

CHILDS ERCALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council held on Wednesday 19th June 2024 in the Jubilee Hall at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllr. J Maddocks (Chair)
Cllr. J Griffin
Cllr. P Clifton
Cllr. R Crookes
Cllr. B Sale

Also in attendance:
Barbara Pearce (Clerk)

102/2024 Apologies for absence

Cllr. M Hatfield
Cllr. J Letts
Cllr. G Barnes
Cllr. R Gittins

RESOLVED: To receive apologies of absence for this meeting

103/2024 Chairman's Welcome

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. PC have been nominated to take part in the Community Foundation for Staffordshire and Shropshire's Best Kept Village and Community Competition.

104/2024 Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: that the following declaration of interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and under The Relevant Authorities (Shropshire Council disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 was received:

None.

105/2024 Public Question Time and Participation

No public questions, no members of the public in attendance.

106/2024 Minutes

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th May 2024 as being correct.

107/2024 Matters arising/action taken from the Minutes not otherwise included in the agenda.

None

108/2024 Safety in the Parish

Verges have started to be cut but care required particularly around large farm machinery. Poor driving / speeding reported on the road past Ollerton Business Park.

109/2024 Highways and footpaths

a. Update on Crow Lane Weight Limit

Signage now all in place.

PC are contacting businesses who exceed the limit, however, they need to have a clear explanation as to exactly where the weight restriction begins and ends.

Cllr. Gittins to contact SC again for clarification on "Except for Access" wording on sign at St Michaels Way.

Some reports from parishioners that HGV traffic has reduced.

b. Eaton Road (village part) safety improvements

VAS/SID (speed indicator devices) on the Eaton Road. Still no response from PCSO Tara Carruthers regarding a survey of Eaton and Howle Road (at Leafields).

Action: Chair will chase this up.

c. A41 working group – updates on new cross county group.

No further update.

d. Footpaths – to consider any queries which may impact on the parish.

Market Drayton Ramblers have contacted PC concerning issues with parish footpaths, blockages and broken stiles etc. Cllr. Letts to follow the queries up. This will be followed up at next CEPC meeting with Cllr. Letts.

e. Streetlights - Lamp replacements. Dark skies initiative.

Broken streetlight at Leafields has been reported and new light ordered. Replacement quoted at £290. Not replaced as yet.

Invoice received for payment of replacement bulb at St Michaels Way.

Dark Skies. Action: Chair to further investigate Dark Skies Initiative with SC.

110/2024 Parish Matters

a. Land Transfer – update on land registration.

No further update. Chair to continue to monitor with the item staying on the agenda until completion.

b. FTTP/Gigabit roll out in the parish.

Chair has received a schedule from Freedom Fibre for installation of poles and Chair requested the plan with no response. Action: Chair to chase.

c. Trees – Tree Preservation, planting, and maintenance.

All three oaks planted for the Queen's Green Canopy are doing well. A fourth has now been planted and this is also doing well. Chair to check positioning of 3 x plaques.

Large Tree on the Village Green requires tidying up, branches are overhanging. This will be done during the Village Tidy Up 29th June.

d. Proposed Village Tidy Up 29th June 2024.

Date confirmed. Chair to produce list of actions required in advance. Date to be advertised to community in newsletter and on website. PC discussed the nomination for the Best Kept Village Competition and decided to enter.

e. Dog Fouling in the Parish

Cllr. Gittins has provided contact details for the Dog Warden. Chair to put out dog waste bags at existing bins to encourage correct disposal. Chair will liaise regarding new dog waste bin. Preferred location is around Bembow's area.

f. Blocked Footpaths

PC discussed parking in the village which is blocking footpaths. The issue was brought up at the APM. PC are unable to enforce legally. Reminders added to newsletter.

g. Marcus Mackay Recognition

Chair has discussed with Chrisine who was supportive of wildflower planting in the Autumn along the Howle Road which Marcus had started.

Plaque to be placed either on the playground or at the new oak tree recently planted. Action: Clerk to order plaque.

111/2024

Grounds Maintenance/Playground

a. To receive an update from the grounds sub-committee.

Grass cutting by K&S Landscapes is on schedule and of good standard.

Fencing work has commenced.

Waiting for confirmation of date for work to start on path.

b. Playground – to receive the monthly inspection report.

Inspection report received, no issues reported.

Chair to meet with ROSPA inspector on 26th June to further understand requirements of remedial works.

