

CHILDS ERCALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council held on Wednesday 15th March 2023 in the Jubilee Hall at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. A Cadden (Chair)
Cllr. M Mackay
Cllr. F Norfolk
Cllr. P Clifton
Cllr. J Maddocks
Cllr. G Barnes
Cllr. R Gittins

Also in attendance:
Barbara Pearce (Clerk)
3 members of the public

32/2023 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED: To receive apologies of absence for this meeting:

Cllr. J Longdon
Cllr. J Letts

33/2023 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 Agenda Item 7b.

Cllr. Maddocks declared residing in The Fold.

As items are transactional not pecuniary both councillors remained in the meeting.

34/2023 Public Question Time and Participation

2 members of the public in attendance regarding planning application 22/05449/FUL 9 The Fold, Childs Ercall, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 2EF.

Agenda item 9 concerning this application brought forward to this point.

Cllr. Mackay informed that PC had lodged two objections to the planning applications and PC can take no further action. Cllr. Gittins informed that he had requested that the application be called into committee, no further update on this.

A member of the public reported very large vehicles travelling through the village in the early hours of the morning. He also commented on the speed of traffic generally. He commented that he had asked the PC six months previously if there was anything that could be done to address both issues and was in attendance for an update. Cllr. Mackay explained the work that is being carried out to improve road safety on Eaton Road, such as investigating traffic calming measures and vehicle activated signage which would reduce speed into the village. Cllr. Mackay also detailed the introduction of the weight restriction due on Crow Lane which will cut down heavy vehicles travelling through the village.

Cllr. Cadden arrived at meeting.

35/2023 Chairman's Announcements

None at this point.

36/2023 Minutes

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th February 2023 as being correct.

37/2023 Councillor Matters

Cllr. Mackay reported that the lease on the playing field has been completed and came in on budget. Aaron & Partners, PC solicitors, have confirmed that the lease regarding the transfer of land around the bus stop is now ready and will be forwarded to PC for signature.

Chair reported on the motion which was raised by CEPC at the SALC AGM. The motion concerned community benefit to form part of all planning applications for alternative energy sources. SALC have taken the motion forward to Shropshire Council with a good degree of success. SC are in agreement with the motion and are now producing a guidance document. Councillors thanked Chair for her work in producing the motion.

The memorial Acer tree has been purchased.

RESOLVED: Tree to be planted on the Green. Chair, Cllr. Clifton and Cllr. Norfolk to meet on site to agree planting place.

38/2023 Updates to issues recorded in the previous minutes.

- a. Land Transfer to Parish Council (playing field):
See point 37/2023. Lease completed for 99 years, and PC discussed the importance of the completed project, agreeing that it was a major achievement which will benefit the whole community for the foreseeable future. Chair thanked Cllr. Mackay and Cllr. Gittins for their work in bringing the matter to conclusion. Chair will draft a communication to the Parish which can then be issued through the Church Magazine, Facebook and PC Website.
- b. Land Transfer Area around the Bus Stop:
See point 37/2023.
- c. Crow Lane Weight Restriction:
Cllr. Gittins reported that the design for the signs has been finalised and are with Kier for installation in May/June.

39/2023 Road Safety in the Parish

Following help from Cllr. Gittins some suggestions have now been received from Shropshire Highways regarding improving road safety on Eaton Road:

- Better visibility and bright gateway – Chair felt this has already been achieved with the addition of a substantial new safety gate.
- Signage and road markings with roundels “slow traffic” “dragons teeth” etc.
- Priority systems – Chair felt this may not be achievable due to tightness of the road and proximity to the bungalows.
- Vehicle Activated Sign, however NALC have issued Legal Note 13 informing that Parish Councils should not be purchasing VAS. However, Chair commented that in this instance if Shropshire Council were completing the work they would be purchasing the sign not the Parish Council.
- Footway – a survey would be required to see the suitability as the available area is very narrow.

PC continued discussion from February meeting regarding using neighbourhood CiL due in April to complete local issues and to ring fence a proportion of the funds towards a CiL application to cover the road safety on Eaton Road issue. It was suggested that improving the road markings on the

corner of Eaton Road which have been worn away and putting up a VAS would considerably improve safety.

PC discussed further the plan for a larger grant from CiL Local for a defined infrastructure project to include the road safety project. Match funding would be required. The project would be to completely upgrade the Jubilee area, to make it multifunctional, possibly install solar panels, upgrade the playing field and the adult outdoor gym and possibly a provide picnic area and chess tables.

Chair noted that this may be the last chance to apply for CiL Local as there are no further developments due within the parish.

PC discussed a larger project of completely renewing the community space on the Jubilee Hall site which would incorporate the Club. Cllr. Gittins informed that SC are not accepting CIL applications at present while they deal with a backlog.

RESOLVED: Chair and Cllr. Barnes to organise meeting with CECA and Club to discuss further.

40/2023 Planning Applications

a. New Planning applications.

None.

b. Existing Applications

i. Withdrawn

None

ii. Refused

None

iii. Granted

Reference: 22/05732/FUL (validated: 23/12/2022)

Address: Daisy Bank, Bembows Close, Childs Ercall, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 2BF

Proposal: Replacement of existing conservatory with a single story extension, loft conversion to include the installation of skylights to rear and alterations to existing windows openings.

Decision: Grant Permission

Reference: 23/00180/DIS (validated: 12/01/2023)

Address: The Old Village Hall Narrow Lane Childs Ercall Market Drayton Shropshire TF9 2BZ

Discharge of Conditions 3 (External Materials), 4 (Roof Details), 5 (Roof Rooflights) and 6 (Joinery) relating to Planning Permission 20/02557/FUL for the erection of single storey extension to side elevation, erection of a garden wall and seating area.

Status: Granted

Reference: 23/00806/DIS (Validated 24/02/2023)

Address: La Roma The Nook Childs Ercall Market Drayton Shropshire TF9 2DJ

Discharge of condition 2 (materials) of planning permission 22/00396/REM

Status: Granted

c. Any other planning matters.

i. 22/03025/ENF Land Rear of the Birches

No further update.

ii. Eaton on Tern Solar Farm

Application has been passed unanimously at planning committee – notification arrived too late to be added to agenda. Developer has offered a one-off payment

of £50k to be split equally between Eaton-on-Tern and Child's Ercall Parish Councils on commencement of the work.

RESOLVED: PC agree to accept the payment. PC agree that Chair and Cllr. Mackay can complete the transaction details such as providing bank details without the need to return to the PC for further resolution.

iii. Furbers
No further update.

IV. 22/05449/FUL 9 The Fold, Childs Ercall.
Covered at point 34/2023. PC has exhausted the actions that they can take in support of the residents. If the application is called to committee residents may attend and make their feelings known. However, this is a small project and these are not usually called to committee.

41/2023 Playground

a. Maintenance report
Cllr. Mackay provided the monthly report, no issues found. Gate is working well.

42/2023 Website Update

No further update. Website to be transferred to the new supplier in August 2023. Chair is communicating with Judy Warrilow regarding archive material held which would be interesting for the website.

43/2023 Parish Footpaths

Carried forward to April agenda.

44/2023 Highway Matters

Nothing to report.

45/2023 To receive reports from County Councillor

- Cllr. Gittins reported he has been contacted several times recently by residents struggling with the cost-of-living crisis. He detailed various schemes that are available nationally such as the alternative fuel payment and at a local level such as the welfare team and the allocated household support fund. Cllr. Gittins asked councillors to encourage any residents who are struggling to contact Shropshire Council. Chair will draft a communication to be added to Facebook.
- Cllr. Gittins gave his apologies for the next two PC meetings.

46/2023 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 - £47.51
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 - ii. Administration
£272.02 – March
 - iii. Ivor Godwin Agricultural Services £102.00 – Hedge Cutting
 - iv. Shropshire Council £400.00 – SC Legal Fees Lease of Recreation Field

- v. Clarkes Solicitor £551.76 – PC Legal Fees Lease of Recreation Field
- vi. CECA £72 – Jubilee Hall Hire for PC meetings Sept 2022- February 2023

RESOLVED: The Clerk is authorised to pay these invoices.

b. Reconciliation

	<u>Balance as at</u> <u>07/02/2023</u>	<u>Outgoings</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u> <u>07/03/2023</u>
Treasurers A/C	£13,940.74	£917.49	£501.16	£13,524.41
Business A/C	£7,043.33	£0.00	£3.59	£7,046.92
Playground Account	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total PC available cash	£20,984.07	£917.49	£504.75	£20,571.33

ESTIMATED CASH MOVEMENTS 2022/23

2022/23 commitments	Remaining Annual running cost	£1,095.60
	Contingency	£10,000.00
	Un presented cheques	£502.00
Future Income	VAT owed	£110.20
Uncommitted cash position		<u>£9,083.93</u>

The above reconciliation was discussed and there were no questions.

Electricity quote has been received to commence 01/01/2024 of £2143.45 showing an increase of over 100 percent. PC discussed the level of lighting required in the village and whether to consider becoming a “dark village”.

RESOLVED: PC to accept quote.

c. Budget Setting.

Budget to be set in April/May following guidance to Chair at SALC training session.

47/2023 Any New Matters Relating to The Parish Not Included on The Agenda

Cllr. Mackay informed of his intention to retire as councillor at the end of the financial year. Chair informed that the litter pick went well, and community have been informed of the success via Facebook.

Chair has shared the Spring Bulletin which councillors agreed had been useful. There is Wrekin Area Committee funding available for small local projects especially around sports initiatives which Chair will research further.

Chair shared JSNA, no action required on this at the moment.

48/2023 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 April 19th 2023 (at 7.00 pm) in the Jubilee Hall.

Signed Date

Chair