

CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting held at the Memorial Hall, Childswickham on Thursday 4th January 2024 at 7.15.

PRESENT Mr A Halling (Chairman), Mr Grimshaw (item 2), Mr T Ramsbottom and Mr J Wade.

IN ATTENDANCE The Clerk and Mr David Hunter-Miller.

Mr David Hunter-Miller and Mr Peter Grimshaw were introduced and welcomed to the council.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Katherine Parker, County Cllr Mrs E Eyre, District councillors Kearsey and Sims.

2. To Co Opt Councillor's.

Cllr Halling proposed, Cllr Wade seconded and it was agreed to co-opted Katherine Parker and Peter Grimshaw, all necessary paperwork was carried out. Cllr Parker to sign at the March meeting.

3. Declaration of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to update their registers of interest and to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and their nature.

Cllr Grimshaw were given dispensation to vote on the precept until the end of his term.

4. To Appoint a New Clerk.

Cllr Halling proposed, Cllr Ramsbottom seconded and it was agreed to appoint Mr David Hunter-Miller as Clerk, to commence on the 1st April 2024.

5. Minutes Of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting Held On the 7th September 2023.

The minutes were approved and signed.

The minutes from the 11th May were signed.

6. To set the Budget 2024/2025.

A budget had been prepared by the clerk and circulated, with three options. The council need to increase the budget due to an increase in the clerk's salary and grass cutting, more cuts being carried out due to the weather.

Cllr Wade proposed, Cllr Halling seconded and it was agreed to set the precept at £9,510. The increase will be £2.82 per household a year on a tax band D or 11.96%.

Clerk to inform Wychavon.

7. To Review The Following :-

- a. Financial Regulations. Deferred to May 2024.

8. Finance.

- a. To Consider Invoices for Payment.

The following items were agreed for payment:-

B Arrowsmith	Dec Lengthsman	£168.00
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C Halling	Coronation Grant	£194.30
b. To Ratify Payments made between meetings		
The following items were ratified:-		
WDC	Election	£50.00
B Arrowsmith	Lengthsman August and Sept	£336.00
A Hope	Tree Inspection	£114.00
Mr Hummerson	Play Area	£35.00
B Arrowsmith	Lengthsman Oct and Goal posts	£213.00
J Shields	Salary Increase	£160.00
B Arrowsmith	Lengthsman Nov	£168.00
Worcs CALC	Salary Analysis	£120.00
PI	Play Area Inspection	£174.00
Memorial Hall	Room Hire	£125.00
N Newbury	Grass	£540.00
R Hawkins	Grass	£330.00
Clerks Expenses	March – Dec 2023	£106.89
C Halling	Coronation Grant	£194.30

c. Financial Report.

The financial report had been circulated.

The following remittance had been received.

WCC	Lengthsman	£168.00
WDC	Precept	£4406.00
WCC	Lengthsman	£336.00
WCC	Lengthsman Nov	£168.00

9. Correspondence.

The council has received a lot of verbal and written concerns regarding W/23/02414/FUL Land At (Os 0667 3979) Murcot Road Childswickham.

The council had taken advice from Wychavon regarding 'redacting' of parishioners names and addresses on the website and had been informed that, unless a name and address is attributed to the comment on line it cannot be taken into account.

The Clerks will look into applying for a further VAS from 'West Mercia PCC - Safer Roads Grant Round 2 Launch.'

10. Planning.

a. For Consideration.

W/23/02470/HP The Barn Evesham Road Broadway WR12 7PA. The council has no planning reason to object.

b. To Ratify The Comments For Applications and Appeals Submitted Since The Last Meeting.

The council had no planning reasons to object to the following applications.

I. W/23/01709/HP Hamstel Hinton Road Childswickham

II. W/23/02042/HP 4 Broadway Road Childswickham

III. W/23/01985/HP Beech Tree House Evesham Road

IV. W/23/01575/FUL Hamstel Hinton Road Childswickham.

The council has objected to the following applications with the full comment displayed on the website.

V. W/23/02414/FUL Land At (Os 0667 3979) Murcot Road Childswickham.

c. Decided by Wychavon.

Approved by Wychavon:

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I. W/23/01533/HP - Avondale House Hinton Road Childswickham.

II. W/23/01985/HP - Beech Tree House Evesham Road.

Refused by Wychavon

W/23/01193/FUL - Land Off Broadway Road Childswickham.

W/23/01191/PIP - Land At (OS 0727 3869)Farmers Lane, Childswickham.

Going to Appeal

W/22/02369/FUL at Land Off Broadway Road Childswickham

11. Reports.

a. Clerk.

Report circulated.

b. County Councillor.

No report received.

c. District Councillor.

No report received.

d. Play Area.

See below.

12. To Discuss the Tree and Play Area Report.

No issues were raised by the Tree inspection carried out in September.

The play area report highlighted the need to fix securely the goal posts, this is in hand.

13. Councillors Reports and Items For Future Agenda.

One of the ornamental trees on the green needs inspecting, Cllr Halling or Ramsbottom to ask local tree surgeon.

Continuation of the lengthsman scheme

Grass cutting for 2024/2025.

14. To Agree The Date Of The Next Meeting.

Thursday 7th March 2024.

Signed

Date