

# CHILDS ERCALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 in the Jubilee Hall at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllr. J Maddocks (Chair)  
Cllr. G Barnes  
Cllr. J Griffin  
Cllr. M Hatfield  
Cllr. J Letts  
Cllr. P Clifton

Also in attendance:  
Barbara Pearce (Clerk)

## **37/2024 Apologies for absence**

Cllr. J Longdon  
Cllr. R Crookes  
Cllr. R Gittins

**RESOLVED: To receive apologies of absence for this meeting**

## **55/2024 Chairman's Welcome**

In May there will be both the Annual Parish Meeting and the usual Parish Council Meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>, so two different Agenda's. The first will be a community Q and A and Chairs report for the last year and proposals going forward. The second meeting will be the normal PC meeting with re-election of Chair and Vice and roles.  
Election year is 2025.

## **56/2024 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.

## **57/2024 Public Question Time and Participation**

No members of the public in attendance.

## **58/2024 Minutes**

**RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 as being correct.**

## **59/2024 Matters arising/action taken from the Minutes not otherwise included in the agenda.**

None

## **60/2024 Safety in the Parish**

## **61/2024 Highways and footpaths**

### **a. Update on Crow Lane Weight Limit**

Continued slow progress with installation and Cllr. Gittins continues to follow up. Concerns raised by some residents over the wording on the signage and location of some of the signs. Chair in contact with SCC Highways for clarification. Reports that HGV traffic has reduced. PC looking at producing a letter which can be sent to firms ignoring the restriction. Ultimately, complaints will need to be dealt with by the Police, not SCC.

**b. Eaton Road (village part) safety improvements**

VAS/SID (speed indicator devices) on the Eaton Road. SCC Highways have now responded suggesting Eaton Road would be suitable however it needs to meet an 85th percentile speed criteria and PC have no data. An SCC assessment would cost £800.00; there is possibility that there may be budget for the assessment from SCC later in 2024 or 2025.

Chair has asked PCSO Tara Carruthers to survey the Eaton and Howle Road (at Leafields) and ask her to send the results to SCC Highways. Chair to return to PCSO Carruthers to clarify whether she is looking to survey vehicles driving in excess of the speed limited, or dangerously as Leafields has a 60mph speed limit.

**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.**

Cllr. Gittins has provided SCC Footpaths Officer details. Cllr. Letts to mark up on plan where there are issues. PROW plan has been added to community website.

**e. Streetlights – Update on replacement of lamp outside No. 4 St Michaels Way. Further lamp replacements. Dark skies initiative.**

All 18 streetlights currently working.

**62/2024 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.**

No further update. Chair to forward any information received to councillors.

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

Ground tidy and litter pick date confirmed – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Chair working on grant application to SCC for funding for general maintenance of PC land, deadline 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**63/2024**

**Grounds Maintenance/Playground**

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

Grass cut by K&S Landscapes on 26/03/2023 and 16/04/2024. PC pleased with standard of work.

**b. Playground – to receive the monthly inspection report.**

Monthly inspection report received, no issues with equipment. Paint peeling on exercise equipment and gate. Cllr. Barnes to follow up on repairs required.

Uneven surface to front gate to be repaired prior to June inspection.

**64/2024 Parish infrastructure projects – Community Plan**

**a. On-going maintenance and repairs to assets.**

- i. To consider quotations for the replacement of the path on the playing fields.

Further quotations obtained and reviewed.

**RESOLVED: to award First Choice Paving against quotation of £2500 +VAT**

**to replace footpath.**

- ii. To consider quotations for the repair of the southern boundary fence (chain link) on the playing fields.

Further quotations received and considered.

