

CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Childswickham Annual Parish Council Meeting held at The Memorial Hall, Childswickham on Thursday 2nd March 2017.

PRESENT Cllr's Ms S Lewis, Mr R Deakin, Mr A Halling (Chairman), Mr S Higgins, Mr J Lowe and Mr G Sanders.
IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk), Joan Barnet, Sue Stephenson and Cllrs Mrs E Eyre (County and District).

Chairman's report.

In May the council started with seven members Sarah Lewis, Ralph Deakin, Scott Higgins, John Lowe and Jon Wade, due to work commitments Julie Scattergood resigned and was replaced by co-option with Geoff Saunders.

The council agreed to move its meeting to the beginning of the month and to alternate months. The council apart from an article in the parish magazine has increased its availability by having a social media presence.

Dog fouling and speeding continues to be a problem for our parish, Cllr Wade prepared a strategy to help reduce speed which is currently being viewed by WCC Highways. Cllr Eyre has donated some of her divisional fund to provide white gates for some of the village entry points. Any changes to the A46 will not take place for several years.

During the year it was discovered that the playing fields actually belong to the parish and not a trust, the council agreed for it to be registered as such with the Land Registry, this is ongoing.

The council bought the de-commissioned phone box in New Street and is currently exploring its uses, Mr and Mrs Brazier and Mr Mike Machnicki have volunteered to progress this.

The railway car park is being closely monitored as it could have an impact on the village, the Severn Trent Survey of the village Sewers is well advanced.

The council agreed to continue with the Lengthsman scheme. The council increased the precept by 2%, on a tax band D. to £7,550.00. The council has agreed to donate monies from the New Homes Bonus and its own funds towards the Bund, which at long last has been started.

Mrs Douch, a previous resident of the village, has very kindly donated £5,000.00 to the village, the council decided in agreement with Mrs Douch to buy new swings and a picnic bench for the playing field.

Due to apathy from parishioners the 'Britain in Bloom' idea has been shelved, The management of the Defibrillator has been taken over by Mr Jon Wade, the Council would like to thank Alan Parker, for the work carried out in funding and maintaining the def. to date.

1. Election Of Chairman.

Cllr Lowe proposed, Cllr Saunders seconded and it was agreed to elect Cllr Halling as Chairman.

2. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mr J Wade and Mr B Thomas (District).

The meeting was adjourned.

Mrs Stephenson is concerned at the

- *Speed of vehicles entering and leaving the village.*
- *Vehicles not stopping at the Pennylands Bank Junction.*

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- *Is it possible to have the mobile post office?*
Mrs Barnet is concerned about the loss of the bus service.

The meeting recommenced.

3. Election of Vice Chairman.

Cllr Halling proposed, Cllr Higgins seconded and it was agreed to elect Cllr Lowe as Vice Chairman.

4. Declaration of Interests.

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

5. Minutes Of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting Held On the 2nd March 2017.

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

6. To Review The Councils Standing Order, Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment And Insurance Requirements.

The council agreed there was no need for any updates.

7. To Appoint Members To The Following.

- a) Staffing group Cllr's S Lewis and Mr J Lowe.
- b) Planning Working Party Cllr's Ms S Lewis, Mr Saunders, Mr Higgins, Mr Wade, Mr J Lowe and Mr A Halling.
- c) Clerks Finance Support Group Cllr J Wade.

8. To Appoint Individual Officers To The Following Roles.

- a) Worcestershire Parish Councils Association. Cllr Deakin.
- b) Emergency Officer. Cllr Halling
- c) Press Officer. Cllr Lewis

9. Finance.

- a) To Consider Invoices for Payment.

The Council agreed the following items for payment;-

Payment

S Gwilliam	Lengthsman	£220.00
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M Parkinson	VAS	£90.00
W CALC		£447.04
Proludic	Swing/bench	£5,999.99

- b) Financial Report.

Had been circulated.

The following remittance has been received;-

WCC	Lengthsman	£132.00
WCC	White Gates	£678.57
WDC	Precept and grant	£3776.00

10. Correspondence.

Previously circulated.

