

CHILDS ERCALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th January 2024 in the Jubilee Hall at 7.00p.m.

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

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

1/2024 Apologies for absence

Cllr. J Longdon

RESOLVED: To receive apologies of absence for this meeting

2/2024 Chairman's Welcome

Welcome to first PC meeting of 2024. Priority for this meeting is to set the level of Precept for CEPC for 2024/25.

3/2024 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.

4/2024 Public Question Time and Participation

None. Chair, Councillors and Clerk introduced themselves to the two members of the public in attendance, giving an overview of the work of the PC.

5/2024 Minutes

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th December 2023 as being correct.

6/2024 Matters arising/action taken from the Minutes not otherwise included in the agenda.

None.

7/2024 Safety in the Parish

No issues reported.

8/2024 Highways and footpaths

a. Update on Crow Lane Weight Limit

Work has begun by SCC on site, and PC have been advised that it should be complete end of January, early February. Parish has been notified of a road closure to complete. PC discussed forming a community group to monitor if signage is ignored.

b. Other safety enhancements

Chair continuing to follow up with Cllr. Gittins the potential for VAS/SID (speed indicator devices) on the section of the Eaton Road from the entrance to the Hall to the club junction, which has no footpath, and is the main thoroughfare to the playing fields and Hall. Chair to contact SALC to confirm that the PC can use CIL money for them and if so, next step is to meet Highways on site. Potential cost of £5,000 (for both) plus posts for solar devices. There might be potential to part fund by way of the Safer Roads Fund held by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

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.

No issues reported.

e. Streetlights.

Chair continues to chase EON to repair lamp outside No 4 St Michaels which is broken. First advised in November. Replacement of remaining bulbs paused noting potential fence costs. PC discussion to consider dark sky bulbs.

9/2024 Parish Matters

a. Land Transfer – update on land registration.

Chair to continue to monitor with the item staying on the agenda until completion.

b. Airband – FTTP roll out in the parish.

Nothing further to report. Item to stay on the agenda as FTTP (Fibre to the Premises) or Gigabit Rollout.

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

Childs Ercall Hall – Application made to SC undertake tree cutting and felling.

Cllr. Clifton will check on the platinum trees with a view to whether they will need replacing in the spring.

10/2024

Grounds Maintenance/Playground

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

Grounds maintenance looking at the costs for a new path (stepped out from the trees) from the gate to the Hall/playground to include lighting. Initial quotations obtained for various options for a new path – cheapest option is to relay the existing paving slabs away from the trees. More costlier options are a new tarmac or resin path. Additional quotes to be obtained.

Grounds maintenance looking at the costs of replacing, all, or part of the chain link boundary fence along the southern elevation (under the trees), which is damaged and is at the end of its useful life. First estimate for replacement/repair of the fence has been obtained for a complete replacement of the fence (215 mtrs) with mesh and new posts. Cllr. Hatfield to obtain further quotations.

Grounds maintenance/chair to organise a localised repair to the hedge/post and rail fence along the Eaton Road, where there is currently a gap.

RESOLVED: Ground maintenance to progress the repair to a maximum cost of £200.

b. Playground – to receive the monthly inspection report.

Cllr. Barnes provided the maintenance report, with no issues reported.

Cllr. Barnes is taking a review of the playground and warranties and is liaising with Kompan to understand best practice and warranty timescales.

11/2024 Parish infrastructure projects – Community Plan

a. Community and Place Plan.

b. Improvements to the village green/bus stop – picnic benches and bike rack.

Picnic benches delivered into temporary locations. PC to confirm where these should be positioned permanently and remove the existing bench. Bike rack delivered, requires fitting into position.

c. Improvement to the playing fields - commitment to football pitches, path and boundary fences.

Noted July 2023 minute commitment to pay for, or fund re-sizing, of goal posts. Chair advised that both pitches would require goal posts for September 24. For review with football groups. Potential for clubs to apply for PC grant.

d. Sport England Grant Application.

Sport England Grant Application considered at last meeting put on hold until financial position regarding the repair to the boundary fence is concluded.

e. Nature trail (between the trees adjoining the playground), tree planting and conservation.

