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Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on Mon 12th Oct 2026**,** commencing at 6.30pm at Chale Village Hall, Chale. **The Meeting was recorded for the purposes of accuracy.**

Present

Councillors: Dave Stewart, Andrew Burroughs, Lynda Burroughs and Chris Parker,
I**W Councillor**: Claire Critchison
Clerk: Mrs Michala Bailey
Public: 3

The meeting commenced with a short update from Tom and Kirsty Wyeth, Chale Show about how the show went this year. Chale Show is the 2nd biggest event held on the IOW each year. Numbers of visitors were down this year possibly due to fine weather/cost of living and a struggle to get big acts to attend. Chale Show is run on behalf of Chale Horticultural Society and all profits are handed to them. Charges for car parking have increased considerably but there is now a 4 year agreement in place. Help with the event is always a problem so any help is always welcome. The horticultural tent is always well supported with 1600 entries this year. With the implementation of Martyns Law next year planning is already underway to look at layout, safety etc. It is hoped that more sponsorship will help with these costs. It was confirmed that over the last 20 years £150k has been donated to charitable organisations from the show profit. Chale show Ltd is now located at The Hub, Chale Green.

112/26 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence**.**
RESOLVED: Councillor Pete Gosling sent apologies.

113/26 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: Councillor Andrew Burroughs expressed interest in item 11.1 on the Agenda. It was agreed that Councillor Burroughs could update the Council on the latest costs. Councillor Lynda Burroughs also expressed interest in item 11.1 and advised that she would recuse herself. Chairman Stewart accepted both declarations.

114/26 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 14th Sept 2026
RESOLVED: Agreed. Item 110/26 slight amendment to wording to say 'possibly fine weather'

115/26 PLANNING

A. 26/01301/FUL. Retention of Barn, Gotten Lane, Chale.
RESOLVED: Noted. No objection.
B. None
RESOLVED: None

116/26 FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation for Sept 2026
RESOLVED: Bank reconciliation noted.

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for Oct 2026

RESOLVED: The following payments were noted and authorised.

15.9.26	Pay	Lloyds Bank – monthly fees	£4.25
26.9.26	Bacs	IOW society for Blind – S137 donation	£100.00
12.10.26	Bacs	Chale WI – Hall hire fee (Oct)	£20.00
12.10.26	Bacs	Community Action-Oct payroll	£849.24
12.10.26	Bacs	M.Bailey – Clerk expenses	£53.60
Total			**£1027.09**

5.3 To set date for finance committee meeting.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to meet on Monday 26th October at 2pm.

117/26 COMPLAINT AGAINST SWAY AND PARISH COUNCIL

The email regarding a complaint about SWAY and the Parish Councils previous resolution to refer all complaints back to SWAY was discussed. Chairman Stewart stated that the Parish Council l had taken the right course of action so far. H acknowledged the issues raised BUT reiterated that the PC has no jurisdiction over SWAY or The HUB at all. A previous meeting arranged by Ward Councillor Critchison was attended by Parish Councillors as well as residents of Chale and Southern Housing. Some of the issue/allegations raised are of a serious nature and the complainant should be contacting statutory agencies to look into them. i.e Police/social services/charities commission/environmental health, which it appears has now happened. Chairman Stewart also confirmed that the Parish Council have no remit to deal with this.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to complainant explaining the PC objectives and response.

118/26 REGISTER OF INTERESTS - ADDRESSES

To discuss whether Councillors wished for their addresses to be published.

. **RESOLVED: Clerk to advised IOW Council that Councillors did not wish for their home addresses to be published.**

119/26 PHONE BOX

No update available.

RESOLVED: NONE

120/26 VILLAGE PLAN

No further update at present.

RESOLVED: NONE

121/26 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

10.1 17th October – WI coffee morning, Chale Village Hall. 10-1200.

RESOLVED: Noted

122/26 S137 FUNDING REQUESTS

11.1 Chale Village Hall. This request was carried over from Sept meeting. Councillor Lynda Burroughs recused herself and left the room. Councillor Andrew Burroughs updated Council that the Fire Alarm system will be fitted this week. The asbestos report has been completed and only showed a small pad under the kitchen sink to contain asbestos.

RESOLVED: Councillors requested that the figures for all works to be updated and decision to be referred to finance committee for decision due to insufficient Councillors present at the meeting for a quorum. It was agreed to support application in principle but that an application be made to Chale Horticultural Society (Chale Show) for a donation.

123/26 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

The Clerk. Clerk report was circulated prior to the meeting. Clerk requested dates from those present for an informal meeting with trustees of SWAY. Date of 26th Oct was agreed. Clerk advised that the mobile pizza van will be starting on the 29th Oct. Details to be confirmed. A letter from IOW council concerning the Grounds maintenance contract for The Green has been received requesting the sum of £1221.59 for 27/28 or a contribution towards. Clerk was awaiting response to the VAT situation on this. Councillors agreed to pay the same as last financial year. Clerk advised that she was waiting for make and model details of the defibs so she could investigate cost of battery replacement.

RESOLVED: Clerk to confirm meeting date with SWAY. Clerk to write to IOW Council.

COUNCILLORS;

Councillor Andrew Burroughs advised that he could not find anything specific to rural communities for firework safety.

RESOLVED: NONE

Chairman. Nothing to report.

RESOLVED: NONE

Ward Councillor Claire Critchison

Ward Councillor Critchisons report is appdx to these minutes.

124/26 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Member of public advised that the door to the old phone box at Chale Green was open and swaying in the wind but he had shut it. It requires securing due to the need for repair.

RESOLVED: MOP offered to secure door temporarily. Clerk to ask Councillor Gosling to take another look at door with a view to secure more permanently.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8.47PM