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Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on Mon 9th Nov 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, Lynda Burroughs, Chris Parker and Dr Jeremy Lockwood.
IW Councillor: Claire Critchison
Clerk: Mrs Michala Bailey
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125/26 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence**.**
RESOLVED: NONE. All present

126/26 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

127/26 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 12th Oct 2026 and the finance meeting held on the 26th Oct.2026
RESOLVED: Agreed.

128/26 PLANNING

A. None
RESOLVED: None.
B. None
RESOLVED: None

129/26 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for Nov 2026
RESOLVED: The following payments were noted and authorised.

19.10.26	Pay	Lloyds Bank – monthly fees	£4.25
04.11.26	Bacs	IOW Defibs. 2 battery replacements	£400.00
09.11.26	Bacs	Chale WI – Hall hire fee (Nov)	£20.00
09.11.26	Bacs	Community Action- NOV payroll	£849.24
09.11.26	Bacs	M.Bailey – Clerk expenses	£81.55
Total			**£1355.04**

Clerk explained that IOW Defibrillators were able to provide 2 new batteries at cost saving £197.60 If purchased through online company. IOW Defibs also offered to clean and check defibs were in full operating order.

130/26 CHRISTMAS TREE

Councillor Pete Gosling volunteered, again, to organise the tree for The Green. He advised that there were issues getting a large tree last year but he would be organising early December. Clerk confirmed that the budget for this year is set at £250.00.
RESOLVED: Councillor Gosling organising in time for Carol on the Green.

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131/26 PHONE BOX

Councillor Dr Lockwood advised that the leaflets in the box at St Andrews were going and there would be a meeting later in the week to finalise some of the issues for the grant application. The phone box at Chale Green has been secured with a strap but Councillor Gosling would use a wire system for a more secure solution.

RESOLVED: NONE

132/26 VILLAGE PLAN

Councillor Andrew Burroughs advised that Simone has volunteered to export information from the old plan and survey into a new format in readiness for it to go out.

RESOLVED: NONE

133/26 MEMBERSHIP OF THE ENHANCED PUBLIC REALM OFFICER SERVICE.

The IOW council has requested funding from Town and Parish Councils to employ the services of a Public Realm Officer who would designate specific time to each T&PC. Councillors felt that there would be insufficient work to justify spending this money from precept money.

RESOLVED: Clerk to advise IOW Council that Chale Parish Council do not wish to take up this service.

134/26 ISLE OF WIGHT ARMED FORCES DAY 2027

The email from the organisers was circulated prior to the meeting and discussed. Funding was requested to support tis of between £500 and £1000. Councillors agreed that this should be looked at once a formal application has been made.

RESOLVED: Clerk to email organisers and advise to submit a formal grant application.

135/26 ASSET MAINTENANCE

Clerk circulated an asset list prior to the meeting and advised that an asset inspection should be carried out to ensure all assets were in good order. Councillor Gosling advised that the Hoy Monument now has a large crack from base up to approx. 10ft in height.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to take a look at the assets and report back.

136/26 DEFIBS

Clerk advised that IOW defibs has offered to clean up the 2 in the village but the one donated to The HUB was still inside the building. Should it be placed outside then the defib at Stubbings could be relocated to the Village Hall. Councillors felt this was a good idea to have 3 throughout the village.

RESOLVED; Clerk to speak with manager at the HUB and IOW defibs regarding getting their defib up and moving the one at Stubbings. Councillor Lynda Burroughs will speak with the WI and determine whether they would agree to relocate the defib from Stubbings to the hall and pay for maintenance.

137/26 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

13.1 17th October – WI coffee morning, Chale Village Hall. 10-1200.

RESOLVED: Noted

138/26 S137 FUNDING REQUESTS

14.1 IOW defibs. Clerk advised that IOW defibs are a charity and maintain hundreds of defibs around the island from donated funds. IOW defibs has kindly offered to fit the new batteries and clean the defib casings and ensure defibs are working at full capacity. No formal request for funding has been made. Councillors felt this was a vital service to the community and agreed that a £200 donation would be made.

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 £200.00 in respect of raising vital funds for work in maintaining working defibrillators around the IOW.

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139/26 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

The Clerk. Clerk report was circulated prior to the meeting. In addition, the Clerk advised that she had received some data regarding the food pantry. It is currently -£1300 in the pot. The number of registered user from other Parishes is approx. 20+ but these do not use is regularly. Councillors agreed that a substantial amount of funding has gone into the pantry this year and last BUT not from precept money. However, the funding/grant money held by Chale PC is now 0 so any donation would be from S137 funding. Councillors felt that they needed to know more information before making any decision whether to support the panty any further and expressed a wish to meet with the treasurer of SWAY/The HUB.

RESOLVED: Clerk to set up meeting date with SWAY treasrer.

COUNCILLORS;

Councillor Pete Gosling reported a fallen tree on the Green that needed removal. He also confirmed that the Wight Mouse will be donating proceeds from the quiz night to the Food Pantry in December.

Councillor Lynda Burroughs advised that a substantial donation has been made to the Chale WI and it has been agreed that the money would be used towards the village hall.

Councillor Dr Lockwood suggested another joint fundraising event in February with the WI.
A Valentines supper and quiz was agreed.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact IOWC regarding fallen tree.

CHAIRMAN: The Chaiman attended the Remembrance Service at St Andrews church on Sunday and laid a poppy wreath on behalf of Chale Parish Council.

RESOLVED: NONE

Ward Councillor Claire Critchison

Ward Councillor Critchisons report is appdx to these minutes.

137/26 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The member of public raised the issue of residents parking vehicles of The Green and stated that they should be reminded that there is a bye-law in existence preventing this from happening. (A copy of the bye-law was circulated) In addition, there will be a small gathering at the War Memorial, St Andrews church on the 11th Nov at 11am.

RESOLVED: NONE.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 7.50PM

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