

## CHILDS ERCALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in the Jubilee Hall at 7.30p.m. Meeting held immediately following the APM at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr. J Maddocks (Chair)  
Cllr. G Barnes  
Cllr. P Clifton  
Cllr. R Crookes

Also in attendance:  
Barbara Pearce (Clerk)

### **72/2024 Apologies for absence**

Cllr. M Hatfield  
Cllr. J Letts  
Cllr. J Griffin

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

### **83/2024**

#### **a. Election of the Chairman & Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

**RESOLVED: Cllr. Maddocks elected as Chairman and Declaration of Acceptance signed.**

#### **b. Election of the Vice Chairman & Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

**Resolved: Cllr. Barnes elected as Vice Chairman and Declaration of Acceptance signed.**

### **84/2024 Chairman's Welcome**

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for a successful APM.

### **85/2024 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.

### **86/2024 Public Question Time and Participation**

No public questions, which were taken at the APM which immediately preceded the meeting.

### **87/2024 Minutes**

**RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 as being correct.**

### **88/2024 Councillor Vacancy**

A councillor vacancy arose following Cllr. Longdon's resignation. Application received and considered from Mr Bernard Sale.

**RESOLVED: Mr Sale co-opted as councillor for Childs Ercall Parish Council.**

### **89/2024 Matters arising/action taken from the Minutes not otherwise included in the agenda.**

None

### **90/2024 Safety in the Parish**

Wording “Except for Access” on the Crow Lane weight limit sign at the St Michaels Way is unclear. PC are contacting businesses who exceed the limit and need to have a clear explanation as to exactly where the weight restriction begins and ends. Cllr. Gittins has asked for clarification but no response so he will contact SC again. Cllr. Gittins shared the road plan showing the weight restriction.

### **91/2024 Highways and footpaths**

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

Some reports from parishioners that HGV traffic has reduced. PC has produced 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. No response from PCSO Tara Carruthers regarding a survey of Eaton and Howle Road (at Leafields), 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.

#### **e. Streetlights - Lamp replacements. Dark skies initiative.**

Broken streetlight at Leafields has been reported and new light ordered. Replacement quoted at £290.

### **92/2024 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.**

Cllr. Sale will be removing a chestnut tree on the livery field, this tree is dead and does not have a TPO on it.

#### **d. Proposed Village Tidy Up 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

Date confirmed. Chair to produce list of actions required in advance. Date to be advertised to community in newsletter and on website.

#### **e. Dog Fouling in the Parish**

Cllr. Gittins will contact SC regarding new dog waste bins. Locations discussed are at the bottom of the concrete path opposite St Michaels Way and around Bembow’s area.

### **93/2024**

#### **Grounds Maintenance/Playground**

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

Grass cut by K&S Landscapes on 30/04/2023. PC pleased with standard of work. Fencing work to commence on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

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. Area around gate has now been levelled off.

Cllr. Barnes has followed up on playground maintenance issues which were reported in last year's ROSPA report as requested at last month's meeting. Cllr. Barnes will clarify how often the remedial work needs to be carried out.

**RESOLVED: To action KOMPAN to carry out the maintenance remedial work recommended by ROSPA at £1420.86 + VAT.**

**94/2024 Parish infrastructure projects – Community Plan**

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

See 83/2024 a. and b.

**b.** Commitment to the football pitches and Clubs.

**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.

**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

**95/2024 Advertising and social media / website**

Many thanks to Cllr. Griffin for producing this month's newsletter. Next edition to promote Village Tidy Up (29<sup>th</sup> June).  
Website hits remain constant.

**96/2024 Small Grant Policy 2023-24**

Church Grant application considered.

**RESOLVED: To award Church £1000 Grant in line with PC Small Grant Policy.**

**97/2024 Planning Applications.**

**a.** New Planning applications.

Reference: 24/01513/FUL

Address: Childs Ercall Hall, Crow Lane, Childs Ercall Market Drayton, Shropshire

Proposal: Removal of external fire escape and outbuilding, build new orangery extension and new external fire escape.

Decision: Pending Consideration.

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

**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. Chair in contact with Clerk at Eaton-Upon-Tern regarding the impact on aquifers. Further survey to be carried out regarding washing of the solar panels and impact on aquifers.

iii. Furbers application – 28 homes

Cllr. Gittins updated that a pre planning meeting has been held with Principal Planning Officer who reported that the application submitted is of poor quality.

**98/2024 To receive reports from Unitary Councillor**

Cllr. Gittins gave his report at the APM.

**99/2024 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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- ii. Administration May - £296.60
- iii. K&S Landscapes (cut 16/04/2024) £282.00
- iv. SALC Affiliation Fees - £403.05

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

b. Reconciliation

	<u>Balance as at</u> <u>10/04/2024</u>	<u>Outgoings</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Closing</u> <u>Balance</u> <u>04/05/2024</u>
Treasurers A/C	£12,222.40	£1,060.68	£14,674.00	£25,835.92
Business A/C	£7,125.33	£0.00	£7.36	£7,132.69
Playground Account	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
95 Day Notice Account	£15,049.51	£0.00	£54.49	£15,103.90
Total PC available cash	<b>£34,397.24</b>	<b>£1,060.68</b>	<b>£14,735.85</b>	<b>£48,072.51</b>

