

CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from Childswickham Parish Council Meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 26th February 2009 at 7:15pm.

Present Cllr's Mr Halling (Chairman), Mrs Watts, Dr Hughes, Mr Patrick and Mr Bindoff.

In attendance Ms J Shields (Clerk), Mrs L Eyre (County and District Cllr) and Mr N Potter (Community First Housing Enabler).

The council agreed to look at the survey and comment by Wednesday, 4th March. Mr Potter will arrange for the surveys to be delivered to Mrs Watts by the 16th of March.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Mr Brazier, Mr Slater, Pc Greenhouse and Cllr Folkes

2. Declaration of Interests.

3. Minutes Of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting Held On 29th January 2009.

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

4. Invoices for Payment.

Lengthsman £160.00, Mutli-task £120.00 and Zurich Insurance £644.43.

5. Correspondence.

Swjcs, Wychavon – copies of drainage letters sent to land owners.

6. Reports

a) Clerk

b) P C Greenhouse/PACT/Smart water

PACT Report

Childswickham - Cross Roads warning signs:

This item relates to the erection of "triangular warning signs" or painted road markings at the cross roads junction of Hinton Road and Murcot Road (Childswickham Public House cross roads). This item does not relate to a review of the current speed restriction (30 mph), but enforcement of the current speed restriction and to act as a warning to motorists, etc. Advice from Liz Eyre is for Childswickham Parish Council to write a formal request for the erection of triangular "cross roads" warning signs, or painted road markings to the County Council (Highways Dept).

Face to Face Surveys (Childswickham):

Litter randomly deposited in rural areas - this item was raised by Peter Norledge, with a specific request for the Parish Council to fund a skip for the village once every year.

Lack of facilities for young people. 2 residents are thinking of starting a summer youth group Lack of facilities for young people was raised by Hayley Stephenson.

Liz Eyre stated she is very willing to provide advice and guidance relative to the establishment and funding of a summer youth group.

Discussion on purchase of mobile flashing speed signs:

John Newbury of Wickhamford Parish Council is leading this review. P Brazier informed Mr. Newbury Childswickham Parish Council was interested in the proposal, subject to finalizing details and costs. Broadway Parish Council also expressed a desire to support the acquisition.

John Newbury provided the following details:

Cost £2,500 each plus VAT (require 2) - £5,000.00 + VAT (Note; if all 5 Parishes in the Worcestershire South Region share = £1,000 each with availability for 10 weeks a year). Warranty period and maintenance costs needed to be investigated further.

The signs are "matrix" in nature allowing different speeds to be "flashed", plus a brief warning text. The signs are lockable, plus pad-locks may be fitted for extra security. Signs are not solar powered (the more desirable and therefore often stolen version. Solar powered versions cost between £3000 and £4000), but powered via rechargeable batteries (2 supplied with each sign) which have an estimated 5 year life span.

The Parish Council must facilitate the erection of permanent roadside posts upon which the signs can be mounted. This would be done via the County Council. Liz Eyre believed post erection would be at no cost, but this needs to be confirmed.

Placing the flashing signs upon the erected roadside posts would need to be done via the Parish Lengthsman as the correct level of insurance is required.

The storage, movement and insurance of the signs would need to be discussed and agreed between the Parish Councils willing to fund the purchase.

It was stated during the meeting, there are no legal issues which will impact the Parish Council, so long as the permanent roadside posts are erected via the County Council.

If we wish to proceed with this "project", Childswickham Parish Council needs to liaise directly with John Newbury of Wickhamford.

PC Gail Greenhouse stated, mobile signs which are regularly moved often have a good impact as they avoid complacency (which can set in when signs are permanently sited).

Date of next PACT Meeting - Tuesday 16th June, 2009 at Broadway Parish Room

Action Clerk to write to Mr Norledge with regard to litter pick and fly tipping.

c) Planning Reports.

For Consultation

W/09/00050/CU The Rookery, Murcot Road, Childswickham. Withdrawn.

W/08/03018/CU Barnfield Cider Mill, Childswickham Road, Broadway. Cllrs to confer with Cllr Eyre and Broadway Parish Council.

Approval Notices

W/08/02656CU Barnfield Cider Mill, Childswickham Road, Broadway.

Conversion of existing commercial buildings to six holiday cottages.

W/08/02750/PN Childswickham House, Buckland Road, Childswickham. Erection of wall for flood defences.

d) Finance/Clerks Finance Support Group.

e) Roads/Pathways.

f) Training

g) Playing Fields.

Action. Clerk to ask the Lengthsman to cut back the ivy on the apple tree in the playground.

h) Lengthsman.

The council agreed to the increase of the hourly rate of the Lengthsman, the number of hours to be kept within the budget received from County.

i) Emergency Officer.

j) County Councillor. Report to follow!

k) District Councillor.

7. To Consider A Contribution to an Area Speed Camera.

It was agreed to donate £1,000.00 to a speed camera in principle providing the council is provided with maintenance costs.

8. To Consider a Bus Shelter in Blacksmiths Lane

It was agreed to pursue a bus shelter for Blacksmiths Lane. **Action** clerk to contact David Hunter and Hillbarn Saw Mills.

9. Update on Flood Meeting.

Cllr Eyre has arranged for a representative from the Environment Agency to speak to the Council, date to be arranged.

10. To Discuss the Flood Alleviation Grant Scheme.

It was agreed for Mr Halling and Mr Patrick to fill in the application form for the grant.

11. Items for Future Agenda.

Donations.

Action Clerk to inform Sally Griffiths of the Elder trees in Farmers Lane.

12. Date Of Next Meeting

26th March 2009.