No further discussion. Item to remain on agenda.

f. Rural bus services – North Salop Wheelers – currently in Cheswardine, Hinstock and possibly Stoke-on-Tern. Potential subsidy.

Service will continue to be advertised in the parish, despite interest there has been no applicants. PC will continue to monitor and if there is interest a donation will be considered at that time.

g. Environment

h. Larger village project.

12/2024 Advertising and social media / website

Website continues to be well used. Facility to link to SC Planning Portal has been added to the subscription. There is an opportunity to include an 'Events' channel to further promote village events. Cllr. Barnes to liaise with the village organisations and update.

Cllr. Griffin was thanked for the excellent PC page for February's Church newsletter, and she will produce the page for the March edition.

13/2024 Small Grant Policy 2023-24

None received since last meeting.

14/2024 Planning Applications.

a. New Planning applications.

Reference: 23/04868/CPE

Address: The Grigg Ercall Heath Newport Shropshire TF10 8NH

Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate to enable the continued use of the property as a residential care home for children

Applicant: Mr Stuart Snelling (Suites 1 & 5 Riverside Business Centre , Foundry Lane, Milford, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 0RN)

Decision: Certificate Lawful

PC made no comment on this application due to lateness of notification by SC.

Reference: 23/05410/CPE (validated: 14/12/2023)

Address: Ashfield, Bolas Road, Ercall Heath, Telford, Shropshire, TF6 6PN

Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate to enable the continued use of the property as a residential care home for children

Applicant: Mr Stuart Snelling (Suites 1 & 5 Riverside Business Centre , Foundry Lane, Milford, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 0RN)

RESOLVED: PC to make no comment.

b. Existing Applications

i. Withdrawn
None.

ii. Refused

Reference: 23/04900/FUL (Validated 14/11/2023)

Address: Childs Ercall Hall Crow Lane Childs Ercall Market Drayton Shropshire TF9 2DB

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

Status: Refused

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
No further update.
- iii. Furbers application – 28 homes
Environment Agency objection comment on the planning portal. There is also an existing Highways objection.

15/2024 To receive reports from Unitary Councillor

The 2023 UK Shared Prosperity Fund, set up by central government, has awarded Shropshire Council £15m for various projects relating to economic growth. These projects include business startups, training, sustainable growth, energy grants etc.

Cllr. Gittins sits on the Transformation and Improvement Overview and Scrutiny Committee who are looking at the 2024/25 budget and work is progressing to complete. In year pressures of over £20m remain relating to continuing pressures with adult social care and children's services.

16/2024 Financial Matters

Members are asked to:

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

- i. Southern Electric – £22.07
Southern Electric - £49.99
Southern Electric - £18.23

November DD due 06/01/2024

ii. Administration December - £472.10

iii. Hugo Fox – £11.99 Website Subscription

RESOLVED: Clerk is authorised to pay these invoices.

b. Reconciliation

	<u>Balance as at</u> <u>10/12/2023</u>	<u>Outgoings</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Closing</u> <u>Balance</u> <u>07/01/2024</u>
Treasurers A/C	£33,142.97	£289.08	£0.00	£32,853.89
Business A/C	£7,094.19	£0.00	£8.09	£7,102.28
Playground Account	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total PC available cash	£40,237.16	£289.08	£8.09	£39,956.17

ESTIMATED CASH MOVEMENTS 2023/24

2023/24 commitments	Remaining Annual running cost	£3,001.10	
	Contingency	£11,500.00	
	CIL Infrastructure Projects	£16,865.86	
	2023/24 Small Grants	£4,000.00	
	Un presented cheques	£1,387.49	
	Benches and bike rack (net)	£1,413.00	
Future Income	VAT owed	£442.45	
Uncommitted cash position			£2,231.17

c. **Budget Review.**

2024/25 Budget discussed to set level of Precept.

d. **Precept 2024/25**

RESOLVED: 8% Increase to 2024/25 Precept.

17/2024 Any new matters relating to the parish not included elsewhere on the agenda.

RESOLVED: Parish litter pick scheduled for the 17th February 2024.

18/ 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 February 21st 2024 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall.