

CHILDS ERCALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th September 2023 in the Jubilee Hall at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllr. A Cadden (Chair)
Cllr. J Maddocks
Cllr. J Letts
Cllr. P Clifton
Cllr. G Barnes
Cllr. R Gittins

Also in attendance:
Barbara Pearce (Clerk)
8 x Members of the Public

146/2023 Apologies for absence

Cllr. J Longdon
Cllr. M Hatfield
Cllr. J Griffin

RESOLVED: To receive apologies of absence for this meeting:

147/2023 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:

Cllr. Clifton declared a pecuniary interest in Item 160/2023 a) vi.) - waterpipe repair on playing field.

RESOLVED: Cllr. Clifton remained in the meeting.

148/2023 Public Question Time and Participation

Members of the public in attendance regarding football arrangements and an application for a parish grant. As these items are on the agenda they were not heard at this point.

Member of the public asked if a tree he has as a memorial to his father and stepmother could be planted somewhere on parish land. It was agreed in principle to plant on the village green. Item to be added to future agenda to resolve.

Member of the public had concerns regarding Planning Application 23/03138/FUL. Following discussion, the member of the public was encouraged to add his comments/concerns to Shropshire Council (SC) Planning Portal.

149/2023 Chairman's Announcements

Chair is resigning from PC with effect from this meeting. Chair thanked fellow councillors for help and support during her time as councillor and Chair.

150/2023 Minutes

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th August 2023 as being correct.

151/2023 Councillor Matters

None.

152/2023 Updates to issues recorded in the previous minutes.

a. Land Transfer Area around the Bus Stop:

Aaron & Partners have been contacted to close account and ask that they contact the PC if any further work which requires payment is needed. No response from solicitors. Item to remain on agenda as a reminder to contact A&P in the coming months regarding the registration of the land.

b. Crow Lane Weight Restriction:

Update from Cllr. Gittins. Main works order has now been issued to the Shropshire Council's contractor, Kier, who are arranging orders and awaiting delivery dates. They are also looking at requirements for road closures. No date for completion confirmed, although possibly November.

c. Replacement Benches on The Green

Chair has obtained quote for the 2 x plastic picnic tables and bike rack which she will forward to Clerk to place order. Cost is approximately £1000 plus VAT plus delivery.

d. Small Grants Policy

RESOLVED: The policy is approved. Clerk will hold a signed copy.

e. Trees

- i. Chair has sent a notice of support to the TPO officer at Shropshire Council, for the tree protection order (TPO) at Childs Ercall Hall.
- ii. Cllr. Letts reported that a tree branch has been knocked down opposite Leafields and is lying on the verge. Cllr. Maddocks has reported overhanging trees, as discussed in a previous meeting, to Highways Team, however no action has been taken.

153/2023 Road Safety in the Parish

No further update.

154/2023 Planning Applications

a. New Planning applications.

Reference: 23/03092/FUL Validated 31/07/2023 (Amendment)

Address: Oaks View, 8 The Fold, Childs Ercall, Market Drayton

Proposal: Installation of 3 skylights to the rear of the property

Applicant: Mr G Robbins

Status: Pending Consideration

RESOLVED: No comment required from PC as this is an amendment. Application granted 14/09/2023.

Reference: 23/03588/AGR (validated 11/08/2023)

Address: Hatton Estate Yard Hatton Road Hinstock Market Drayton Shropshire TF9 2TX

Proposal: Relocation of proposed building for the storage of machinery and fodder.

Applicant: Mr Simon Wragg

Status: Pending Consideration

Discussion took place regarding this application. It is not usual for a PC to comment on an AGR application, however PC felt it appropriate on this occasion.

RESOLVED: PC to object. Copy of the application and PC response can be found on SC Planning Portal.

Reference: 23/03138/FUL (validated 29/08/2023)

Address: Site of Former Motor salvage Yard, The Firs. Childs Ercall, Shropshire TF9 2DL

Proposal: Mixed residential development of a brownfield site for 28 dwellings and associated development.

Applicant: Combi Developments Ltd

Status: Pending Consideration

PC have considered this application in the Planning Sub-group and findings were discussed.

PC are broadly in favour of a good quality application, however there are concerns with the application as it stands.

RESOLVED: PC to object. Copy of the application and PC response can be found on SC Planning Portal and CE Community Website.

Existing Applications

i. Withdrawn

None

ii. Refused

None

iii. Granted

Reference: 23/02995/FUL

Address: Alford Green Farm, The Nook, Childs Ercall, Market Drayton, Shropshire.

Proposal: Construction of Agricultural Slurry and Dirty Water Lagoon.

Applicant: Mr B Gibson

Status: Grant Permission

Any other planning matters.

i. Land Rear of the Birches

Update from Cllr. Gittins. Due process is being followed regarding on-going case.

ii. Eaton on Tern Solar Farm

No further update.

