plan.

32/26 POLICY REVIEW

8.1 Risk management

RESOLVED: Add The HUB to the meeting location section.

8.2 Asset Register

RESOLVED: Agreed

8.3 Accessibility Policy

RESOLVED: Agreed

33/26 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Chairman advised that the public meeting regarding the future of St Andrews church was well attended and very useful. A follow up meeting will be in Sept.

Councillor Pete Gosling mentioned that the food pantry is well attended but items are being depleted very quickly. It is still operating on the PC donation but SWAY are still hoping for more funding.

Councillor Dr Lockwood suggested a hall fundraising evening on the 16th May. Mexican themed with a £12.50 per head charge.

RESOLVED: All events noted. Food Pantry dates and venue to be placed on the Parish Council website. Details of Mexican evening to go on Facebook and Parish website.

34/26 S137 FUNDING REQUESTS
RESOLVED: None received.

35/26 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

The Clerk. The Clerk report was circulated prior to the meeting. In addition, the Clerk advised that A date for the SWAY AGM had been set and circulated. A request for a tea stop and tractors to park on the Green in Oct had been received. WightFibre are having problems laying cables thru the BT ducting and have requested permission to dig a 150m channel across the Green between the two white cabinets. Did the council wish to keep the domain name of chale.org.uk. This will be at a cost of £40 plus VAT biannually. Clerk still having issues with I/R over abandoned caravans.

RESOLVED: Clerk to ask organiser of the Vintage Tractor event to come to next meeting and give a short presentation, in particular giving info on adverse weather and maintaining the Green. Clerk to advise WightFibre that the PC cannot give permission BUT have not objection to them digging a trench although it MUST be re-instated to an excellent standard. Clerk to decide if domain name is needed and make contact with the domain supplier. Clerk to continue contacting Island Roads regarding the caravans and reiterate that Chale will not be used as a dumping ground

Parish Councillors.

Cllr Pete Gosling advised that he will be planting 50 whips of native trees along the green near the new hub. SWAY intend to plant fruit trees and will be putting up some fencing between the building and the play area. He will also paint the bus shelter to remove the graffiti sometime next week.

RESOLVED: Cllrs Dr Lockwood and Andrew Burroughs volunteered to help with re-painting the bus shelter.

Chairman

RESOLVED: None

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

36/26 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
RESOLVED: None.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8.45PM