

CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting held at The Memorial Hall, Childswickham on Thursday 31st July 2014.

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

In Attendance Mrs Shields (Clerk), Mrs S Stephenson, Cllrs Eyre (District and County), Cllr Parmenter (District), Mr J Blofield (GWR) and Mr A Bielby (GWR).

Mr Beilby gave the council a brief overview of the background of GWR and its plans to take the line to Broadway.

<http://www.gwsr.com/bridges-to-broadway/bridges-to-broadway.aspx>

Cllr Halling expressed concern that neither parishioners nor business effected, had not been consulted regarding the plans to close either the Broadway or Little Buckland Bridges, this has caused a lot of bad feeling and a loss of revenue, he suggested that GWR contact those affected in person.

Mr Halling thanked Mr Beilby for coming to the meeting, however it was felt that as the road 'Closure notice' was already in process it was a bit late, however he hoped lessons would be learned for the future regarding consultation and that more appropriate signage would be used.

Mr Beilby answered the various questions and alternatives suggested, however complete closure was unavoidable. Mr Beilby assured the meeting that the road under the bridge at Childswickham would not be closed until the road underneath the bridges at Broadway and Buckland were completely opened.

Mrs Stephenson brought to the council's attention the overgrown footway in the Evesham Road.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mr M Patrick, Mr C Pape and CSO P Schoenrock.

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 26th June 2014.

The minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated, were agreed, 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, S Gwilliam £176.00, H Aubrey £257.00, M Parkinson £90.00 and Grant Thornton £120.00.

b) Financial Report.

The financial report was presented to the council.

The following remittances were received:- WCC £132.00.

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The completed Audit had been returned by Grant Thornton, Closure Notice will be displayed on the notice board.

5. Correspondence.

Wychavon Local Enforcement Plan is available on line, Wychavon officer would like to hold local briefing session, the council agreed for members of the planning group to attend; local evening meetings are preferred.

The council will not be nominating a building for a design award.

The council will support W. CALC by writing to Ms Marchant.

It had been brought to the attention of the council that Worcestershire Highways are going to put concrete kerbs along the footway of The Cross, Childswickham. The clerk had contacted Highways and had been informed that the Wychavon Conservation officer had been informed and that the surrounding area would be taken into consideration when determining the stones to be installed. Cllr Parker will be attending South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) – Briefing on Wychavon Council meeting on the 22nd September.

6. To Discuss Applications For New Homes Bonus Funding.

The following applications had been received:-

- a) Replant trees (removed due to storm damage) along the footpath known as Brook St between Buckland Rd and Farmers Lane.
Clerk to acquire quotes for benches.
As any trees planted will require future maintenance, species will be looked into by Cllr's Watts and Halling.
- b) Rebuild the 250 year old stone bridge alongside Brook Street.
The cost was 4 x times the estimate therefore, Mr Lowe will be investigating other funding.
- c) Contribution to the flood defence work hopefully to be undertaken in Broadway.
The council has already agreed to contribute to this fund.
- d) Childswickham Cricket Club pavilion.
The council would be unable to contribute as the site for the pavilion is on rented land, however a donation for equipment would be considered at a later stage.
- e) Equipment for the playing field.
On going.

7. To Discuss the GWR Proposal to Close the Railway Bridge.

The parish council is concerned at the lack of notice and consultation from GWR and Highways regarding the imminent road closure. The council had been contacted by GWR to address the meeting only two weeks previously, the parish council had informed GWR that they should also be consulting Broadway Parish Council as it was within their parish.

The council had received a letter from Broadway Parish Council, stating that they supported the use of lights and not a complete closure of the road.

The council agreed that the parish council should be involved in major road closures at an early stage as local knowledge would be helpful in determining diversion routes, Cllr Eyre informed the Council that Mr Lloyd (County Council) had agreed to do this in the future.

The clerk to write to Mr Lloyd and suggest that there be no right turn at Murcut Turn ensuring that all traffic heading for Broadway would have to turn left at the T junction and proceed to Broadway via the roundabout.

Cllr Halling will supply Mr Beilby with contact details for those business affected by the road closure.

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8. Planning.

a. For Consideration.

- i. W/14/01282/PN Willow Park, Hinton Road, Childswickham Extension to existing unit. No Objection.
- ii. W/14/00807/PN Murcot Turn Business Park, Murcot Turn, Broadway. 2 no. additional light industrial units.

In considering this application, I would ask to draw your attention to the conditions of the earlier planning permission about hours of operation and various conditions relating to management, access/ egress into the estate.

The entrance drive is narrow and there are often blockages at peak times into and out of the site, large vehicles have difficulty turning into the drive off the highway and this is particularly so for the waste management/ collection system whereby the collection wagons are too large to enter the site easily and there has been destruction of the curbs and adjacent drives next to the estate entrance and this has caused aggravation to the adjoining residents.

The proposal will not only reduce the amount of parking for employees / customers/ visitors to the site but place greater need for additional space and this has the potential to spill out into the highway and block that road.

The original planning consent appears to be for B Class uses but there has been car sales taking place for some time without any intervention from the planning authority.

The proposal includes uses including car repairs and workshops which are notoriously bad neighbours for the immediate residential properties.

- iii. W/14/01286/PP - Gwen Cottage, 4 Atkinson Street. Replace 3 rotten windows with wooden cottage style windows. No objection.

b. Decided by Wychavon.

Non to date.

9. Reports.

a) Clerk.

Reported the burning of waste and concern regarding building health and safety regulation at Leedons to the appropriate agencies.

Clerk to report the overgrown footway on Evesham Road.

b) County Councillor.

c) District Councillor.

Enforcement officers will be attending a site in the parish, which is believed to be in breach of planning.

d) Dog Fouling.

Dog fouling on the footways and footpaths is an increasing problem, the Council would like the parishioners support in trying to keep the paths clear, there are plenty of signs and bins, unfortunately it is the fault of inconsiderate dog owners.

If you see a dog fouling and it is not cleared up by the owner, please contact the local dog warden, a photo of the act and the name of the owner is required for prosecution. However you could politely point out the sign and remind them it is an offense not to pick it up. A further article will be placed in the Village News.

Parishioners are also concerned at the number of dogs residing at a house in the Hinton Road.

e) Defibrillator Signs.

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A sign had been acquired by the Clerk, Cllr Parker will arrange for its installation.

f) Police Report.

Phil Schoenrock - 16th July 2014.

West Mercia received 11 requests from residents of Childswickham and Murcot since 15th May to date, only two crimes have been recorded, 1 of burglary of outbuilding and the other of common assault.

The only trend we have is one of theft of catalytic converters from a variety of vehicles, this is a spate of crimes occurring Force wide and in neighbouring Forces. We ask any residents with information or concerns contact West Mercia Police.

10. Councillors Reports and Items For Future Agenda.

Some parishioners concerns were not in the remit of the parish councils.

11. Date of Next Meeting.

28th August 2014 at 7.15pm, Cllr Green gave his apologies.