

CHILDS ERCALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th December 2023 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. J Longdon

Also in attendance:
Barbara Pearce (Clerk)

201/2023 Apologies for absence

Cllr. R Crookes
Cllr. J Letts
Cllr. R Gittins

RESOLVED: To receive apologies of absence for this meeting

202/2023 Chairman's Welcome

203/2023 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.

204/2023 Public Question Time and Participation

None

205/2023 Minutes

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

206/2023 Matters arising/action taken from the Minutes not otherwise included in the agenda.

None.

207/2023 Safety in the Parish

No issues reported.

208/2023 Highways and footpaths

a. Update on Crow Lane Weight Limit

SCC has made a start on site, and PC have been advised that it should be completed by end of January 2024. There will be a road closure to complete. PC discussed forming a community group to monitor if it is ignored.

b. Other safety enhancements

Chair 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. PC needs to work with

Highways for consent to the proposals. There would be a cost to the PC unless funding can be found.

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.

Streetlight number 4 on inventory, St Michaels Way, has gone. Chair chasing to replace.

Chair to split new electricity contract, tariff and standing charge, to consider cost savings for replacing the remaining 6 sodium light bulbs with 13w LED's. Business case then to be made.

209/2023 Parish Matters

a. Land Transfer – update on land registration.

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

b. Air monitoring station – update following presentation at the June meeting.

No further contact received from Environment Agency / Bureau Veritas. Item will be removed from the agenda.

c. Airband – FTTP roll out in the parish.

Nothing further to report.

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

TPO at Childs Ercall Hall was made on the 18th August and is provisional for 6 months. TPO will be confirmed early next year unless otherwise advised.

Remedial work carried out on the Queen's Jubilee Platinum Trees and whips which are not growing well.

210/2023

Grounds Maintenance/Playground

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

Short term requirements – Jubilee playing fields

Grounds maintenance to look at the costs for a new path (stepped out from the trees) from the gate to the Hall/playground to include lighting. PC to then consider in new year.

Grounds maintenance to look at the costs of replacing, all or part, of the chain link boundary fence along the southern elevation (under the trees), which is damaged. PC to then consider in new year.

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.

Medium/long term – update on 2024-25 contract, receipt of invoice from Idverde for 23-24

Cllr. Barnes to chase KS Landscapes Ltd regarding the suggested amendments to the 24-25 contract.

Invoice received from Idverde for the 23-24 contract at £1056.00 + VAT. Idverde have been informed that their service is no longer required going forward.

b. Playground – to receive an update on the Jan Snell award and monthly inspection.

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

Clerk liaising with SALC for a date that the award can be presented at a PC meeting.

211/2023 Parish infrastructure projects – Community Plan

a. Community and Place Plan.

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

Picnic benches/bike rack have been ordered and will be delivered on 12th January to Manor Green. A working group will be organised to walk them to locations on the green.

c. Improvement to the playing fields - commitment to football pitches.

Cllrs discussed replacing the goalposts in the Spring, costs involved and possible funding sources. Representatives from the football teams to be invited to the next PC meeting to discuss.

d. Sport England Grant Application.

Sport England Grant Application was not successful. Cllrs discussed a new application for the following:

Outdoor Table Tennis Table £3k

Benches £1.5k

Rubber Surface £1.5k

Installation £1k

Total £7k

With grant PC cost would be approx. £2k. Further discussion at January meeting and new grant application made if approved.

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

Discussion on how to take this forward. Cllrs to consider and discuss at next meeting. To be considered at January meeting.

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

Service has been advertised in the parish; however despite interest, there has been no applicants. PC will continue to monitor but no donation will be made to North Salop Wheelers at this time.

g. Environment

h. Larger village project.

212/2023 Advertising and social media / website

Website continues to be well used. Facility to link SC Planning Portal to the website is available. Cllr. Barnes to investigate cost with a view to adding to the subscription.

No Church Magazine in January. Cllr. Griffin to produce PC page for February edition. Chair and Cllr. Crookes continue with Facebook.

213/2023 Small Grant Policy 2023-24

None received since last meeting.

CECA has installed the commercial dishwasher in the Hall.

214/2023 Planning Applications.

a. New Planning applications.

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: Pending Consideration

RESOLVED: PC to make no comment.

b. Existing Applications

i. Withdrawn
None.

ii. Refused

Reference: 23/04454/FUL (Validated 12/12/2023)

Address: Common View, Hatton Road, Hinstock, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 2TS

Proposal: Erection of extension to farm building

Decision: Refuse

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 comments added to the planning portal. There is also an existing Highways objection.

215/2023 To receive reports from Unitary Councillor

Cllr. Gittins was not present.

216/2023 Financial Matters

Members are asked to:

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

- i. Southern Electric – £21.34
Southern Electric - £48.31
Southern Electric - £17.63

October DD due 06/12/2023

- ii. Administration December - £277.09
- iii. Hugo Fox – £11.99 Website Subscription
- iv. Idverde - £1276.20 Grass Cutting

RESOLVED: Clerk is authorised to pay these invoices.

b. Reconciliation

| | <u>Balance as at</u> <u>06/11/2023</u> | <u>Outgoings</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Closing</u> <u>Balance</u> <u>10/12/2023</u> |
|--------------------|---|------------------|---------------|---|
| Treasurers A/C | £34,145.63 | £1,100.16 | £0.00 | £33,142.97 |
| Business A/C | £7,086.37 | £0.00 | £7.82 | £7,094.19 |
| Playground Account | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 |

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| Total PC available cash | £41,232.00 | £1,100.16 | £7.82 | £40,237.16 |
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ESTIMATED CASH MOVEMENTS 2023/24

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| 2023/24 commitments | Remaining Annual running cost | £3,402.00 | |
| | Contingency | £11,500.00 | |
| | CIL Infrastructure Projects | £16,865.86 | |
| | 2023/24 Small Grants | £4,000.00 | |
| | Un presented cheques | £1,267.20 | |
| | Benches and bike rack (net) | £1,413.00 | |
| Future Income | VAT owed | £435.98 | |
| Uncommitted cash position | | | £2,225.08 |

c. 2023/2024 Budget Review.

Chair reviewing draft as PC need to notify SCC of proposed precept by end Jan 24. Cllr discussed level of increase. Paperwork to be shared prior to January meeting for decision to be made then.

217/2023 Any new matters relating to the parish not included elsewhere on the agenda.

None

218/ 2023 Date of next meeting.

Members are asked to note the next meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council is scheduled to be held on Wednesday January 17th 2023 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall. Apologies for the January meeting noted from Cllr. Longdon.