

# CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting held at The Memorial Hall, Childswickham on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

PRESENT Cllrs J Scattergood, Mr P Brockman and Mr A Halling (Chairman).

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk) and Cllr B Thomas (District).

## 1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Lowe, County and District Councillor Mrs E Eyre and PCSO 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 the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

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: - Clerks Salary £184.14, Lengthsman £220.00, W CALC £43.25, Clerks Expenses £79.84 and Grass cutting E Ebrey £402.00.

b) Financial Report.

The following remittance have been received; - Lengthsman £396.00,

## 5. Correspondence.

- It has been brought to the attention of the council that residents are 'placing' their garden waste in the ditch opposite the houses in the Hinton Road, although garden waste will compost over time, there is a concern that if we get a heavy down pour of rain, it will inhibit the ability of the ditch to take away the excess water from the road. This type of waste also attracts further fly – tipping. Clerk to inform Wychavon District Council to ask if they could write to all the residents of this part of the Hinton Road.
- A letter had been received re the request for a bus shelter in New Street, clerk and chairman to contact Mr M Patrick.
- Transparency Code for smaller authorities.

The following will be on available on

<http://eservices.worcestershire.gov.uk/MyParish/Welcome.aspx?ParishID=134&PostCode=WR127HY&Prop=186421&partner=wdc&MarriedTo=0>

Within one month

Agenda, minutes and papers from formal meetings in either draft or final form.

All items of expenditure are published within the parish council minutes.

By the 1<sup>st</sup> July each year.

The end of year accounts, for the previous year, including bank reconciliation, an explanation of significant differences, annual governance statement, internal audit report, list of councillors and their responsibilities and if they represent the council on external bodies.

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A list of public land and assets owned by the council.

## 6. To Consider A Section 19 Community Transport Scheme.

Cllr Thomas, is perusing this on behalf of the council.

Cllr Brockman to investigate options, ie running costs etc.

## 7. To Consider A Bowling Green For The Village.

Due to the lack of current space for a bowling green, Cllr Brockman will explore an indoor, short mat alternative for the village hall.

## 8. Do Discuss The Councils Visions And Goals For This Four Year Term Of Office.

The present council would like to wait until the three vacancies have been filled, before conducting a questionnaire on what the parish would like from the council. Cllr Scattergood has been looking at comparative village's parish plans.

## 9. Planning.

a. For Consideration.

- I. W/15/01285/PP - The Old Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Childswickham. New front boundary wall. The Parish council is not aware of any planning policy grounds for objecting to the proposal. This response is a general observation and should not be taken as objecting to or supporting the application.
- II. W/15/01389/PP - 10 Atkinson Street, Childswickham. Vehicular crossing and parking area. The Parish council is not aware of any planning policy grounds for objecting to the proposal. This response is a general observation and should not be taken as objecting to or supporting the application.
- III. W/15/01295/OU - Land Adjacent, Bungalow Farm, Murcot Road. Comment: The Parish Council discussed this application at its last meeting noting that this is the fourth application made in this area in the last few months. Consistent with our position, then the Council unanimously agreed to object for the following reasons:
  - The site adjacent Bungalow Farm comprises part of an existing open field in open farmland on the edge of Childswickham between it and the hamlet of Murcot (also in the parish).
  - The pre-dominant land use surrounding Childswickham and Murcot is productive agriculture.
  - The application site is outside the village settlement boundary as described in Policy GD1 of the Wychavon District Local Plan (2006) where new development should only be considered.
  - We emphasize the status of the village as being unsustainable in the Housing Assessment of the emerging Local Plan because of the lack of any local facilities. There are no shops, a doctors surgery, or any other retail provision exacerbated by there being poor access to public transport to get to Broadway, the closest centre, to the south-west.
  - The development boundaries identify where development is acceptable in principle and include settlements that have only a limited range of services suitable for limited infill only. Without any local services the development must be considered unacceptable.
  - The supporting text to Policy GD1 says that its aim is to further sustainability objectives, including the need to reduce travel, make best use of existing infrastructure and to safeguard the countryside.

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Murcot Road is unclassified, has no lighting and has no footpath. The nearest bus stop is at the top of Pennylands Bank, a steep hill rising to the Evesham Road ridge.

The application would also conflict with LP Policy GD2 which seeks, amongst other things, to ensure that development does not have an adverse effect on the rural environment.

The proposed development takes little account of the immediate character of the area which is on an unclassified country lane leading to farms and adjacent farmland; as such any development that is in the wider open countryside would harm the rural character and appearance of this site and its surroundings.

- IV. W/15/01442/PP - Padley, Broadway Road, Childswickham. Alterations to front & rear elevations as well as new one and a half storey side extension. The Parish council is not aware of any planning policy grounds for objecting to the proposal. This response is a general observation and should not be taken as objecting to or supporting the application.
- V. W/15/01348/PP - West View, Blacksmiths Lane, Childswickham. Replace the roof and windows of existing conservatory. The Parish council is not aware of any planning policy grounds for objecting to the proposal. This response is a general observation and should not be taken as objecting to or supporting the application.
- VI. W/15/01497/PP - 12 New Street, Childswickham. Proposed single storey bed/sit extension. The Parish council is not aware of any planning policy grounds for objecting to the proposal. This response is a general observation and should not be taken as objecting to or supporting the application.
- b. Decided by Wychavon.  
Approved by Wychavon.
  - I. W/15/00994/PP - 2 Broadway Road, Childswickham,
  - II. W/15/01161/PP - Ty Croeso, Twitchams Lane, Childswickham.
- c. Going to Appeal.  
W/15/00357/OU - Bungalow Farm, Murcot Road, Childswickham.
- d. Village Boundary Changes.  
The council has concerns as to the amount of housing being built outside the 'defined' village boundary.

### 10. Reports.

- a) Clerk.
- b) County Councillor.
- c) District Councillor.

The council wishes to thank Cllr Thomas's swift response to the questions asked at the last meeting.

Report attached.

- d) Police Report.

### 11. Councillors Reports and Items For Future Agenda.

### 12. Date of Next Meeting.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015.