**RESOLVED: to award Tony Dixon against quotation of £4200 +VAT for repair of the boundary fence.**

- b. Commitment to the football pitches and Clubs.  
Proposals for 2025 needed from Clubs. Chair to follow up. Cost of extra sessions to be charged at current rate for this season. Discussion regarding one-off use to be discussed for next season at future meeting.
- c. Nature Trail, tree planting, conservation and environment.  
Chair working on Annual Maintenance Grant Application to SCC for street signage and gully cleaning, hedge cutting, and wildflower planting (amongst other things). Up to £1000 which PC would have to match fund.
- d. Rural bus services - North Shropshire Wheelers – currently in Cheswardine, Hinstock and maybe Stoke-on Tern. Potential subsidy  
No further update. To be raised at APM in May.
- 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.

#### **65/2024 Advertising and social media / website**

Many thanks to Cllr. Griffin for producing this month's newsletter. Next edition to promote APM, Village Tidy Up (29<sup>th</sup> June) and councillor vacancies.

Website hits remain constant. Tracker link slow to be updated. Cllr. Barnes to follow up.

#### **66/2024 Small Grant Policy 2023-24**

Church Grant application considered. Chair to contact Church to clarify queries raised. Application can then be re- considered at May meeting.

#### **67/2024 Planning Applications.**

- a. New Planning applications.

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 22/055449/FUL

Decision: Pending Consideration.

**RESOLVED: PC to make no comment.**

Reference: 24/01363/AGR

Address: Bradeley farm, Crow Lane, Childs Ercall, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 2DB

Proposal: Erection of a sprayer shed and two extensions to existing pig sheds to provide covered muck stores.

Decision: Pending consideration.

**RESOLVED: No further action required by PC.**

- b. Existing Applications

- i. Withdrawn

None.

- ii. Refused  
None.
- iii. Granted  
None.

Any other planning matters.

- i. Land Rear of the Birches.  
No further update. Due process continues with SC.
- ii. Eaton on Tern Solar Farm  
Submitted Discharge of Conditions application. Chair to continue to monitor.  
Chair in contact with Clerk at Eaton-Upon-Tern regarding the impact on aquifers.
- iii. Furbers application – 28 homes  
Additional information has been added to the portal for review by the planning sub-committee. No further update.

**68/2024 To receive reports from Unitary Councillor**

None received.

**69/2024 Financial Matters**

**Members are asked to:**

- a. Receive and confirm the payment of the items to be presented to the meeting:
  - i. Administration April - £296.60
  - ii. K&S Landscapes £282.00

**RESOLVED: Clerk is authorised to pay these invoices.**

**b. Reconciliation**

	<u>Balance as at</u> <u>10/03/2024</u>	<u>Outgoings</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u> <u>10/04/2024</u>
Treasurers A/C	£14,405.32	£2,242.92	£60.00	£12,222.40
Business A/C	£7,117.47	£0.00	£7.86	£7,125.33
Playground Account	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
95 Day Notice Account	£15,000.00	£0.00	£49.41	£15,049.51
<b>Total PC available cash</b>	<b>£36,522.79</b>	<b>£2,242.92</b>	<b>£117.27</b>	<b>£34,397.24</b>

**ESTIMATED CASH MOVEMENTS 2024/25**

2024/25 commitments	Remaining Annual running cost	£15,034.00	
	2024/25 Small Grants	£3,000.00	
	Contingency	£11,500.00	
	Un presented cheques	£0.00	
	CIL	£16,865.86	
Future Income	VAT owed	£367.67	
	Precept	£14,674.00	
Uncommitted cash position			£3,039.05

The above reconciliation was discussed and there were no questions.

**70/2024 Any new matters relating to the parish not included elsewhere on the agenda.**

Annual Parish Meeting to be held in May will be advertised to community on website and in newsletter.

Chair to contact SALC regarding presentation of the Jan Snell Award (June).

Chair e-mail address updated to [cepcchair@gmail.com](mailto:cepcchair@gmail.com)

Following discussion Chair to investigate possibility of placing a dog waste bin at the bottom of the concrete path opposite St Michaels Way.

CLlr. Griffin gave apologies for May meeting.

**71/2024 Date of next meeting.**

Members are asked to note the next meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council is scheduled to be held on Wednesday May 15th at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Hall. This will follow the APM which will be held at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall.