

# CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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**Meeting of Childswickham Parish Council  
at 7:15PM on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
at Childswickham Memorial Hall, WR12 7HF (///stray.procures.magnetic)**

## **Minutes 03/2025**

**Present:** Anthony Halling (Chair), Tim Ramsbottom, Jon Wade, Peter Grimshaw, Kate Parker

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

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

Anthony Halling opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

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

All members present.

### **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 Kearsey provided an update as follows:

- Wychavon is making £250.00 available to town and parish councils to support activities on and around Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May, to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day.
- An update was received on the Government White Paper proposing devolution of local government; District Council leaders were due to meet to discuss the devolution proposals.
- Input was provided on the Neighbourhood Development Plan process (item 9.1).

#### **4.2. County Councillor: To receive a brief report**

Liz Eyre provided a report as follows:

- An update was received on the Government White Paper proposing devolution of local government; it was noted County Council elections would still be held in May 2025.
- The Worcestershire County Council budget had been released.

Liz Eyre confirmed that she would not be standing in the next election, following 24 years' service as a councillor. The parish council extended their sincere thanks to Liz for her hard work and dedication serving the community.

#### **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 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

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 one of the signs was working intermittently and this would be checked by the Lengthsman.

### **6.3. Mount Pleasant traffic issues**

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 already been reported to Worcestershire County Council to remedy.

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

It was noted that the Lengthsman had successfully resolved a number of carriageway flooding matters on the Hinton Road.

## **7. Play Area**

### **7.1. To note the scheduled play area inspection**

It was noted that a ROSPA play area inspection had been scheduled for March/April 2025.

## **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**

It was RESOLVED to ask the Lengthsman to trim a short section of hedge on the Hinton Road.

### **8.2. To consider the Lengthsman contract for services**

It was RESOLVED to renew the Lengthsman contract for services with Brian Arrowsmith.

### **8.3. To consider hiring a machine to assist Lengthsman to clear footpaths**

It was RESOLVED to offer to arrange machine hire for the Lengthsman if it would assist with siding out.

## **9. Planning**

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

A presentation had been received from Wychavon District Council:

- It was anticipated that an NDP would take around two years to complete and would require significant time and effort from the community.
- Up to £10,000 grant funding was available to support the project.
- 13 out of 92 parishes have an NDP in Wychavon.
- Childswickham is currently a 'category 4a' village, essentially open countryside that does not allow significant housing growth. However, due to the age of the current South Worcestershire Development Plan (2016), this position had been challenged by the planning inspectorate.
- A review of the South Worcestershire Development Plan is due to be completed December 2025 at which point Childswickham's status as a 'category 4a' village would carry full weight in planning terms.
- An NDP must comply with higher-level planning policies (it cannot block housing growth) and may introduce housing allocations that were not previously required.
- In addition to allocating housing, an NDP can offer protection to green spaces and heritage sites and can set policies to influence design, sustainability, and infrastructure.
- An NDP can be superseded by later local and national planning policies and needs to be regularly reviewed and updated to remain effective.

It was RESOLVED to defer discussions until the next meeting, with a view to consulting the public on the project.

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

**9.2.1.W/25/00176/RM: Land At (Os 0827 3915), Evesham Road, Broadway. Reserved Matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline approval 23/00182/OUT.**

It was RESOLVED that the parish council had no objections.

**9.2.2.W/25/00042/FUL: Lower Murcot Farm, Murcot Lane, Broadway, WR12 7HS. Conversion and extension of barn to create holiday let.**

It was RESOLVED that the parish council had no objections.

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

**9.3.1.W/24/01649/LB: The Cross House The Cross Childswickham Broadway WR12 7HJ. Replacement roof tiles with like-for-like heritage clay tile to rear south-facing elevation only.**

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

**9.3.2.W/24/02531/OUT: Land At Evesham Road Broadway. Outline application with all matters reserved for up to 17 dwellings.**

It was noted that the parish council had responded with no objections but had commented asking the planning authority to review the proposed density of housing on this narrow plot, and any impact that this might have on access and parking.

**9.3.3.W/24/02141/FUL: Mount View Hinton Road Childswickham Broadway WR12 7HZ. Proposed barn.**

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

**9.3.4.W/25/00064/PIP: Press Meadow House Murcot Lane Broadway WR12 7HS. Permission in Principle for the conversion and extension of a redundant domestic building into a self-build single dwelling.**

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

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

**10.1. To note renewal of Insurance with AJ Gallagher Insurance Brokers Limited**

It was noted that insurance had been renewed with AJ Gallagher at £449.12.

**10.2. To consider additional dog fouling/litter bins**

It was RESOLVED to purchase a bin via Wychavon District Council with the following costs:

Dog bin: £350.00  
Fitting: £21.65  
Emptying: £78.39 per annum (weekly collection)  
Admin: £90.00  
Total: £540.04

Exact location to be determined.

**10.3. To consider arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Council Meeting**

It was RESOLVED to hold the Annual Parish Meeting at 7:15PM on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025, followed by the Annual Council meeting at 7:30PM.

**11. Correspondence for response or action**

**11.1. Parishioner: Farmers Lane Severn Trent Pump Station**

It was noted that the latest communication from Severn Trent indicated a start date of 2028 for the pumping station.

**11.2. Weston Sub Edge Parish Council: South Warwickshire Plan – 6,000 to 25,000 houses on Meon Vale**

The above correspondence was noted.

## **12. Finance**

### **12.1. To consider and approve the budget expenditure**

It was RESOLVED to approve the budget expenditure.

### **12.2. To consider and approve the bank reconciliation**

It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation.

### **12.3. To approve the following invoices for payment:**

**12.3.1. David Hunter-Miller (Clerk's salary and expenses - March)**

**12.3.2. HMRC (PAYE - March)**

**12.3.3. Brian Arrowsmith (Lengthsman - January): £203.00**

It was RESOLVED to settle the above invoices.

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

**12.4.1. 10/01/25 Brian Arrowsmith (Lengthsman - December): £196.00**

**12.4.2. 12/02/25 David Hunter-Miller (February salary and expenses)**

**12.4.3. 12/02/25 HM Revenue and Customs (February PAYE)**

**12.4.4. 12/02/25 AJ Gallagher Insurance: £449.12**

The above payments were noted.

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

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

- Neighbourhood Development Plan (possible public consultation)

It was RESOLVED to report several faded 30MPH roundels to Worcestershire County Council.

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

The Annual Parish Meeting is at 7:15PM on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

The Annual Council Meeting is a 7:30PM on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

*The meeting closed at 9:00PM.*

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David Hunter-Miller  
Clerk and RFO