

# CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Childswickham Parish Council Meeting held at The Memorial Hall, Childswickham on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

PRESENT Cllr's Ms S Lewis, Mr A Halling (Chairman after item 3), Mr S Higgins, Mr G Sanders, Mr J Lowe (Chairman Items 1- 3) and Mr J Wade.

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

## 1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mr R Deakin and Cllrs Mrs E Eyre (County and District).

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

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	Spraying Course	£80.00
S Gwilliam	Lengthsman Nov	£176.00
S Gwilliam	Lengthsman Dec.	£176.00
M Parkinson	VAS	£90.00

b) Financial Report.

Has been circulated.

The following remittance has been received;-

WCC Lengthsman £132.00

c) Bank signatories

Cllr's Lewis, Deakin and Wade are now signatories along with Cllrs Halling and Lowe.

## 5. Correspondence.

Previously circulated.

## 6. To Consider the Precept for 2016/2017.

The council agreed to the proposed precept of £7,550.00, which will incur a 2% increase, 39p to a Tax band D.

## 7. To Discuss the New Swings.

Clerk to invite companies to quote for new equipment, Cllr's Halling and Sanders will meet the representatives.

## 8. To Discuss Communications between Councillors.

Can councillors please ensure that they respond to e mails circulated by the clerk and other councillors (copied to all) within a reasonable time?

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## 9. Planning.

a. For Consideration.

- I. AB/16/02971/AB - Great Collin Farm, Collin Lane, Broadway, WR12 7PB. Not in Childswickham.
- II. W/16/02730/PP – The Refuge farmers Lane, Childswickham. The council has no planning reason to object to the application.

b. Decided by Wychavon.

None.

## 10. Reports and Updates.

a) Clerk

Previously circulated.

b) County Councillor. (Previously circulated.)

- Severn Trent drain Cover.

Cllr Eyre has been working with Severn Trent to resolve the drainage problems in Childswickham, understanding the problems is closer and there seems to be three main causes.

- Badsey Brood Scheme

Progressing well and subject to funding agreements should be completed by this summer.

- New Homes Bonus.

The reduction in the number of years for which New Homes Bonus payments are made will affect the final years of parish/town New Homes Bonus allocations.

c) District Councillor.

- The sharing of officers between Wychavon and Malvern Hills is a success and is being used as a model for other councils, in fiscal efficiency.
- According to the Halifax building Society Wychavon is named the third best place to live in the UK. Second was the Orkney Islands in Scotland and the best place to live in the UK is Winchester in Hampshire. The study took into account life expectancy, health, employment, education, crime rate, broadband access, population densities and the weather to determine quality of life.
- Review of planning enforcement has taken place.

d) Police Report.

Previously circulated.

e) Playing Field.

Registration.

Clerk to find out from the solicitor the position to date.

f) Broadway Bund.

The New Homes Bonus Application for £7,000.00 has been approved by Wychavon.

g) Transparency Code Grant – Wi. Fi.

Cllr Wade to supply up to date figures for line rental and broadband, clerk to write to Mr Simms stating the council would pay for the installation cost of the phone line and 50% of the ongoing line rental. Also it needs to be established in whose name the phone line would be in.

h) Phone Box.

To date the council has had only two residents volunteer, Mr Paul Brazier and Mr Mike Machnicki.

Cllr Wade volunteered to replace the faulty bulb.

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i) White Gates.

Clerk to contact highways.

j) Footpaths.

The bridge over the brook, a resident and a dog had fallen in the brook, this is not within the remit of the parish council. This needs to be reported to either the Worcestershire County Council or the land owner.

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

The council is concerned re light pollution, removal of trees and hedge rows at Leadon's Park- Cllr Thomas to investigate.

Worcestershire's Next Local Transport Plan (LTP4)

### **12. Date of Next Meeting.**

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017.

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