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- a. Answer and actions to the points raised in the public session.
 - Speed of vehicles entering and leaving the village.
The council has the VAS, a document prepared by Cllr John Wade has been sent to Highways. The council is pursuing the purchase of white gates to the village entry points.
 - Vehicles not stopping at the Pennylands Bank Junction.
Cllr Eyre will ask Highways for a stop sign at the junction and for the white lines to be repainted.
 - Is it possible to have the mobile post office?
Clerk to contact the Post office.
 - Mrs Barnet is concerned about the loss of the bus service.
Cllr is part of the Wychavon rural panel which is looking at buses, which are not viable to run by private companies due to the concessionary fare system. The ability of rural communities to have social mobility is important and the panel is looking at models from elsewhere in the county.
- b. The satisfaction survey from Proludic will be completed and returned by the clerk.
- c. The address for the Land Registry of the playing field will be The Memorial Hall.
- d. New Equipment on the playing field.
The hole underneath the matting will be filled in during the winter by Cllr Halling Cllrs Lowe and Halling to look into securing the bench.
Cllr Lewis to source and acquire quotes for a plaque, to be worded by Cllr Saunders, to go on the bench stating donation from Mrs Douch. Clerk to find out Mrs Douch maiden name.

11. To Approve The Governance Statement For 2016/2017.

The council agreed the Governance Statement and the chairman signed the form.

12. To Approve The Account For 2016/2017.

The council agreed the Accounts Statement and the chairman signed the form.

13. To Consider the Purchase of White Gates for the Parish.

The council agreed on the five bar gate style, Cllrs Higgins and Halling will measure and plot on GPS the exact place, Cllr Lowe to ask the Lengthsman regarding siting, Clerk to contact the supplies to find out the exact fixing requirement and to check the legal requirements for the fitting.

Sites to be sent to Highways for underground cable checks.

14. Planning.

- a. For Consideration.
 - i. 17/00752/HP Whitechapel Farm, Evesham Road, Broadway. The council has no planning reason to object.
 - ii. 17/00582/FUL Land Adj, 21 New Street, Childswickham. The parish council has no planning reason to object to the proposal, it does have some reservations regarding access however I am sure these will be addressed by Worcestershire CC Highways. The council would like to see the railings retained in a different position.
 - iii. 17/00753/LB Whitechapel Farm, Evesham Road, Broadway.
The council has no planning reason to object.
- b. To Ratify The Comments For Applications and Appeals Submitted Since The Last Meeting.
 - i. 17/00328/FUL Seven Acres, Broadway Road, Childswickham. The council has no planning reason to object.
 - ii. 17/00497/FUL Mount Pleasant Farm, Hinton Road, Childswickham, The council has no planning reason to object.
- c. Decided by Wychavon.

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Approved.

17/00328/FUL Seven Acres, Broadway Road, Childswickham.

15. Reports.

- a) Clerk.
- b) **County Councillor.**

Cllr Eyre thanked the parish for re-electing her.

Parking in Atkinson Street is a problem. There was a discussion initially several actions are to be taken locally rather than involve the heavy hand of the County Council and the Police. Severn Trent – upgrading to take place Cllr Eyre asked for this to be standing item on the agenda. Cllr to find out when the road to the church will be surfaced. Work is on-going re the speeding issues in and approaching the village. Broadband is being rectified but won't be for a week or so. Cllr taking forward request for mobile post office. Cllr is working on bus services in her role in Wychavon and the County she asked this is a standing item on the agenda She has been informed the flood relief scheme in Broadway has started.

Circulated.

- c) District Councillor.

Circulated.

- d) Police Report.

Circulated.

- e) Broadway Bund.

The bund has been started

The chairman thanked Cllr Eyre and Broadway council for their efforts.

- f) Transparency Code Grant.

On going.

- g) Phone Box.

Clerk to contact Mr and Mrs Brazier and ask them what ideas they have for the phone box.

16. Councillors Reports and Items For Future Agenda.

Clerk to report the footpath being used by horses, potholes in Blacksmiths Lane and the bridge by bridge cottage to the Countryside Warden.

Community Bus,

17. Date of Next Meeting.

Thursday 6th July 2017.