

CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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**Meeting of Childswickham Parish Council
at 7:15PM on Thursday 12th September 2024
at Childswickham Memorial Hall, WR12 7HF (///stray.procures.magnetic)**

Minutes 09/2024

Present: Tim Ramsbottom (Vice-Chair), Peter Grimshaw, Jon Wade, Kate Parker
In attendance: David Hunter-Miller (Clerk)

1. Chairman's welcome and announcements

Tim Ramsbottom opened the meeting as Vice-Chair and welcomed attendees.

2. Apologies for absence: To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence

Apologies were noted from Anthony Halling.

3. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest

3.1. Register of Interests: With reference to items on the agenda councillors are reminded of their responsibility to declare interests and to update their register of interests as required.

Noted.

3.2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

Nil declared.

3.3. Other Interests: To declare any Other Registerable Interests or Non-Registerable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

Nil declared.

3.4. Dispensations: To consider any written dispensations from councillors who have declared an interest but wish to stay in the meeting during that time to aid discussion / speak / vote.

Nil received.

4. Open Session

The meeting was adjourned for the open session

4.1. District Councillors

A number of updates had been received from Emma Kearsey and Emma Sims (District Councillors) between meetings.

4.2. County Councillor

Liz Eyre (County Councillor) had sent apologies and forwarded a comprehensive written report including updates on education, the Healthy Worcestershire programme, tourism, active travel and updates on a number of local issues.

4.3. Public participation

No questions were received.

The meeting resumed following the open session.

5. To consider and adopt the minutes from the Parish Council meeting on the 4th July 2024

It was RESOLVED to adopt the minutes as a true record and they were duly signed by the Chair.

6. Progress reports

6.1. Councillor vacancies

It was noted that there were two vacancies on the parish council and enquiries from parishioners were welcomed.

7. Play Area

7.1. To consider quotes for remedial work to address minor issues identified in the most recent inspection

It was resolved to accept the quote from Brian Arrowsmith (£480.00) for addressing a number of minor maintenance issues at the play area.

8. Highways and Lengthsman Scheme

8.1. To receive an update on the Lengthsman Scheme and to consider any items for the Lengthsman's work schedule

Thanks were extended to Liz Eyre for providing assistance to the Clerk in streamlining the Lengthsman online payment system.

8.2. To receive an update on the new Speed Indicating Device (Police grant funded)

It was RESOLVED to fit the sign at one of the existing approved sites and when the new post on the Hinton Road had been installed the sign could be relocated accordingly.

8.3. To consider traffic/speeding issues at Mount Pleasant

Thanks were extended to Liz Eyre for funding new dragon's teeth markings at Mount Pleasant.

It was RESOLVED to liaise with Hinton Parish Council regarding possible relocation of the existing eastbound Mount Pleasant sign (to a position before Old Leys Farm) before the new dragon's teeth markings were ordered.

8.4. To review issues with the unsuitability of road closure diversion routes

It was considered that recent posted diversion routes were not acceptable and that a number of road closures could have been managed with temporary traffic lights causing less disruption. It was RESOLVED to ask Liz Eyre to continue to review the issues surrounding unsuitable diversion routes and to ask for a contact number where future concerns could be raised.

8.5. To consider actions relating to trees at Green Close/New Street

It was RESOLVED to approve a quote from Adrian Hope for tree maintenance work to the trees on the green (New Street).

8.6. To review parking concerns raised across the parish

It was noted that Worcestershire County Council Highways had contacted a local business regarding parking issues but it was felt that their actions had been unduly heavy handed. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact this business to address these concerns and to seek to open a collaborative and friendly dialogue.

9. Planning

9.1. To consider the following applications to be determined by Wychavon District Council:

9.1.1. Nil.

No planning applications.

9.2. To note responses made under delegated authority for the following applications:

9.2.1. W/24/01167/PIP: Land Adjacent To Inglenook, Evesham Road, Broadway.

Permission in principle for the construction of 1 no. self-build bungalow to replace existing outbuildings.

It was noted that the parish council had responded with no objections.

9.2.2. W/24/01459/AGR: Gallipot House, Evesham Road, Broadway, WR12 7HU. Prior Notification for a new Agricultural Building.

It was noted that the parish council had responded with no objections.

9.2.3. W/24/01079/FUL: Land At (Os 0667 3979), Murcot Road, Childswickham. Planning application for 6no pitch Gypsy/Traveller site with associated hardstanding, fencing and installation of Package Treatment Plant.

It was noted that the parish council had submitted a comprehensive objection to the proposals (copy available on Wychavon District Council's planning portal).

10. Correspondence

10.1. Worcestershire County Council: Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy consultation

It was RESOLVED that Jon Wade would complete the survey.

10.2. Worcestershire Regulatory Services: Consultation on Revised Statement of Principles Under the Gambling Act 2005

The above consultation was noted.

10.3. Wychavon District Council: Consultation on Draft Policy on Pavement Licensing

The above consultation was noted.

10.4. Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Consultation on reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system

The above consultation was noted.

10.5. Parishioner: Tree felling, Chapel Lane

It was noted that correspondence had been received regarding the felling of private trees at Chapel Lane.

11. Finance

11.1. Bank mandate: To receive an update on bank signatory changes

It was noted that Jon Wade and Peter Grimshaw had successfully registered as full power signatories and would approve online payments in future.

11.2. Budget expenditure: To consider and approve

It was RESOLVED to approve the budget expenditure.

11.3. Bank reconciliation: To consider and approve

It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation.

11.4. Invoices: To approve the following invoices for payment:

11.4.1. David Hunter-Miller (Clerk's salary and expenses - Sept)

11.4.2. HMRC (PAYE - Sept)

11.4.3. David Hunter-Miller (playground sign): £33.29

11.4.4. David Hunter-Miller (playground padlock): £21.49

11.4.5. Brian Arrowsmith (Lengthsman - July): £182.00

11.4.6. Brian Arrowsmith (Lengthsman - August): £182.00

It was RESOLVED to settle the above invoices.

11.5. Delegated Payments: To note the following payments approved between meetings:

11.5.1. 15/07/24 Brian Arrowsmith (Lengthsman - June): £182.00

11.5.2. 15/07/24 M Newbury (grass cutting): £720.00

11.5.3. 06/08/24 David Hunter-Miller (Clerk's salary and expenses - August)

11.5.4. 06/08/24 HMRC (PAYE - August)

11.5.5. 06/08/24 R Hawkins (grass cutting): £440.00

The above payments were noted.

12. Councillors' reports and items for the next agenda

No additional matters were raised.

13. Date of the next meeting

The next scheduled meeting is at 7:15PM on Thursday 7th November 2024.

The meeting closed at 8:18PM.



David Hunter-Miller
Clerk and RFO