

CHALE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on **Wednesday 13th May 2026** at 6.30 pm at The HUB, Spanners Close, Chale Green, Chale.

Present

Chairman: Council Member Mr Dave Stewart
Councillors: Council Members: Gosling, Parker, Lockwood, Burroughs and Burroughs
IW Councillor: IW Cllr Claire Critchison
Clerk: Mikki Bailey
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1. WELCOME

Council Member Mr Dave Stewart, Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed everyone present

2. MINUTES OF THE 2025 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The minutes of the 2025 Annual Parish Meeting held on 14th May 2025.

RESOLVED: Minor amendment made to no 3. Council Activities as a heading. Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman

3. ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF CHALE PARISH COUNCIL

Once again as chairman I have been supported throughout the year by our very professional and effective clerk (Mikki Bailey) and colleague Councillors (Peter Gosling, Jeremy Lockwood, Chris Parker, Linda Burroughs and Andrew Burroughs).

As a team we held regular parish council meetings and dealt with various agenda items as shown in our regular minutes and supporting documentation which were published to the public throughout the year. We dealt with a wide range of matters and issues and this report provides a summary of some of them for your information including:

- Providing a general response on behalf of the community in relation to various planning applications and related matters submitted by residents.
- Considering and approving a range of donations and support to requests from various community groups (such as the local church, SWAY, and the village hall) .
- Through a specific initiative during the economic challenges faced by residents to provide help via the food pantry and council funding grants to help those in
- Working with the Isle of Wight Council to ensure that Chale Green was regularly cut and where brambles and other growth had impinged onto the green to have this cleared so residents could continue to benefit from this common land.
- To ensure that the community was provided with a Christmas Tree and lighting for festive celebrations and with particular thanks to various members and a nearby resident to ensure we could once again enjoy 'carols on the green'
- To continue to support the SWAY youth group as they move into their new home in Chale and help them to manage their challenges including residential impact and parking management.

During the year we also focused on good management of the finances and ensuring our clerk is properly equipped with the equipment and ongoing training required to be effective in her role. We have been careful with what is public money. Our overall Budget for the year was set at **£20060** but only **£18500** was requested from the public in terms of precept in view of the difficult financial times being experienced. Our actual budget expenditure for the year was **£17839** meaning we came within our projected expenditure target.

So overall a full and productive year for the Parish Council and I thank all those involved for their contribution and support.

RESOLVED: None.

4. TO RECEIVE THE 2025/26 PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT

All financial reports relating to 2025/26 were presented at the April Parish Council meeting. Receipts of £19404.87 were received which included £18500.00 precept. Our expenditure was £17839.18 which included the emptying of Dog waste bins, grass cutting on Chale Green, and Grants to local organisations helping residents of Chale. Balance brought forward from last year was £27601.75 which included money put aside for repairs to Hoy Monument. Total balance carried forward at 2026/27 year-end is £29167.44 including £9406.03 of Ring-fenced funds.

RESOLVED: None

5. TO RECEIVE ANNUAL REPORTS FROM:

5.1 CHALE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REPORT FROM PRESIDENT, MRS LYNDA BURROUGHS

In Summary: Chale WI has had a busy year with providing talks and demonstrations, crafting events and fundraising for the defibrillator charity.

Health and wellbeing has been at the forefront of their activities which involves chair yoga, reducing food waste, learning CPR and now a weekly line dancing class at the village hall on a Wednesday evening.

The community coffee mornings are still popular for local residents and some form further afield.

During the colder months local crafters have been given space to sell their work. Lynda wished to thank all those providing cake at these events.

Chale WI and Chale Parish Council held a joint fundraiser for the hall last year, a Moroccan evening and a Mexican night is being held this Saturday. The hall continues to be a concern in that it is old and requires maintenance which requires funding. The WI do not own the hall but manage it and any donations are very welcome. The hall is available for hire and details can be found on the website.

RESOLVED: The full report will be appx to these minutes.

5.2 CHALE HORTICULTURE SHOW

RESOLVED: There was no report received from Chale Horticultural Show

5.3 SUSTAINABLE CHALE LTD. REPORT FROM MR MALCOM GROVES

A report was received prior to the meeting and read out by the Chairman, Mr Dave Stewart.

RESOLVED: A copy will be appx to these minutes.

5.4 CHALE RECREATION GROUND REPORT FROM MR MALCOM GROVES

A report was received prior to the meeting and read out by the Deputy Chairman, Mr Andrew Burroughs.

RESOLVED: A copy will be appx to these minutes.

5.5 CHALE CHURCHYARD COMMITTEE REPORT FROM LYNETTE ATKINSON

A report was received prior to the meeting and read out by the Clerk.

RESOLVED: A copy will be appx to these minutes.

5.6 SWAY'S REPORT – BY PETER JOHNSON

Peter provided a copy of his report to all present. In summary: there has been many highlights in the last year. Of which the opening of The HUB was one. SWAY received the Kings Award for Voluntary Service, Steph Flux was appointed manager. A small shop is now open for a couple of hours each day but more volunteers are needed to help with this. A new part time youth worker has also been appointed and with the help from local residents landscaping around the new building has begun. It is hoped that a local resident will be appointed as the Café and shop supervisor very soon. A seniors tea party was held and organised by the Young Leaders group and was a huge success. Tea, sandwiches, cake and entertainment was laid on. Finally, SWAY are in need of more trustees.
RESOLVED: A copy of the report will be appx to these minutes. Peter also agreed to speak to the board of trustees with regards to having the defib relocated to the outside of the HUB and to share a notice board with the Parish Council.

5.7 St Andrews Church report from Rev'd Rob Marsh

A report was received prior to the meeting and read out by the Chairman.

5.8 CLLR CLAIRE CRITCHISON, IWC WARD MEMBER FOR CHALE, NITON AND WHITWELL

Claire provided a written report prior to the meeting and read it out. In Summary:
It has been a challenging role for the last 4 years and Claire looks forward to serving the community for the next 3 years.
The food pantry based in Chale, funded from local donation and the Parish Council, has been a success and it is hoped will continue but funding is an issue. Claire wanted to Thank Mr Rodney Archer for his idea and enthusiasm in starting this project.
Claire continues to push for official quiet road status for rural roads around Chale, Atherfield, Yafford, Shorwell and Brighstone similar to Adgestone Quiet Road.
One of the most frequent requests is for safer roads and lower speed limits. Whilst no areas were identified in the recent speed review within Claire Ward, she continues to push for lower speed limits. Community speed watch is the best way of obtained and providing data to help with this. Claire would like to set up community speed watch groups in all her villages.
Claire has continually requested drain clearance to ease flooding and will continue to do so.
Claire also stated she will continue t work with Chale Parish Council to renovate the old phone box at Chale Green.
RESOLVED: A copy of the report will be appx to these minutes. Chairman wished to Thank Helen and Frasier for their help with the food pantry who have gone above and beyond is setting up and keeping it going. Fundraising events for the food pantry to be discussed at June PC meeting.

6 PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairman opened the meeting for Parishioner's comments and questions. No questions asked.
RESOLVED: None

The meeting closed at 7.29 pm

Signed:.....Chairman

Dated: June 2026