112/2024 Parish infrastructure projects – Community Plan

a. On-going maintenance and repairs to assets.

Cllr. Hatfield is looking at the Asset Register with regard to maintenance/risk. To be followed up with Cllr. Hatfield at the next meeting.

b. Commitment to the football pitches and Clubs.

Joint meeting held with football teams and CECA. Chair to pass on notes from the meeting to councillors for information.

Pitch layout was finalised as an adult pitch and a 7 x 7 pitch. New adult posts are to be provided by Ben Harrison of Nova U11/12 and the current posts resized for the 7 x 7 pitch.

c. Nature Trail, tree planting, conservation, and environment.

Chair has submitted grant application to SCC for funding for general maintenance of PC land for street signage, gully cleaning, hedge cutting, and wildflower planting (amongst other things). If accepted PC would have to match fund. PC have been notified that the grant has been oversubscribed, if successful the award would be 50% of the original application.

d. Rural bus services - North Shropshire Wheelers – currently in Cheswardine, Hinstock and maybe Stoke-on Tern. Potential subsidy

No further update.

e. Environment. Tree and hedge planting, LED lights, dark skies initiatives.

LED replacements to be discussed later in the year.

f. Larger community project – Place Plan.

No further update

113/2024 Advertising and social media / website

Many thanks to Cllr. Griffin for producing this month's newsletter.

114/2024 Grants and Donations

Discussion regarding "Party in the Park".

RESOLVED: To award CECA £500 Donation.

115/2024 Planning Applications.

a. New Planning applications.

Reference: 24/02219/AGR

Application Validated: Tue 11 Jun 2024

Address: Mildene Nurseries Bolas Road Ercall Heath Telford Shropshire TF6 6QD

Proposal: Erection of building for storage and maintenance of equipment and produce

Status: Pending Consideration

Application is AGR - no comment required from PC.

b. Existing Applications

i. Withdrawn

None.

ii. Refused

None.

iii. Granted

Reference: 24/01138/AMP

Address: 9 The Fold, Childs Ercall, Market Drayton, Shropshire

Proposal: Non material amendment to part convert garage into an office with pergola style cover linking the house to the garage relating to planning permission 22/05449/FUL

Decision: Granted

Any other planning matters.

i. Land Rear of the Birches.

No further update. Due process continues with SC. Cllr. Gittins to ask for an update from SC Planning Officer.

ii. Eaton on Tern Solar Farm

Submitted Discharge of Conditions application. Chair to continue to monitor.

iii. Furbers application – 28 homes

No further update.

116/2024 To receive reports from Unitary Councillor

No report received, Cllr. Gittins provided apologies for meeting.

117/2024 Financial Matters

Members are asked to:

a. Receive and confirm the payment of the items to be presented to the meeting:

i. Southern Electric DD – TBC (March)

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Clerk has contacted Utility Aid who will investigate with SSE why the Direct Debits have not been taken.

ii. Administration June - £296.60

iii. K&S Landscapes (cuts 30/04, 21/05 and 05/06) £846.00

- iv. Clear Insurance management Ltd - £1385.83
- v. PCC of Childs Ercall - £1000.00
- vi. E.ON – replacement bulb at St Michael’s Way - £276.00

RESOLVED: Clerk is authorised to pay these invoices.

b. Reconciliation

	<u>Balance as at</u> <u>04/05/2024</u>	<u>Outgoings</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Closing</u> <u>Balance</u> <u>07/06/2024</u>
Treasurers A/C	£25,835.72	£2,931.68	£0.00	£22,904.24
Business A/C	£7,132.69	£0.00	£7.62	£7,140.31
Playground Account	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
95 Day Notice Account	£15,103.90	£0.00	£51.42	£15,155.32
Total PC available cash	£48,072.31	£2,931.68	£59.04	£45,199.87

ESTIMATED CASH MOVEMENTS 2024/25

2024/25 commitments	Remaining Annual running cost	£11,711.92
	2024/25 Grants and Donations	£2,000.00
	Contingency	£15,000.00
	Un presented cheques	£0.00
	CIL(path/fence)	£13,365.86
Future Income	VAT owed	£555.67
Uncommitted cash position		£3,677.76

The above reconciliation was discussed and there were no questions.

118/2024 Any new matters relating to the parish not included elsewhere on the agenda.

None

119/2024 Date of next meeting.

Members are asked to note the next meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 21st August at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall.