

CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting held at The Memorial Hall, Childswickham on Thursday 28th January 2016.

PRESENT Cllrs Ms S Lewis, Mr R Deakin, Cllr Halling (arrived item 4), Mr S Higgins and Mr J Lowe (arrived item 7).

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk), Mr J Wade, County and District Councillor Mrs E Eyre and District Cllr Mr B Thomas.

Councillor Lewis proposed, Cllr Deakin seconded and it was agreed for Cllr Higgins to chair the meeting, until Cllr Halling's arrival.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Scattergood 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.

Cllr Scott declared an ODI, as the householder, in item no 9 (b) and took no part in the discussion and decision.

- a. To consider Councillors Dispensation requests.

The council agreed for Cllr Lowe to participate and vote in item 8.

3. Minutes Of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting Held On the 29th October 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: - S Gwilliam (Lengthsman) £154.00 and Clerks expenses £44.97.

The council agreed to renew the insurance with Came and Co. £411.36.

- b) To ratify payments made in December 2015.

S Gwilliam (Lengthsman) £308.00, Post box (John Lowe) £56.94, H Ebrey £127.00, Matt Perry £500.00, M Parkinson £90.00.

- c) To Receive Financial report.

The following remittance have been received; - Lengthsman £176.00 and £132.00

- d) To Discuss the Precept for 2016/2017.

The council agreed to increase the precept by 2%, on a tax band D. to £7,390.00.

5. Correspondence.

- No councillor is able to attend the Parish Conference 2016.
- A resident had report the increase in traffic on the Hinton Road, this was reported on the Hub by the clerk and sent a copy to Cllr Eyre's, Cllr Eyre informed the council that it would be addressed after the Solar Panel Farm was completed.
- A resident had reported the condition of the Murcot Road near Willow Park, the clerk had reported it on the Hub and also sent a copy to Cllr Eyres, Cllr Eyres will contact Willow Park, Clerk to write to Mr Hemmings and the drainage will be assessed by Highways.

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- The Lengthsman had meet a parishioner regarding their concern of the footway between Childswickham and Broadway. The Lengthsman had sided out as much as he could do, the clerk had reported the following to highways
Between Atkinson Street to Half acre, the footway is lower than the road, due to the camber on the road and lack of drainage, all the water collects on the footway, and becomes a muddy slippery surface. The footway itself is not very wide and the verge edge is crumbling, the Lengthsman has sided out the best he can. The footway does not allow for a buggy and child to walk together nor a wheelchair. Many parishioners would like to walk to Broadway from Childswickham but are unable to because of its condition. The footway needs to be raised and widened.
- Cllr Eyre to speak to Broadway Council regarding their stretch of footway.
- Mr H Ebry had informed the council he was retiring as form the end of this month. Clerk to advertise the grass cutting contract in the Journal and locally, with interested to contact the clerk by the 10th March, the clerk will prepare a draft tender to circulate to the council, tender documents will be sent out and the item will be discussed at the March meeting.
- Wychavon had informed the council it could Co opt a councillor, item for next agenda.
- Clerk to write to Mr Sims as per the minutes of the October meeting.
- Clerk to inform Worcester County Council of an encroachment on the public footpath between Childswickham and the Evesham Road.
- A request had been made to explore the purchase of the BT box in New Street.

6. To Elect a Vice Chairman.

Cllr Higgins proposed and Cllr Lewis seconded and it was agreed by all to elect Cllr Lowe as Vice Chairman.

7. To Discuss Who Will Be Writing An Article For The Village Magazine.

The council agreed for Cllr Lewis to write a monthly article for the parish magazine, it will include a summary of the decisions of the meeting, the article will be E mailed to all councillors before being sent to the magazine, three positive responses will be required. Clerk to contact the editor.

8. To Consider Renovation Of Stone Bridge Over The Bunches Brook, Childswickham.

The council agreed in principle that the bridge was of historic importance to the village and should be repaired, three quotes had been obtained of which a price of £3,000.00 was agreed. However the council agreed, that although Cllr Eyre's could provide £500.00, should the rest of the funding come from the council! Grants will be looked into for the next meeting.

9. Planning.

- a. For Consideration.

Circulated via e mail.

W/16/00081/PP. 10 Broadway Road, Childswickham, Broadway.

The council has no reason to object.

- b. To Ratify Planning decisions made between meetings.

W/15/03144/PP Mill Cottage, The Cross, Childswickham. Replacement gates retrospective).

The council has no reason to object.

- c. Decided by Wychavon.

Approved by Wychavon.

W/15/02376/PP - The Old Mill, The Cross, Childswickham.

W/15/02717 Mount Farm, Mount Pleasant, Childswickham,

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W/15/02464/PP - Mill Cottage, The Cross, Childswickham,

W/15/02421/LB - The Finches, Atkinson Street, Childswickham,

W/15/02420/PP - The Finches, Atkinson Street, Childswickham.

W/15/02726/PN - Bungalow Farm, Murcot Road, Childswickham, Broadway,

W/15/02725/AC - Bungalow Farm, Murcot Road, Childswickham

Going to Appeal

W/15/02085/OU - Windward House, Murcot Turn, Broadway.

10. Reports.

a) Clerk.

Previously circulated

b) County Councillor.

Previously circulated

c) District Councillor.

d) Police Report.

Circulated.

e) Footpath Warden.

As Cllr Higgins works full time and is unable to attend the training, supplied by the county council, the council agreed for him to be footpath advisor.

f) The Councils Visions and Goals For This Four Year Term Of Office.

The council agreed to the E mailed proposal for 'invitation of idea' for the Village news.

g) Britain In Bloom.

Ongoing.

11. Councillors Reports and Items For Future Agenda.

Contractor policy.

12. Date of Next Meeting.

Thursday 25th February 2016

Cllrs Deakin and Lewis gave their apologies.