

CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting held at The Memorial Hall, Childswickham on Thursday 27th March 2014.

Present Cllr's Miss K Badham, Mrs M Watts, Mr A Halling (Chairman), Mr N Green, Mr C Pape, Mr A Parker and Mr M Patrick.

In Attendance Mrs Shields (Clerk), Mr S Pullen and County and District Councillor Mrs E Eyres.

Mr S Bullen spoke to the council on the following cycling issues.

- 1: Personal introduction and reference to documents previously circulated
- 2: The Evesham Town Plan Transport Group linking with local village communities.
- 3: Outcomes hoped for:
 - A parish councillor to "adopt" cycling & mobility scooters issues for Childswickham.
 - PC to encourage villagers to set up a working group to think through the issues and make recommendations
- 4: A plan for cycle and disability pathways from Childswickham to Evesham.
- 5: Promote a "family cycling is normal" culture within Childswickham.

The chairman thanked Mr Pullen for attending.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from CSO P Schoenrock and District Cllr Mr Parmenter.

2. Declaration of Interests.

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

3. Minutes Of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting Held On 27th February 2014.

The minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated, were agreed, with a minor alteration, as a true record and signed.

4. Finance.

- a) To Consider Invoices for Payment.

The Council agreed the following items for payment: S.O. Clerk £180.18.

- b) Financial Report.

The financial report was presented to the council.

Clerk sent VAT reclaim form to HMRC.

Audit has been received from Grant Thornton.

The council agreed to the £10.00 per cut increase for grass cutting, for the coming season.

The council will consider going out to tender in November 2014 for 2015 season.

Cllr Patrick to ask Mr C Ikpeme if he will carry out the internal audit.

The following remittances had been received:- Lengthsman £132.00.

5. Correspondence.

No councillor is available to attend any of the events, to which invitations were received.

Cllr's Badham and Pape will liaise with Mr K Donegan at The Childswickham Inn regarding participation in the Wychavon Games.

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6. To Consider Continuing with the County Council Lengthsman Scheme.

The council agreed to continue with the Lengthsman Scheme, Clerk to write and thank Mr Gwilliam for his excellent achievements in keeping water flowing in the recent bad weather and for his work overall.

Clerk to ask for the footway to Broadway within the 30mph to be 'sided out'.

7. To Discuss the Impact of Developments on Childswickham.

Councillor Mrs E Eyre has responded to the letter sent from the council, regarding the work being carried out at Leadon's Caravan Park.

Clerk to contact Broadway Parish Clerk regarding a 'forum' Cllr's Patrick and Pape will attend on behalf of Childswickham.

The council to 'digest' the response and to start to catalogue events on the site for the next meeting, in particular light pollution and sewage.

8. To Discuss Dog Fouling on the Pavements.

In light of advice given by Community Warden Mr Clerk, the council decided not to buy a dog station to contain 'poo bags'.

The following was received.

I am Frances Haley, Community Warden for Wychavon.

Unfortunately we no longer have the metal dog fouling signs to put up and have used up all our old stock. I have suggested that in other villages it is put in the local village magazine that it is becoming a problem and maybe following up later with an article stating the medical dangers of dog poo and the potential impact, particularly for children playing, in the hope that it pricks people's conscience. If there is an improvement then this should be put in a further article as it draws everybody in.

The main trouble is that offenders often take out their dogs first thing or when it is dark so it is difficult to identify the culprits. Also people might know them but be reluctant to name them or confront them so it continues. Therefore reporting needs to be encouraged but they would have to be prepared to make a statement. You could have some local signs made via the Parish Council to cover any common open spaces.

The council agreed that there were enough bins in the parish, as bins now cost an Initial fee of £464.56 plus VAT, plus a yearly fee of £58.76 plus vat., for one empty per week.

The council agreed to purchase signs and flags for the offending items (Clerk to source) and to ask Francis to visit the village.

9. Planning.

a. For Consideration.

None to date.

b. Decided by Wychavon.

None to date.

c. Appeals

Appeals

Dismissed.

APP/H1840/A/13/2205421 White Chapel Orchards, Murcot Turn. The development proposed is the erection of two detached dwellings.

d. Protocol for Dealing with 'on line' Applications.

The Clerk will circulate via E mail, planning applications, Cllr Patrick, Parker and Halling will contact the clerk with comments, which will be collated and returned via E mail to the Wychavon.

10. Reports.

a) Clerk.

Report circulated.

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b) County Councillor.

Cllr Eyre is considering spending her County Allowance on a ditch by Wickham Lea, which will hopefully avoid water accumulating on the Broadway Road.

c) District Councillor.

d) CALC – Appoint New Representative.

The council agreed the Cllr Patrick would continue and attend meetings when he could.

e) Police

From 01/02/2014 to date, residents from Childswickham and Murcot have contacted West Mercia Police on 17 occasions. This has resulted in one offence of criminal damage and two of burglary to businesses within the area.

I would also like to draw to the attention of residents a scam being committed on residents whereby they are contacted by offenders purporting to be Police claiming their credit/bank cards have been compromised and that they should contact their bank. When they do, it is another member of the criminal team who pretends to be from their respective bank. They then request security details and arrange for a courier to collect their cards. Fraud is then committed using those cards. Further information of this scam is on the Police notice boards in Badsey Spar and Broadway Nisa Store. Bibsworth Ave, Broadway."

11. Councillors Reports and Items For Future Agenda.

Cllr Patrick agreed to be the parish councillor to "adopt" cycling & mobility scooters issues for Childswickham.

Clerk to Liaise with Mr Pullen re 'Quiet roads'.

Clerk to report potholes in Blacksmiths Lane and the holes in the footway between Childswickham and Broadway.

Cllr Halling to ask for a quote for the removal of the build up of silt from the Brook.

12. Date of Next Meeting.

Thursday 24th April, Cllr Green gave his apologies.