

CHILDS ERCALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council held on Wednesday 16th August 2023 in the Jubilee Hall at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllr. A Cadden (Chair)
Cllr. J Maddocks
Cllr. J Longdon
Cllr. J Letts
Cllr. G Barnes
Cllr. M Hatfield

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

129/2023 Apologies for absence

Cllr. P Clifton
Cllr. R Gittins

RESOLVED: To receive apologies of absence for this meeting:

130/2023 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:

None.

131/2023 Public Question Time and Participation

2 members of CECA committee attended the meeting in relation to an application made for funding from the PC Small Grants Fund. PC are currently finalising the Small Grants Policy and information will be made public via Facebook and PC Website once complete. Applications can then be made following the outlined procedure and will be subsequently considered.

A discussion took place regarding the booking system for the upcoming football season. See point 138/2023.

Members of the public are unhappy with the grass cutting on the green and playing field. Situation is being monitored.

132/2023 Chairman's Announcements

An application for the Parish Councillor vacancy has been made by Janine Griffin. Councillors were balloted and Janine was co-opted to the Parish Council and was welcomed onto the PC. PC are now back at full strength.

Following on from a question received at a previous meeting Chair clarified that NALC and the PC are statutory bodies bound by the rules of the Local Government Act. Other parish organisations such as the Club, CECA and Church can cease to exist or can change their remit, this is not the case for the PC. The PC is the first tier of local government and councillors must deal with statutory business and any non-statutory matters should be treated as secondary concerns.

133/2023 Minutes

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th July 2023 as being correct.

134/2023 Councillor Matters

Cllr. Letts raised the issue of damage caused to trees on Newport Road by tall straw lorries. Cllr. Maddocks will contact SC regarding legislation.

SC Tree Officer has visited the parish regarding issuing TPOs.

RESOLVED: Agenda item to cover trees will be added to September Agenda.

The pothole on Newport Road discussed at last month's meeting has now been treated. The hole caused by badgers has still not been treated and barrier and road sign are still on side of road.

135/2023 Updates to issues recorded in the previous minutes.

a. Land Transfer Area around the Bus Stop:

Chair has contacted Aaron & Partners to close account and ask that they contact the PC if any further work which requires payment is needed. No response from solicitors as yet.

b. Crow Lane Weight Restriction:

No further update

c. Replacement Benches on The Green

Various suggestions made regarding replacements, including having picnic tables and bike racks. PC to consider having plastic rather than wood as guarantees are longer. Chair to approach family regarding the condition and maintenance of the memorial bench. Tables can be delivered directly to the Green.

RESOLVED: To purchase 2 x recycled plastic picnic tables and plastic mating if required plus a four-bike capacity bike rack to an overall budget of £2000.

d. Small Grants Policy

Chair will amend policy to show "Each application should be a maximum of 20% of the available fund". The policy is agreed in principle, a further few minor changes are required to the language of the document for ease of use.

RESOLVED: The policy is agreed in principle. Chair will forward final version to councillors for agreement and unless there are any objections the policy will be signed off prior to the next PC meeting. Policy will be then made available on the website and applications can be taken.

136/2023 Road Safety in the Parish

No further update.

There has been an increase in traffic volume through the village due to closure of the A41.

137/2023 Planning Applications

a. New Planning applications.

Reference: 23/03092/FUL (validated: 31/07/2023)

Address: Oaks View, 8 The Fold, Childs Ercall, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 2EF

Proposal: Installation of 4 skylights to the rear of the property

Applicant: Mr Gavin Robbins (8 The Fold, Childs Ercall, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 2EF)

Status: Pending consideration

RESOLVED: PC to make No Comment

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: Pending Consideration
RESOLVED: PC to make No Comment

b. Existing Applications

i. Withdrawn
None

ii. Refused
None

iii. Granted
None

c. Any other planning matters.

i. 22/03025/ENF Land Rear of the Birches
No further update.

ii. Eaton on Tern Solar Farm
No further update.

iii. Furbers
No further update.

iv. CIL payment for C of E School Site appears to have been missed by SC. Cllr Gittins has agreed to follow this up.

138/2023 Playground

a. Maintenance report

Cllr. Barnes provided the monthly report, no issues found. Chair is chasing SC regarding the emptying of the bin on the playground but no response as yet. The "A" Board and Safety Sign are now available for use.

b. Car Parking and Overnight Camping

Chair shared previous PC resolutions regarding rationale for parking on PC land and points were discussed.

RESOLVED: PC to continue with current situation.

c. Update on changes to football pitch

Agreed that the 50/50 income split to be implemented as discussed at point 131. Agreement to be drawn up for the teams to clarify arrangements.

Chair to contact Ben Harrison regarding finalising the logistics of moving/replacing the existing goalposts as this needs to be agreed prior to the start of the season if possible.

139/2023 Website Update

Website is now live. PC thanked Cllr. Barnes and Cllr. Letts for their work on the project.

Website had been operating FOC however PC are now required to subscribe.

RESOLVED: PC will take Bronze Level and Clerk will organise payment.

140/2023 Parish Footpaths

Cllr. Letts provided a map of footpaths showing routes highlighting issues and blockages.

Councillors discussed with a view to producing a current useable map of the footpath network.

Chair to contact SC Footpaths Officer with an invitation to an upcoming meeting to ask how SC work with communities to get the best value from their footpaths.

141/2023 Highway Matters

Councillors discussed VAS. Cllr. Gittins is looking into whether VAS can be purchased by PCs. Cllr. Barnes reported a pothole opposite club and Cllr. Maddocks will report it on Fix My Street.

142/2023 To receive reports from County Councillor

No report.

143/2023 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 - £48.84
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 - ii. Administration
£272.02 – August
 - iii. A1 Pavement Board - £74.95
 - iv. A1 Pavement Board Insert - £31.68
 - v. Councillor Training Course -Reconnecting Communities March 2024 - £39.22
 - vi. Dead Cert – Wasp Nest Removal on Playground £80
 - vii. PCC of Childs Ercall – Maintenance of the Churchyard £750 and newsletter £150

RESOLVED: The Clerk is authorised to pay these invoices.

- b. Reconciliation

	<u>Balance as at</u> <u>09/07/2023</u>	<u>Outgoings</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Closing</u> <u>Balance</u> <u>06/08/2023</u>
Treasurers A/C	£39,200.12	£403.10	£0.00	£38,797.02
Business A/C	£7,063.21	£0.00	£4.80	£7,068.01
Playground Account	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total PC available cash	£46,263.33	£403.10	£4.80	£45,865.03

ESTIMATED CASH MOVEMENTS 2023/24

2023/24 commitments	Remaining Annual running cost	£8989.09	
	Contingency	£11,500.00	
	2023/24 Small Grants	£5,000.00	
	Un presented cheques	273.65	
Future Income	VAT owed	£421.37	
Uncommitted cash position			<u>£20,523.66</u>

144/2023 Any New Matters Relating to The Parish Not Included on The Agenda

Cllr. Hatfield gave his apologies for the September meeting. Cllr Griffin also gave her apologies for the September meeting.

145 /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 September 20th 2023 (at 7.00 pm) in the Jubilee Hall.

Signed **Date**

Chair