



Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on Mon 14th Sept 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, Pete Gosling, Chris Parker, and Dr Jeremy Lockwood.

IW Councillor: Claire Critchison

Clerk: Mrs Michala Bailey

Public: 3

97/26 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

RESOLVED: Councillor Lynda Burroughs sent apologies.

98/26 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 13.1 on the Agenda.

It was agreed that Councillor Burroughs could be present for discussion but could not take part in any vote on the matter.

99/26 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 13th July 2026 2026

RESOLVED: Agreed. Item 88/26. Whilst the 2 caravans in question had been removed there is now another, larger caravan in situ. Photos of the van have been taken and it appears that some of it is in the carriageway and could be dangerous. Clerk to contact Island Roads.

Item 90/26. Another complaint has been sent to SWAY and copied to the PC. Councillors agreed that this is a matter for SWAY and does not fall within PC remit.

100/26 PLANNING

A. 26/00665/26. Revised. South Side Farm. Retention of barn as built. (hardboard cladding to be painted black)

RESOLVED: Noted

B. 1. APPEAL DECISION: Sheep Lane Farm, Chale. **ALLOWED.**

2. 26/00665/26. South Side Farm. **GRANTED**

RESOLVED: Noted.

101/26 FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation for July and August 2026

RESOLVED: Bank reconciliation noted.

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for Sept 2026

RESOLVED: The following payments were noted and authorised.

20.7.26	Bacs	Transfer to savings acct	£5000.00
20.7.26	Bacs	Transfer to savings acct	£491.66
3.8.26	Bacs	Community Action-Sept payroll	£793.92
17.8.26	Pay	Lloyds Bank – monthly fees	£4.25
14.9.26	Bacs	Website and Email yearly admin	£432.00
14.9.26	Bacs	Chale WI – Hall hire fee (Sept)	£20.00
14.9.26	Bacs	Community Action – OCT payroll	£1461.22

14.9.26 Bacs M.Bailey – Clerk expenses

Total

£2845.49 This figure does not include the

transfer amount to the savings acct.

5.3 To acknowledge and discuss National Joint Council Pay award for Clerk

Clerk advised that the pay rise (backdated to April 2026) has been agreed at 3.3% nationally.

The figure for payroll in October includes this BUT in liaising with payroll it was discovered that the yearly pay scale advancement for 2025 did not happen and the Clerk has been underpaid since December 2025.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed that this had to be rectified and the invoice presented to be paid.

102/26 RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS (ARK) EMAIL

Clerk advised that email had been received regarding this new initiative and a request made for posters to be displayed on Parish website/notice boards to promote it. Councillors agreed that the Parish website is only to be used for Council/National information but posters could be placed on village notice board.

RESOLVED: Clerk to put up poster on notice board at Chale Green.

103/26 EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT 2025

Clerk advised that she had completed training regarding the new Act and that changes must be made to the current contract of employment and other policies. Clerk stated there were more changes to come in 2027 and asked for assistance in ensuring that all necessary changes were made and nothing missed.

RESOLVED: Changes acknowledged by Councillors and Councillor Chris Parker volunteered to assist Clerk with ensuring all changes were adhered to in policy and contractually.

104/26 LEGAL SERVICE INVITATION

Clerk advised that an invitation to the Western Circuit of judges and the High Sheriff of the Isle of Wight legal service at Newport Minster has been received.

RESOLVED: Chairman Dave Stewart volunteered to attend and represent Chale Parish Council. Clerk to advise Law Courts accordingly.

105/26 PLANNING COMPLIANCE TEAM - FUNDING

Clerk has received an email from the Planning office asking if the Parish Council wished to part fund a compliance team member within the planning department to specifically tackle local identified planning compliance priorities.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed NOT to fund this at present.

106/26 PHONE BOX

Councillor Dr Lockwood has been continuing with writing up the historical info on the village and will be meeting with Dave Badman and Will Thurbine to finalise this. The leaflet holders are now up in the new phone box outside St Andrews Church. The information signs for that box now require fitting.

RESOLVED: Councillor Gosling to assist with putting up the information signs.

107/26 VILLAGE PLAN

Councillor Andrew Burroughs advised that the spreadsheet of questions is still ongoing.

