

CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Childswickham Parish Council meeting held at The Memorial Hall on Thursday 29th October 2009 at 7:15 pm.

Present Cllr's Mr Halling (Chairman), Mrs Watts, Mr Bindoff and Mr Patrick.
In attendance Mrs J Shields (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr's Dr Hughes, Mr Slater, Mr Folkes (District Cllr) Mrs L Eyre (County and District Cllr) and PC G Greenhouse.

2. Declaration of Interests.

3. Minutes Of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting Held On the 1st October 2009.

The minutes were approved subject to the rewording of one item.

4. Invoices for Payment.

Lengthsman £220.00, Hayden Ebrey £168.00 and Volunteer Centre £50.00,

5. Correspondence.

Due to various commitments Childswickham is unable to send a Cllr to either the 2nd Parish Conference or the CALC AGM, The council decided to invite Mr Holloway to the January meeting,

6. Reports

a) Clerk

b) P C Greenhouse/PACT/Smartwater/Area Speed Camera.

The council agreed to the joint purchase, of an Area Speed Camera, (i.e. equally paid for) between the four Parish Councils. (Broadway, Badsey and Willersey) The latest total price for one camera is £2,625 (+ VAT) which will be one camera, two batteries and a charger. The sign will display the speed limit, and SLOW DOWN beneath it; it will be triggered by vehicles travelling in excess of that speed. Speed limits can be set at 20/30 or 40 mph. The signs work by battery.

The battery packs are estimated to last approx a week though this will depend upon set up. The purchase of two batteries is necessary to allow one to be charging whilst the other is in use. They are intelligent batteries and have no memory of storage capacity. In addition each Parish will need to erect static posts which the equipment will be attached to. The equipment will be fixed in such a way to prevent theft – but vandalism is an unavoidable risk.

The can arrange the siting of two posts, ensuring Health & Safety compliance.

Two preferred locations have been suggested:

1. on the north side of Hinton Rd between the houses and before the industrial estate - identifying vehicles travelling into the village from Mount Pleasant and
2. On the south of Broadway Rd, west of the junction with Atkinson Street to identify vehicles travelling in either direction before they approach that junction from the west or accelerating towards The Squires and Blacksmiths Lane.

There is a 12 months warranty on the equipment against all defects; they are of robust design and material that should weather without a problem.

Action. Clerk to investigate insurance as each Parish will have responsibility for the sign while in its jurisdiction - if it is damaged; and thereby it will be for that Parish to claim under the terms of its policy.

The County Council will organise training for operation and installation methods, and it was generally agreed that the best way of transferring the equipment from one Parish to the next would be via the Lengthsman.

Action: Clerk to contact the Lengthsman.

The County Council will arrange for the installation of the posts at a cost of £150.00 each was also agreed by the council.

c) Planning Reports.

For Approval

- W/09/02237/PP 23 Green Close, Childswickham. Conservatory to rear elevation. No objections.
- W/09/02470/PP 2 Evans Hill Cottage, Murcot Lane. Single Storey rear extension. No objections.

- W/09/01995/CU The Rookery, Murcot Road, Childswickham. Construction of cattle shed, agricultural store with 2 equestrian/farm livestock loose boxes. Change of use of loose boxes to mixed equestrian and agricultural use and creation of bund. No objections.

- d) Finance/Clerks Finance Support Group.
- e) Roads/Pathways.
- f) Training.
- g) Playing Fields.

The parish council would like to thank those who took part in the 'Litter Pick' £250.00 will be allocated to the playing field from the parish council.

- h) Lengthsman.
- i) Emergency Officer.
- j) County Councillor.
- k) District Councillor.

7. To Consider Sponsorship of Colin Lane Roundabout.

The council has no objections to the roundabout being sponsored along as there are no financial implications for the council.

8. Items For Future Agenda.

Setting the precept.

9. Date Of Next Meeting

26th November 2009