155/2023 Playground

a. Maintenance report

Cllr. Barnes provided the monthly report, with no issues found. The Chair has been emptying the bins and going forward Cllr. Barnes will include bin emptying when he undertakes the maintenance inspection.

b. Update on changes to football pitch/grounds maintenance

Concerns raised about the poor service provided by the approved contractor, with the grass not being cut regularly which is not acceptable. Noted that the clerk and various councillors have made several attempts to contact the contractor without success.

A new sub-group, headed by Cllr. Hatfield, has been formed to review this, particularly focusing on the village green/bus stop, playing fields/pitches and the playground. The council has asked for representation from the boys and girls football teams, together with CECA.

The sub-group's main remit is to consider medium and long-term options, reporting their findings and proposals to the council for consideration.

Short term remit to keep the two football pitches cut.

RESOLVED: The pitches will be cut fortnightly until the end of the growing season (approx. 8 weeks / 4 cuts) privately and paid for from PC funds. The situation will then be reviewed. Cllr. Clifton offered to remove cuttings.

156/2023 Website Update / Newsletter update

Website is gaining traction and showing increasing number of views.

The subscription is now complete, Bronze Level, at £11.99 per month.

New page created from the “Caring for Carers” initiative.

Website has been updated to show correct location of Jubilee Hall.

Cllr. Barnes has written a feature on the website which has been included in the Parish Newsletter.

157/2023 Parish Footpaths

No issues with parish footpaths reported.

158/2023 Highway Matters

No issues reported.

159/2023 To receive reports from County Councillor

Council finances remain challenging with SC looking to make £51m of savings. SC has a degree of certainty that £34m of this has been identified. SC looking at Children’s Services and Adult Social Care to identify further savings. Cllr. Gittins informed that Section 114 notices are discussed at SC, however SC have not issued a notice and are working hard to maintain budgets.

SC are discussing possible partnerships with Herefordshire, Monmouthshire and Powys which would primarily enable Shropshire to have opportunity to bid for further funding as population size would be increased.

160/2023 Small Grant Application

Small Grant Application received from CECA for a dishwasher at Jubilee Hall to support the larger events being undertaken there for £1879.99. Under the policy the maximum award per application is no more than 20% of the original fund available - £5000. All councillors have viewed the application.

RESOLVED: PC approve the application and award £1000 to CECA.

161/2023 Financial Matters

Members are asked to:

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

- i. Southern Electric DD - £51.50
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- ii. Hugo Fox – Monthly Website Subscription - £11.99
- iii. Administration
£277.09 – August
- iv. SALC Affiliation Fees- £401.37
- v. The workshop Aberfeldy – JL memorial Plaque £59.99
- vi. Office Expenses
Voice Recorder £50.01

Printer cartridge – £32.99
A4 Paper - £3.99

- vii. Peter Clifton – Repair to water pipe on playing field - £180.00
- viii. Bernard Sale – Work to move goalposts on playing field £180.00

RESOLVED: The Clerk is authorised to pay these invoices.

b. Reconciliation

	<u>Balance as at</u> <u>06/08/2023</u>	<u>Outgoings</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u> <u>12/09/2023</u>
Treasurers A/C	£38,797.02	£1,611.94	£0.00	£37,185.08
Business A/C	£7,068.01	£0.00	£11.84	£7,079.85
Playground Account	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total PC available cash	£45,865.03	£1,611.94	£11.84	£44,264.93

ESTIMATED CASH MOVEMENTS 2023/24

2023/24 commitments	Remaining Annual running cost	£6,858.50	
	Contingency	£11,500.00	
	2023/24 Small Grants	£5,000.00	
	Un presented cheques	£998.61	
Future Income	VAT owed	£62.91	
Uncommitted cash position			<u>£19,970.73</u>

162/2023 Any New Matters Relating to The Parish Not Included on The Agenda

Cllr. Barnes has completed an application regarding the parish playground for consideration for the Jan Snell Award presented by SALC. This award is given for a significant project undertaken by a PC.

RESOLVED: Clerk will forward application to SALC.

Cllr. Clifton gave overview of repair of the waterpipe on the playing field, noting that the piping itself is of poor quality and the electricity and water pipes run parallel. This may lead to further issues in the future.

Chair noted that following her stepping down, going forward Cllr. Maddocks is de facto Chair and Cllr. Barnes will assist. Chair can be elected at anytime but will need to be elected no later than next May's elections. Also, councillor vacancy to be advertised.

Council thanked Chair for her work as councillor and Chair on the PC over the last 3 and a half years.

163/2023 Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED: that Members are asked to note the Parish meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council is scheduled to be held on Wednesday October 18th, 2023 (at 7.00 pm) in the Jubilee Hall.

Signed Date

Chair