

# CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting held at The Memorial Hall, Childswickham on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

PRESENT Cllr's Ms S Lewis, Mrs J Scattergood, Mr R Deakin, Cllr Halling (arrived item 8) and Mr J Lowe (Chairman).

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

David Manning, the Wychavon Rural Communities Programme Manager.

The South Worcestershire Rural Communities Programme (RCP) forms phase two of the Opportunity Vale of Evesham Project and has the following four aims:

- To support vulnerable individuals and communities in rural Wychavon including older people and the socially isolated.
- To implement a model for strong rural communities by developing existing networks and establishing community champions.
- To focus on building community capacity, thereby enabling professionals to refer into community groups.
- To maximise uptake and impact of existing public, voluntary and community services in rural areas whilst not increasing reliance on them.

The RCP is using the best practice and learning from the Opportunity Vale of Evesham project and will roll this out across other rural communities in Wychavon. As time and funding are limited for the RCP the programme will focus on those communities in highest need initially.

<http://www.wychavon.gov.uk/rural-communities-programme>

## **1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mr S Higgins, District Cllr Mr B Thomas and PCSO P Schoenrock.

## **2. To Co Opt a Councillor On To The Council.**

The council agreed to co opt Mr Jon Wade onto the council. Mr Wade signed the declaration of office.

## **3. Declaration of Interests.**

Councillors were reminded to update their registers of interest and to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and their nature.

- a. To consider Councillors Dispensation requests.

The council agreed to the dispensation request from Cllr Wade to discuss and decide the precept until the end of his term.

## **4. Minutes Of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting Held On the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.**

The minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated, agreed as a true record and signed.

## **5. Finance.**

- a) To consider invoices for payment.

The Council agreed the following items for payment

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M Parkinson	Moving of VAS	£90.00
S Gwilliam	Lengthsman (March)	£176.00
M Newbury	Playing Field (Two cuts)	£300.00
R Hawkins	Grass Cutting (Two cuts)	£110.00

b) To Receive Financial report.

The following remittance have been received;

HMCR	VAT reclaim	£66.19
WCC	Lengthsman (March)	£121.84
Wychavon	Precept	£3,696.00

The accounts were presented to the council.

### 6. Correspondence.

- Circulated to all councillors.
- Renovation of the stone bridge over bridge of Bunches Brook.  
The council has received two letter regarding the bridge, one anonymous, and would like to clarify the situation.

Who is responsible for Brook Street, the public footpath alongside the brook, from Farmers Lane to the Buckland Road has been discussed many times, the footpath itself comes under the control of highways and the green area the parish council. The bridge does not belong to anyone, it is on highways/parish council land, it is aprox 150 years old and the last remaining bridge over the brook.

The bridge is unstable, if part of it falls into the brook at a time of heavy rainfall, it could cause flooding, the council would either remove it or repair it, as the county would not have the funds to do this work, the council therefore decided, in principle, at the meeting held on the 28th January to fund part of the repair, if part could be raised elsewhere. At the meeting held in February as half the cost had been meet, it was agreed to fund £1,500.00 of the repair.

The bridge and green area of Brook Street has been used by generations of families, along with the repair of the bridge the council has bought a bench, to be installed and has agreed to replace some of the felled trees and plant wild flowers.

- All concerns regarding issues should be sent to the appropriate departments, as they are not within the remit of the parish council.  
Planning issues, use of front gardens - Wychavon Planning Department.  
Fly Tipping – Wychavon District Council.  
Noise etc - Worcestershire regulatory services.  
Overgrown footways – Worcestershire county council, Highways.
- Cllr Scattergood will draft a 'working practices document' to be circulated.
- Cllr Deakin agreed to be Community Champion.

### 7. To Approve The Parish Council Account 2015/2016.

The accounts were approved by the council ready for the internal audit.

### 8. Planning.

- a. For Consideration.  
W/16/00951/GPDE 16 Broadway Road, Childswickham, Broadway.
- b. To Ratify Planning Decisions Made Between Meetings.
- c. Decided by Wychavon.
- d. Update on Planning Enforcement.  
Worcs. CC are pursuing the moving of the wall in Atkinson Street.

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## 9. Reports.

### a) Clerk.

The organisers of the Queens 90th Birthday had been contacted and the council is awaiting a list of items for payment.

Roof top had been contacted again regarding Blacksmiths Road.

Lengthsman, the relevant paperwork has been completed and returned to Wychavon and sent out to Mr S Gwilliam.

### b) County Councillor.

Cllr Eyre's gave a report.

### c) District Councillor.

Circulated.

### d) Police Report.

Circulated.

### e) Footpath Advisor.

No report.

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

Clerk to remind Cllr Higgins.

### g) Britain In Bloom.

### h) Preferred Contractors Database.

Clerk to E mail categories.

### i) Parish Magazine.

Anonymous letters cannot be replied to!

### j) Environment Agency.

Clerk had received the relevant information and has passed on to all councillors and E mailed to The Village News.

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

The council needs to be aware of the 'Railway Planning Application' and Seven Trent Water.

## 11. Date of Next Meeting.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllr Scattergood.