

CHILDS ERCALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Childs Erccall Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th March 2024 in the Jubilee Hall at 7.00p.m.

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

Also in attendance:
Barbara Pearce (Clerk)
PCSO Tara Carruthers

37/2024 Apologies for absence

Cllr. G Barnes
Cllr. J Longdon

RESOLVED: To receive apologies of absence for this meeting

38/2024 Chairman's Welcome

Chair noted the sad passing of former Councillor Marcus Mackay. Councillors had attended the funeral this afternoon, 20th March. Cllrs to discuss, in conjunction with family, recognition of Marcus' work and commitment to the Parish.

Chair noted the sad passing of resident and friend Denise Outram.

39/2024 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.

40/2024 Public Question Time and Participation

PCSO Tara Carruthers attended the meeting. She is the new officer from the Safer Neighbourhoods Team for Childs Erccall.

She gave an overview of the work they are carrying out. She, or one of the team, intends to join meetings as regularly as possible to update on work carried out from information completed by the PC on the Police Charter Matrix.

She gave details of "Neighbourhood Matters" and encouraged everyone to sign up. She provided a contact phone number for the SNT.

As Chair had indicated Road Safety as a concern on the Police Charter Matrix, she suggested that the SNT could do a speed survey in the village/parish. Chair to ask for a survey on Eaton and Howle Road (at Leafields) and the results can then be forwarded to SCC Highways. Discussion on Community Speed Watch, SNT can offer support with this.

There is PCSO availability for community engagement, notice is required.

She will arrange for the SNT community vehicle to visit the parish and will notify of dates through Neighbourhood Matters.

41/2024 Minutes

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st February 2024 as being correct.

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 28th February 2024 as being correct.

42/2024 Matters arising/action taken from the Minutes not otherwise included in the agenda.
“Dead Cert” have been out to place rat boxes, no invoice received yet.

43/2024 Safety in the Parish

44/2024 Highways and footpaths

a. Update on Crow Lane Weight Limit

Continued slow progress with signage and Cllr. Gittins continues to chase.

Chair to circulate plan of the signage. Concerns raised by some residents over the wording on the signage and location of some of the signs.

Cllr. Gittins to contact SCC Road Safety Team to clarify where data of breaches of the weight limit should be sent to. Enforcement is a police matter.

b. Eaton Road (village part) safety improvements

VAS/SID (speed indicator devices) on the Eaton Road. SCC Highways have now responded suggesting Eaton Road would be suitable however it needs to meet an 85th percentile speed criteria and PC have no data. A SCC assessment would cost £800.00. See discussion with PCSO Carruthers on SNT carrying out a survey at point 40/2024.

c. A41 working group – updates on new cross county group.

Cllr. Gittins continues to follow up.

d. Footpaths – to consider any queries which may impact on the parish.

Cllr. Gittins has provided SCC Footpaths Officer details. Cllr. Letts to mark up on plan where there are issues. Copyright has now been given so a PROW plan can be added to community website.

e. Streetlights – Update on replacement of lamp outside No. 4 St Michaels Way. Further lamp replacements. Dark skies initiative.

Lamp outside No 4 St Michaels Way now replaced.

45/2024 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 out to councillors.

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

Cllr. Clifton has planted a new Platinum Jubilee tree on Jubilee Field. Chair suggested forming a tree conservation group to look after the trees and vegetation around the parish particularly on the Green and Jubilee Field. To be considered at future meeting.

Two Duke of Edinburgh Award students are carrying out litter picking around the parish.

Ground tidy up prior to July Party in the Park to be organised, possibly to include painting the bus stop. Date discussed 29th June.

46/2024

Grounds Maintenance/Playground

a. Jan Snell Award – Presentation by Cllr. Ray Wickson and Katrina Baker.

Deferred in respect of former Cllr. Marcus Mackay's funeral.

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

Grass cutting required on the Green, currently the ground is very wet. Contract starts from 1st April. Cllr. Clifton happy to remove cuttings from first cut.

c. Playground – to receive the monthly inspection report.

No playground report this month.

47/2024 Parish infrastructure projects – Community Plan

a. On-going maintenance and repairs to assets.

- i. To consider quotations for the replacement of the path on the playing fields.
- ii. To consider quotations for the repair of the southern boundary fence (chain link) on the playing fields.

Lease has been circulated and reviewed by councillors to show that the boundary is to be maintained. Quotes discussed. Cllr. Hatfield to obtain further quotes for both jobs.

b. Commitment to the football pitches and Clubs.

Work continuing with football clubs and hall rental.

c. Nature Trail, tree planting, conservation and environment.

Discussed at 45/2024.

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.

48/2024 Advertising and social media / website

Many thanks to Cllr. Griffin for producing this month's newsletter. Cllr. Griffin will forward a copy to PCSO Carruthers.

No further action on a banner to be added to the bus stop.

49/2024 Small Grant Policy 2023-24

Small Grant Application received from Childs Er call Club in relation to the air conditioning in the club. Application reviewed by councillors, and it adheres to the PC Small Grant Policy.

RESOLVED: Grant awarded.

Church Small Grants Application to be reviewed at April's meeting.

50/2024 Planning Applications.

a. New Planning applications.

None

b. Existing Applications

- i. Withdrawn
None.
- ii. Refused
None.
- 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
Submitted their discharge of conditions application. Chair to continue to monitor.
- iii. Furbers application – 28 homes
Additional information has been added to the portal for review by the planning sub-committee. No further update.

51/2024 To receive reports from Unitary Councillor

SCC considering closure of two Household Recycling Centres. Cllr. Gittins feels that if this happens there would be an increase in fly tipping around the area which in turn would cost SCC more to deal with. No decision has yet been made or sites identified for closure. Any decision and would only be made after research and consultation with waste contractor and a public consultation. It would then need to be agreed by a full cabinet of councillors.

52/2024 Financial Matters

Members are asked to:

- a. Receive and confirm the payment of the items to be presented to the meeting:
 - i. Administration March - £296.60
 - ii. Repair to gap in hedge on playing field adjacent to Eaton Road Bernard Sale £97.50
 - iii. Monthly Hall Rental Sep 23- Feb 24 - £72.00
 - iv. Heathwood Nurseries Ltd – replacement tree - £117.60
 - v. Ivor Godwin – Hedge cutting - £108.00
 - vi. Replacement padlocks, rat bait and box £38.00
 - vii. Donation to CECA re Extraordinary PC Meeting 28th Feb 2024 - £750.00

RESOLVED: Clerk is authorised to pay these invoices.

b. Reconciliation

	<u>Balance as at</u> <u>11/02/2024</u>	<u>Outgoings</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Closing</u> <u>Balance</u> <u>10/03/2024</u>
Treasurers A/C	£31,057.31	£17,098.44	£446.45	£14,405.32
Business A/C	£7,117.47	£0.00	£0.00	£7,117.47
95 Day Notice Account	£0.00	£0.00	£15,000.00	£15,000.00
Total PC available cash	£38,174.78	£17,098.44	£15,446.45	£36,522.79

ESTIMATED CASH MOVEMENTS 2023/24

2023/24 commitments	Remaining Annual running cost	£442.36	
	CIL Infrastructure Projects	£16,865.86	
	2023/24 Small Grants	£4,000.00	
	Contingency	£11,500.00	
	Un presented cheques	£287.10	
Future Income	VAT owed	£282.60	
Uncommitted cash position			£3,710.07

53/2024 Any new matters relating to the parish not included elsewhere on the agenda.

Annual Meeting to be held in May to be advertised to community in newsletter.

54/ 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 April 17th 2024 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall.