

# CHILDS ERCALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 in the Jubilee Hall at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllr. A Cadden (Chair)  
Cllr. J Maddocks  
Cllr. P Clifton  
Cllr. J Longdon  
Cllr. R Gittins

Also in attendance:  
Barbara Pearce (Clerk)

## **95/2023 Apologies for absence**

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

Cllr. J Letts  
Cllr. G Barnes  
Cllr. M Hatfield

## **96/2023 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

## **97/2023 Public Question Time and Participation**

Ben Harrison attended regarding using the football pitch next season. He believes that there will be three girls teams playing next season along with his own teams. The younger children play 7a-side and the older ones play 9a-side, and so different sized pitches are now required. Ben presented a plan to fit both sized pitches in the space and will forward a google map to confirm. This would require the existing goalposts to be relocated. His proposal includes the teams contributing to maintenance of the pitches and making payment to use the pitches. A payment structure would need to be agreed. A reliable contractor would be required to take on the maintenance. Chair explained that PC are also considering other items for the space and so this would also need to be taken into consideration.

Chair asked for all details of the proposal, including the google map and confirmation of the girls' teams who will be using the pitch, to be forwarded prior to next month's meeting so that logistics could be considered. A decision could then be made at the July meeting. Ben agreed to forward proposal and check with the girls' team and come along to next month's meeting.

## **98/2023 Presentation by Rob Jones (PIEMA) Environment Agency & Mr Callum Danby of Veritas.**

Rob Jones and Callum Danby gave their presentation on behalf of the Environment Agency and Bureau Veritas regarding siting an Air Quality Monitoring Station in the Parish. Two options were discussed with siting being either on Parish land or on a private site. Chair will forward information to all councillors so that a decision can be made at the next meeting.

## **99/2023 Chairman's Announcements**

Chair welcomed back Councillor Gittins after paternity leave.

Chair informed that there has been very little interest for the Councillor Vacancy, applicants are encouraged to contact Chair or any of the councillors in the first instance.

### **100/2023 Minutes**

**RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 as being correct.**

### **101/2023 Councillor Matters**

Chair presented a report from Cllr. Hatfield regarding the grass cutting. Last cut on 23<sup>rd</sup> May - quite unsatisfactory. Clerk is chasing Idverde for confirmation of contract and schedule. Confirmation of cut required pre Party in the Park.

Chair presented a report from Cllr. Barnes regarding the new website which is now ready for release. He has also completed the playground report with no issues prior to the ROSPA inspection which is due imminently.

Plaque for John Luscombe's memorial will be ordered once the wording is approved.

Chair is still working on obtaining historical interest items for the new website.

PC had discussed the possibility of starting a newsletter at the APM, however, it was felt that this was not achievable. Chair has contacted Church with proposal to add a PC page to their newsletter and is awaiting a reply from them.

Following previous discussion on lighting along the path from Jubilee Hall to Eaton Road Chair has researched public grade bollard lighting with motion sensors. Cllr. Maddocks agreed to try to obtain a quote for installation. Once quotes are received a decision can then be made as to if/when they will be installed.

Chair reported that the AGAR documents have been posted on the website and noticeboard.

Chair has priced a sandwich board for use at the Jubilee Hall for the safety of children at events, as discussed at the APM - £75.

**RESOLVED: Board to be ordered.**

Chair has again followed up on the state of the old school property and has had no response from the "Empty Homes Team". Cllr. Gittins will follow up on behalf of PC.

### **102/2023 Updates to issues recorded in the previous minutes.**

a. Land Transfer Area around the Bus Stop:

Aaron and Partners have kept the account open as there may be further charges. Keep item on agenda until title is confirmed.

**RESOLVED: Invoice 206701 to be paid.**

b. Crow Lane Weight Restriction:

Cllr. Gittins gave an update. He has been informed that the project is definitely going ahead in this financial year, however, there has been some delay due to contract changes at SC. Job should go to Kier in July but it will be into the Autumn before signs are in place and operational, but Cllr. Gittins will continue to chase. Following a question asked at the APM Cllr. Gittins confirmed that there will be signs on the A41.

### **103/2023 Road Safety in the Parish**

Chair has information from the Police Commissioner Funds for Safer Roads and will complete an initial application for funding to be discussed at July's meeting.

### **104/2023 Planning Applications**

a. New Planning applications.

None

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  
Chair attended Appeal Hearing on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Decision has not yet been made.
- ii. Eaton on Tern Solar Farm  
No further update.
- iii. Furbers  
No further update.
- iv. Footpath diversion – Ollerton Business Park FP9  
A new route has been agreed by Footpath Planning Office and landowner. Issue resolved; item will be removed from agenda.

**105/2023 Playground**

- a. Maintenance report  
Covered above – item 101/23.

**106/2023 Website Update**

Covered above – item 101/23.

**107/2023 Parish Footpaths**

Nothing further. Item to be moved forward to July agenda.

**108/2023 Highway Matters**

Issue with badgers at Hill Wicket remains unresolved. Repairs and gully sweeping have been seen taking place around the Parish. There is flooding across Narrow Lane, Cllr. Gittins will follow up blocked gully with Highways.

Cllr. Maddocks will continue to report issues via “Fix My Street”.

**109/2023 To receive reports from County Councillor**

Cllr. Gittins returns from paternity leave with only a few Parish issues while he was away. Cllr. Picton, who covered Cllr. Gittins, has been looking into residents’ concerns on road issues and reporting to Highways.

Work in Hinstock is scheduled for July/August and this may cause traffic issues.

Cllr. Gittins has forwarded information on “Cost of Living Crisis” and the “HAF Programme” and Chair confirmed these have been shared with the community.

**110/2023 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 - £50.16

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- ii. Administration  
£272.02 – June
- iii. Aaron & Partners  
£880.40 – Land Transfer (Bus Stop)
- iv. Councillor Training Course  
£39.22
- v. Admin Expenses  
£19.24 – Stamps and batteries

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

b. Reconciliation

	<u>Balance as at</u> <u>07/05/23</u>	<u>Outgoings</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u> <u>13/06/2023</u>
Treasurers A/C	£25,668.58	£2,035.21	£16,865.86	£40,499.23
Business A/C	£7,054.70	£0.00	£8.51	£7,063.21
Playground Account	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total PC available cash</b>	<b>£32,723.28</b>	<b>£2,035.21</b>	<b>£16,874.37</b>	<b>£47,562.44</b>

**ESTIMATED CASH MOVEMENTS 2023/24**

2023/24 commitments	Remaining Annual running cost	<b>£10,897.72</b>	
	Contingency	<b>£11,500.00</b>	
	Un presented cheques	<b>£0.00</b>	
Future Income	VAT owed	£206.65	
Uncommitted cash position			<u><u>£25,371.37</u></u>

**110/2023 Any New Matters Relating to The Parish Not Included on The Agenda**

Chair asked if the “Cost of Living” update forwarded by Cllr. Gittins could be summarised. Cllr. Gittins will ask if a flyer could be produced which will be easier to pass onto the community.

Chair to produce a list of jobs outstanding prior to Party in the Park which she will share. Volunteers can then be sought to work individually as it will be difficult to organise a working party before PIP due to holidays etc.

**111/2023 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 July 19th 2023 (at 7.00 pm) in the Jubilee Hall.**

Signed ..... Date .....

Chair