Mrs Wendy Downes has volunteered to help with the plan as she has previous experience of creating the original one. Chairman Stewart suggested that contact be made with James Brewer at IOW Council to discuss planning needs and what they may use the plan for. Ward Councillor Critchison circulated a copy of the housing needs survey that Niton PC has recently used for information.

RESOLVED: NONE

108/26 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The meeting at St Andrews Church on the 30th Sept will now only be for the volunteers as there has been little time to meet and act on previous issues/actions. A public meeting will be held on a date to be confirmed later.

Clerk mentioned that the Food Pantry for the 24th Sept was confirmed that morning but Councillor Gosling believes it is incorrect.

RESOLVED: Clerk to re-confirm Food Pantry date with SWAY.

109/26 S137 FUNDING REQUESTS

13.1 Chale Village Hall. A request for a donation to the upgrade of the Fire Alarm System and Emergency Lighting so that the hall is fully compliant to Community Building Standards was received. Councillor Andrew Burroughs, compliance officer for the hall was present to answer questions but did confirm that an asbestos survey was being undertaken this week prior to any works being completed to ensure that the quotes provided were not impacted due to the presence of any asbestos. Councillors suggested that once that report is completed and it is known if the quotes for the Fire Alarm and Emergency lighting would be impacted the request should be re-presented for consideration as the current cost of £5000 may be significantly higher.

RESOLVED: To re-submit request for October Meeting.

13.2 Sight for Wight Short Story Competition.

A request for a donation to this yearly event was again received. Sight for Wight could not confirm that anyone from Chale was involved until all entries were received. Councillors felt that this is a worthy event to donate to.

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 £100.00 in respect of raising vital funds and outreach work by Sight For Wight volunteers.

110/26 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

The Clerk. Clerk report was circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk asked for someone to visit The Terrace and look for reported signs of Japanese Knotweed and report back to the Clerk. The ASB in Chale Green (bins being removed) has been reported to the local PCSO. The local Policing conference is in January 2027 and anyone wishing to attend would have their travel expenses reimbursed. An email from the Munch pizza co has been received asking if they can set up on Chale Rec Ground or anywhere considered more suitable. Councillors agreed that Chale Green (old shop car park) on a Fri or Sat evening would be better. Finally, Councillors asked that the issue of Fireworks be raised at the meeting for discussion due to last year's problems with livestock, animals being frightened and those living in thatched properties being at risk.

RESOLVED: Clerk to book Chairman Stewart on the policing conference. Councillor Burroughs to look at online info/leaflets around the issue of fireworks. Councillor Gosling to take a look at the complaint of JK. Clerk to contact Munch Pizza and advise accordingly.

Councillor Gosling has been asked, by SWAY, if Chairman Stewart would write to Morrisons asking for donations to the food pantry on a monthly basis.

Councillor Andrew Burroughs advised that the hall now has internet connection provided free of charge by GoInternet

Councillor Parker advised that attendees to the Chale Show were down this year. Possibly due to the fine weather. Next year Martyns Law will be fully in place and the show will have to consider this. More volunteers are needed.

Councillor Dr Lockwood confirmed that both defibs had been inspected and both on 1 bar of battery.

RESOLVED: Chairman Stewart will not write to Morrisons.

Clerk to contact ATCORS and discuss battery situation and is required to purchase 2 new batteries.

Chairman.

Nothing to report but suggested that a representative of the Chale Show be invited to October meeting to update on how the show is doing and what their needs are for the future.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Chale Show

Ward Councillor Claire Critchison

Ward Councillor Critchisons report is appdx to these minutes. Councillor Critchsion also volunteered to attend the Building Stronger Communities meeting on behalf of the Parish Council

111/26 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs Wendy Downes asked the Parish Council if they were aware of a notice erected in Spanners Close regarding the erection of a 10-metre poll for GoInternet? Would the Parish Council support residents objecting to this. Clerk advised that there is no formal planning application on this matter to date. Mrs Downer then showed Councillors a copy of the notice displayed which appeared to be a consultation notice at this stage.

RESOLVED: Chairman advised Mrs Downes and resident's that are likely to be affected by the installation to send their collective objections to GoInternet in the first instance.

Should GoInternet then proceed with a formal planning application, the Parish Council will be notified and the application will be placed on the Agenda. The Parish Council will will consider their response accordingly. The public will be welcome to that meeting.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8.40PM