

Chillerton & Gatcombe Parish Council



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHILLERTON & GATCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 3 JUNE 2025 AT 6.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL, MAIN ROAD, CHILLERTON

Present: Councillors Laursen (Chairman) Newton, Smith & Whiteman.

In attendance: Debbie Faulkner, Parish Clerk; 1 member of the public.

4203 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Councillor discussed the resurfacing of Hollow Lane which will take 5 days and is due to start on 4 August 2025.

4204 ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Whiteman was proposed as Vice Chairman by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Laursen. After a unanimous show of hands, it was:

RESOLVED

That Councillor Whiteman be appointed as Deputy Chairman of Chillerton and Gatcombe Parish Council for the Municipal Year 2025 / 2026.

4205 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from IW Councillor Gladwin.

4206 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

4207 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

- IWALC (Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils) – Councillor Whiteman; deputy representative, Councillor Laursen.

4208 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 13 May 2025, be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4209 PLANNING

There were no planning matters to consider.

4210 REPORTS / OTHER MINUTES

There were no other reports or other minutes to consider.

4210 HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

- a) Councillors discussed whether to invite a representative from the Isle of Wight Mental Health Alliance to attend a future Parish Council meeting. It was agreed:

ACTION

The Parish Clerk will invite a representative from the Isle of Wight Mental Health Alliance to attend a future Parish Council meeting.

- b) Councillors discussed whether to set aside a sum of money from the budget for the benefit of the community e.g. travel costs for competitors to sporting events etc. It was:

RESOLVED

- 1. That Chillerton and Gatcombe Parish Council set aside the funds of £1,000 from the Community Grants budget heading for this purpose.**
- 2. The Parish Clerk will promote this opportunity via the Parish Council's website.**

4211 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

a) **'The Greening Campaign'**

Councillors discussed whether to pursue taking part in 'The Greening Campaign'. The funding opportunity had now closed. It was therefore agreed to remove this item from future agendas and only raise again if further funding opportunities become available.

b) **Hedge around Chillerton Play Area and planting of replacement trees.**

The landowner has still not responded to a request to plant trees around Chillerton play area. Without permission, it will be difficult to consider the options that may be available from the Woodland Trust. It was agreed:

ACTION

1. Local landowners will be invited to attend the October Parish Council meeting.
2. The farmer, managing the land around the play area will be invited to meet Councillors on site to discuss future plans.

c) **Dog bin at Berry Lane (Min No 4126e & 4139d refer)**

The Parish Clerk has been unable to obtain a price from Island Roads to replace the dog bin lid at Berry Lane. However, Councillor Laursen has obtained a suitable replacement lid (FOC) and Councillor Whiteman has agreed to fit it.

d) **Felled trees at Gatcombe Shute**

The Parish Clerk wrote to the landowner at Gatcombe Shute regarding Island Roads instruction to fell the trees. The landowner was asked whether they intended to replace the hedge and if yes, with what. To date, a reply has not been received. It was agreed:

ACTION

The Parish Clerk will contact the landowner again.

4212 TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC

a) **Data from local speed gun and future actions.**

Councillors discussed that the Police process the data from the speed gun and take action if appropriate. It was agreed:

ACTION

The Parish Clerk will send an FOI request to the Police asking how many people speed over 60mph on Chillerton and Gatcombe roads and what speed they are actually doing.

4213 COUNCIL MATTERS

a) Parish Councillor Vacancy

Following the Parish Council election on 1 May 2025, there remains a vacancy on Chillerton and Gatcombe Parish Council. The Parish Clerk and YPM have promoted the vacancy, the deadline for applications is 30 June 2025. It was agreed:

ACTION

The Parish Clerk will invite any interested parties to meet with Councillors in due course.

b) IWALC Training Opportunities

Councillors have been advised that IWALC are offering training to Councillors between June and November 2025. Councillor Laursen has booked herself on to the 25 June session – New Councillor training. It was agreed:

ACTION

The Parish Clerk will book Councillor Whiteman on to the 29 October session – Finances.

c) Register of Interests Forms

Councillors were reminded to give their completed Register of Interest forms to the Parish Clerk, asap.

d) Village Plan

Councillors agreed to defer a discussion on the 'Village Plan' until the next meeting.

e) Quarterly Parish Council newsletter

Councillors agreed to defer publishing a newsletter until a new Councillor has been co-opted.

4214 FINANCE

a) Financial Statement as at 31 May 2025

The balance in the bank account as at 31 May 2025 was £24,517.85. It was:

RESOLVED

That Chillerton and Gatcombe Parish Council receive, note and approve the Financial Statement of £24,517.85 as at 31 May 2025.

b) Accounts payable for May 2025

The accounts payable for May 2025 total £868.87.

D. Faulkner	April Salary	503.32
D. Faulkner	April PAYE	125.80
D. Faulkner	Travel	4.50
D. Faulkner	Homeworking Allowance	25.00
D. Goodenough	50% Ash felling charge	120.00
DT Ground Care	Grass Cutting	86.00
Lloyds Bank	Service Charges	4.25

It was:

RESOLVED

That Chillerton and Gatcombe Parish Council receive, note and approve the accounts payable of £868.87 for May 2025.

4215 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No items were raised for inclusion on a future agenda.

4216 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Chillerton and Gatcombe Parish Council will be at **6.30pm on Tuesday 29 July 2025 at The Village Hall, Main Road, Chillerton.**

The proceedings terminated at 7.47pm

CHAIRMAN