

# CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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**Meeting of Childswickham Parish Council at 7:15PM on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
at Childswickham Memorial Hall, WR12 7HF (///stray.procures.magnetic)**

## Minutes 01/2025

**Present:** Jon Wade (Interim Chair), Peter Grimshaw, Kate Parker

**In attendance:** David Hunter-Miller (Clerk), Emma Simms (District Councillor), Emma Kearsey (District Councillor)

### **1. Chairman's welcome and announcements**

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair it was RESOLVED to elect Jon Wade as interim Chair for this meeting.

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

Apologies were noted from Anthony Halling and Tim Ramsbottom.

### **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**

Emma Simms and Emma Kearsey provided an update, including a report on the English Devolution White Paper and the government's ambition to merge district and county authorities.

#### **4.2. County Councillor**

Liz Eyre (County Councillor) sent a report covering the English Devolution White Paper, as well as individual updates on Worcestershire County Council's budget, the signage and dragon's teeth markings for Mount Pleasant (item 6.3), recent engagement with Severn Trent, rights of way and traffic speeding.

#### **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 7<sup>th</sup> November 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.

#### **6.2. Speed Indicating Devices**

It was noted that the replacement SID batteries had been fitted successfully.

#### **6.3. Mount Pleasant traffic issues (relocation of sign, dragon's teeth)**

It was noted that the Mount Pleasant sign had not been relocated and consequently the new dragon's teeth road markings had been installed in the wrong position. This had been reported to Worcestershire County Council to resolve.

It was RESOLVED to request deer warning signs for Mount Pleasant.

#### **6.4. Footpath CW-516 (Brook Street) erosion of bank**

It was noted that Worcestershire County Council had inspected but did not consider the erosion a high priority for repair. The Lengthsman had cut back some of the adjacent vegetation to increase the width of the path.

#### **6.5. Footpath CW-514 (between Atkinson Street and Chapel Lane) damage to surface**

It was noted that Worcestershire County Council had inspected but did not consider the damage a high priority for repair.

#### **6.6. Hinton Road flooding of carriageway**

It was noted that several blocked kerb drains had been reported to Worcestershire County Council for maintenance.

### **7. Play Area**

#### **7.1. To receive an update on recent remedial work and improvements**

It was noted that sign clips had been ordered to allow installation of the RoSPA recommended warning sign.

### **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**

No items were reported.

### **9. Planning**

#### **9.1. To consider embarking on a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Childswickham**

It was RESOLVED to arrange a meeting with Andrew Ford (Wychavon District Council) to get further information on the Neighbourhood Development Plan process.

#### **9.2. To consider a S106 'wish list' for possible future developments**

It was RESOLVED to defer discussions until an NDP had been considered (item 9.1).

#### **9.3. To consider the following applications to be determined by Wychavon District Council:**

##### **9.3.1.W/24/02451/PIP: Land At (OS 0797 3985), Evesham Road, Broadway. Permission in principle for up to 4 dwellings.**

It was RESOLVED that the parish council object to the proposals. The location is considered unsuitable for further development.

The proposed entrance is onto a 60MPH road within a shallow "S" bend which, combined with nearby hedging, substantially reduces visibility. This section of road has a history of injury accidents, including two fatal incidents in the last 18 months, it is therefore crucial that any additional access onto this road is carefully considered to ensure that the safety of both road users and potential future residents is not compromised.

The planning authority are encouraged to resist applications that would create or extend ribbon development. The style of development increases urban sprawl and interference with the amenity of the highway by the masking of the view of the countryside. It isolates residents from much needed services, increasing reliance on private vehicular transport. It reduces the traffic efficiency of the highway and impinges on highway safety.

##### **9.3.2.W/24/02279/HP: Brixley Bungalow, Broadway Road, Childswickham, WR12 7HD. Single storey rear extension.**

It was RESOLVED that the parish council had no objections.

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

**9.4.1.W/24/02221/FUL: White Chapel Orchards Murcot Turn Broadway WR12 7HT. Single storey side plantroom extension, removal of windows to side elevations and infill of front porch area and detached garage with accommodation above (variation of condition 2 (approved plans) ref. W/22/02417/FUL).**

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

**9.4.2.W/24/02404/S106: Land Off Broadway Road Childswickham. Application under Section 106A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to modify the requirements relating to legal agreement dated 4 April 2024 associated with planning permission W/23/01193/FUL.**

It was noted that the parish council had responded with the following comments:

*Childswickham Parish Council considered this application under their delegated authority arrangements. It is noted that there are nearby proposed developments (W/23/01297/PIP) that may provide additional social housing and this could make adoption of multiple properties a more viable proposition for the local housing associations. All options for the provision of much needed rented social housing should be exhausted before consideration is given to changing this requirement.*

**10. Parish matters for discussion/decision**

**10.1. To consider and adopt updated delegation policies**

It was RESOLVED to update the parish council's planning delegation policy.

**11. Correspondence**

**11.1. Planning Inspectorate: Response to complaint regarding factual errors quotes in inspectors report**

The apology from the planning inspectorate was noted.

**11.2. Wychavon District Council: Mandatory Safeguarding Refresher Training for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers consultation**

The above consultation was noted.

**11.3. Worcestershire County Council: Draft Streetscape Design Guide consultation**

The above consultation was noted.

**11.4. Worcestershire County Council: Managing road verges to promote biodiversity consultation**

The above consultation was noted.

**11.5. Worcestershire County Council: Smoke-free Playgrounds funding**

The above grant funding scheme was noted.

**11.6. Pensions Regulator: Auto-enrolment re-declaration of compliance**

It was noted that the Clerk had completed the pensions re-declaration of compliance.

**12. Finance**

**12.1. To consider the appointment of an Internal Auditor**

It was RESOLVED to appoint Iain Selkirk at £150.00 to undertake the internal audit.

**12.2. To note change of Lloyds Treasurers Account to a Community Account with additional fees**

It was noted that the parish council would be charged a monthly banking fee of £4.25 in future (alternative banks charged similar fees).

**12.3. To consider and approve the budget expenditure**

It was RESOLVED to approve the budget expenditure.

**12.4. To consider and approve the bank reconciliation**

It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation.

**12.5. To approve the following invoices for payment:**

**12.5.1. David Hunter-Miller (Clerk's salary and expenses - Jan)**

#### **12.5.2. HMRC (PAYE - Jan)**

It was RESOLVED to settle the above invoices.

#### **12.6. To note the following payments approved between meetings under delegated authority:**

- 12.6.1. 07/11/24 R Hawkins (grass cutting): £550.00**
- 12.6.2. 15/11/24 David Hunter-Miller (SID batteries): £101.47**
- 12.6.3. 15/11/24 Brian Arrowsmith (Lengthsman - Oct): £182.00**
- 12.6.4. 09/12/24 David Hunter-Miller (salary and expenses - Dec)**
- 12.6.5. 09/12/24 HM Revenue and Customs (PAYE - Dec)**
- 12.6.6. 09/12/24 Brian Arrowsmith (Lengthsman - Nov): £238.00**

The above payments were noted.

#### **12.7. To note the following Direct Debit payments:**

- 12.7.1. 25/11/24 Information Commissioner (registration): £35.00**

The above payment was noted.

#### **13. Councillors' reports and items for the next agenda**

It was RESOLVED to add the following items to the next agenda:

- Hiring machine for Lengthsman to clear footpaths

#### **14. Date of the next meeting**

The next scheduled meeting is at 7:15PM on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

*The meeting closed at 8:55PM.*

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David Hunter-Miller  
Clerk and RFO