



Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on Mon 13th July 2026, commencing at 6.52pm at The HUB, Spanner Close, Chale. **The Meeting was recorded for the purposes of accuracy.**

Present

Councillors: Dave Stewart, Pete Gosling, Chris Parker, Lynda Burroughs, Andrew Burroughs and Dr Jeremy Lockwood.

IW Councillor: Claire Critchison

Clerk: Mrs Michala Bailey

Public: 4

83/26 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

RESOLVED: All present.

84/26 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.

85/26 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 8th June 2026

RESOLVED: Agreed.

86/26 PLANNING

A. None

RESOLVED: None

B. None

RESOLVED: None

87/26 FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation for June 2026

Councillor Gosling motioned that some of the funds in the current account could be placed into the HTB savings account for now as long as there is easy access. He suggested rounding up the savings to £20,000.00. This was agreed.

Councillor Parkers asked when the next finance committee meeting would be held so that S137 donations can be discussed. Clerk advised it would be in November.

RESOLVED: Bank reconciliation noted. Clerk to transfer £5491.66 from current account to savings.

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for July and August 2026 (no meeting in August)

RESOLVED: The following payments were noted and authorised.

14.7.26	Bacs	Chale WI – hall hire for June	£20.00
14.7.26	Bacs	St Andrews Church – S137 donation	£250.00
14.7.26	Bacs	Community Action-July Payroll	£793.92
14.7.26	Bacs	SWAY – hall hire for July	£20.00
14.7.26	Bacs	M.Bailey – Clerk expenses	£122.96
18.7.26	Pay	Lloyds Bank – monthly fees	£4.25
07.8.26	Bacs	Community Action – August payroll	£793.92

Total

£2005.05

88/26 CARAVANS/ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Clerk advised that a meeting has taken place with IOW Highways dept and Island Roads over the apparently abandoned caravans in the lay-by in Appleford Road. The meeting was very constructive and both caravans have now been moved. Anti-social behaviour to be further discussed in 90/26

RESOLVED: No further action by the Parish Council at this time.

89/26 VILLAGE DAY

Steph Flux from SWAY explained her request for the PC to discuss funding a village day in Sept. Similar to the event run by Northwood PC, she asked that Chale PC fund bouncy castles, a musician and anything else that would make it a resident's fun day on the green. Possibly an ice cream van or burger van and residents would bring their own picnic. Costs involved would be £1000-£2000 approx. It would be free to residents. Steph advised that the Northwood event is well attended and a successful day for all and felt it would be a great event for residents of Chale.

RESOLVED: Chairman Stewart opened up discussion. Councillors felt it would take more planning that a couple of months bearing in mind the Pc do not meet in August BUT it could be considered for next years calendar.

90/26 PUBLIC COMPLAINT

Chairman Stewart opened the item by thanking Ms Page for her detailed letter with regards to the issues regarding the HUB and its impact residents feel it is having on their day to day lives. The Chairman advised that not all areas of concern can be dealt with by the Parish Council BUT specific questions to the PC regarding Japanese Knotweed along the boundary were discussed. Councillor Gosling is involved with the replanting of the boundary once the current cut have died down. He did not feel there was evidence of knotweed but had there been then the contactors would have notified IOW council who are responsible for cutting that area. In addition, the type of weed killer used is a matter for IOW council but the question will be asked.

The street name sign on the Green is also loose and requires repair. This will be forwarded to Island Roads who are responsible for it.

In addition, the matter of Anti-social behaviour was raised. This issue can not be rectified by the Parish Council BUT it was agreed that Ward Councillor will continue to liaise with Hampshire Constabulary and the housing association over this.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Island Roads regarding the Spanner Close sign. Clerk to contact IOW grounds maintenance team to ascertain what, if any, weedkiller has been used along the boundary line with the HUB and report back. Clerk to ask if JK has been found in the area.

91/26 PHONE BOX

Councillor Dr Lockwood advised that he has recently met with Will Turbine and discussed the history etc along the Chale Trail route and the new info is coming together ready for new leaflets to be printed. The Clerk has also purchased leaflet holders for the phone box at St Andrews so it can now be up and running as an information point. Clerk raised the issue of the phone box at The Green now being insecure again.

RESOLVED: Dr Lockwood to put up holders. Councillor Gosling to secure phone box on The Green.

92/26 VILLAGE PLAN

Councillor A. Burroughs advised that a volunteer has started to create a spreadsheet of questions for the questionnaire. The member who stepped down will be re-joining the working party in the autumn.

RESOLVED: Ward Councillor Critchison to forward copy of the Niton survey to Councillor Burroughs.

93/26 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

All events noted with the inclusion of the Chale Show on the 1st and 2nd August. Councillor Gosling advised that the food pantry is still running with a steady membership of 20 members each week. Funding sources are still being explored and there is a source for free fruit and veg once the management of this can be figured out. This may require a mobile larder outside the HUB but the provision of a fridge will be required to store produce. Chairman Stewart suggested that a S137 request for a fridge could be considered.

RESOLVED: Events noted.

94/26 S137 FUNDING REQUESTS

No new applications for funding were received. The request for the agreed £250.00 toward the repair of the church clock was received and agreed.

RESOLVED: 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 £250.00 in respect of repairs to St Andrews church clock.

95/26 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

The Clerk. Clerk report was circulated prior to the meeting. Further to that report the Clerk reported that Rev'd Marsh of St Andrews Church has asked for an early indication for a date of the annual Carols on The Green event. The hazard cone in the phone box at St Andrews church has finally been removed.

RESOLVED: Clerk to advise Carols on The green date of 16th December at 6.15pm. Councillors.

Councillor Gosling has recently attended the tree warden meeting and can confirm that there is now a threat of Dutch Elm Disease, Ash Dieback and Sycamore fungus on the island. Any sightings in a public area on near a highway must be reported to the council.

RESOLVED: None

Chairman.

Nothing to report.

RESOLVED: None

Ward Councillor Claire Critchison

Ward Councillor Critchisons report is appdx to these minutes. In addition, she advised that WightFibre are waiting to install air con at the BT exchange before they can complete works in Chale Green. They will be starting work in Chale over the next few months.

96/26 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Archer advised Council that the Fire Severity Index was showing the south of the IOW as at severe risk of wild fires and councillors should be aware.

RESOLVED: Clerk to re-circulate the Emergency Village Plan. Ward Councillor Critchison to contact Blackgang Chine to discuss concerns over weekly fireworks displays whilst FSI on red alert.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8.00PM