

CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Childswickham Parish Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall, Childswickham on Thursday 9th January 2020 at 7.15.

PRESENT Cllr's Ms S Lewis, Mrs L Palmer, Mr R Deakin, Mr A Halling (Chairman), Mr T Ramsbottom and Mr J Wade.
IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk, Mrs E Eyre (County and District) and Cllr N Robinson,(District).

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mr A Parker.

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 7th November 2019.

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

4. Finance.

a) To Consider Invoices for Payment.

The Council agreed the following items for payment:-

000759	B Arrowsmith	Lengthsman (Oct, Nov, Dec)	£480.00
000760	PKF	Audit	£240.00
000761	M Parkinson	Speed sign	£117.60
000762	Came and Co	Insurance	£352.85

b) Financial Report.

Report had been circulated and Cllr Wade signed the bank statement.

The following remittance had been received:-

WCC	Lengthsman	£156.00
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c) Parish Council Insurance.

The council agreed the insurance, no changes are needed.

d) WIFI in the Memorial Hall.

The council agreed to pay the cost of the WIFI for a further two years.

Action. Clerk to inform the hall.

5. Correspondence.

All correspondence has been circulated via E mail.

Breach of planning conditions have been reported to Wychavon.

6. To Discuss The Precept For 2020/2021.

The council agreed a precept of £8,200.00, this will mean an increase to an average Tax band D household of 1.05%.

7. To Consider Adopting the Revised Members Code of Conduct.

The council agreed to adopt the revised code of conduct.

8. To Discuss Grass Cutting for 2020-2021.

The council agreed that as the present contractors carried out an excellent job and it was value for money, there was no need to go out to tender.

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9. Planning.

a. For Consideration.

19/02652/FUL - The Old Mill The Cross Childswickham WR12 7HJ. The council agree to object as it was in the Conservation Area, on a flood plain, access and not in keeping with the area.

b. To Ratify The Comments For Applications and Appeals Submitted Since The Last Meeting.

- i. 19/02399/FUL Murcot Turn Business Park Murcot Turn Broadway. The parish council has no planning reason to object to the application.
- ii. 19/02445/LB Wyck Cottage Atkinson Street Childswickham Broadway WR12 7HF. The parish council has no planning reason to object to the application.
- iii. 19/02588/HP Meadow Corner Broadway Road Childswickham Broadway WR12 7HD. The council has no planning reason to object to the planning application. However it does object to the water "run off" going into Chapel Lane, the village has enough problems with water "run off" and flooding without an extra source. The council also has concerns regarding the noise generated from the horse walker, to immediate neighbours.

c. Decided by Wychavon.

Approved by Wychavon

19/02445/LB Wyck Cottage Atkinson Street Childswickham Broadway WR12 7HF

19/02399/FUL - Murcot Turn Business Park Murcot Turn Broadway

19/01652/FUL - Furrow View Murcot Road Childswickham Broadway WR12 7HR

10. Reports.

a. Clerk. (Report circulated).

The dog bin has been moved.

b. County Councillor.

Appended.

c. District Councillor.

C K Tinsley only works part time and PCSO I Sessargo has moved to another area.

There is a crime prevention session being held at the Lygon Arms in Broadway from 5-8pm on the 30th January.

Cllr Robinson is attending a meeting at Rooftop to discuss anti-social behaviour of some of their tenants.

d. To Discuss the Water Outlet and Broadway Park.

See Cllr Eyre Report.

11. Councillors Reports and Items For Future Agenda.

Purchase of a speed sign.

Action – Cllr Wade to pursue.

12. Date Of The Next Meeting.

Thursday 5th March 2020

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CHILDSWICKHAM County and District Report – January 2020 Cllr Elizabeth Eyre

COUNTY /DISTRICT ISSUES

The provisional local government finance settlement will see councils across England receive a share of £49.1 billion in government funding for 2020/21, including an extra £1 billion for social care.

Budget 2020 – the provisional local government finance settlement for 2020/21 holds few surprises as it is based on the Government’s technical consultation published in October 2019. The settlement for 2020/21 is effectively a one year extension to the previous four year settlement 2016/17 to 2019/20.

We are still none the wiser regarding the Fair Funding review and reforms to Business Rates retention which will need to be finalised before the settlement for 2021/22.

Wychavon,

The Council Tax referendum principles for district councils will be 2 per cent or £5, whichever is the higher. The 2020/21 revenue position is approximately £42,000 better off than that reported to the November Executive Board due to:

changes to the assumed business rates baseline

changes to the Rural Services Delivery Grant which continues in 2020/21 (£55,000 for WDC)

New Homes Bonus (including the affordable housing premium) for Year 10 will be £1.5m and total payments (including legacy payments) in 2020/21 will be £4.7m. Warnings about the future of New Homes Bonus continue. There are no legacy payments accompanying the Year 10 New Homes Bonus, as we know. The Government has said that it wants to move to a more targeted approach which is aligned with other measures around planning performance. Whether there is a phasing out of legacy payments naturally or a complete cut-off at the end of 2020/21 will be an important issue to keep an eye on over the coming months. The Government will consult on the replacement for New Homes Bonus in the Spring.

Worcestershire

This year’s County Council’s budget, announced on the 20th December, reflects the extra income flowing in to the County due to additional housing and Worcestershire’s robust economy. How it is spent reflects the views of resident’s views expressed at the many is years’ County road shows.

Resident’s priorities are highways - increased money for roads, footways, bus subsidies and to reduce the all-important issue of congestion. A million pounds will be directed to assist flood mitigation, a current topical issue.

The Budget also allocates funds to upgrade street lighting to assist in reducing our energy needs. This and our bold 100,000 tree planting programme, involving communities and schools, outlined in the papers will help mitigate the impact of the climate change, a matter of deep concern to the public. Hopefully our tree planting programme will encourage others to follow suit with their own tree planting programmes.

Funds are rightly allocated to assist the most vulnerable in our society this does mean an extra a £1 a week on Band D properties but still Worcestershire remains one of the lowest Council Tax in the Country. Nowadays 81% of our budget now comes from the council tax payers of Worcestershire. This makes it much easier to prioritise funds to reflects our ambition for Worcestershire and our people as identified by the people at our road shows.

The public have been clear, the priorities and challenges are clear – children’s and adult social care. In Adult Social Care, we are encouraged that after the Queen’s speech a long-term funding social care solution is being sought. We have great demand pressures in this area. For the first time this year costs

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are out pacing the older people's budget. Our demographics are changing, as laid out on page 26 of the Cabinet papers, where we identify how we will deal with them.

Finally post the success of our Parkway, to open this month, 300k is allocated to a task force to assist with a minor rail revolution through the dualling of two sections of the Cotswold line will make an additional step change.

Passenger Transport Strategy, behind the £30 million budget, will result in a slight bus subsidy increase off 200k.

We have 21 libraries, and offer digital services, our strategy is that no libraries should close, digital services should increase, and community use is to be encouraged with the help of County Council partners. The Cabinet papers celebrated the number of volunteers that support this service. It would be good for residents to get behind the volunteers and take advantage even more of our library offers. Libraries are just one way of supporting mental health and our 'Active Minds' work

Local issues

Planning:

- Application 19/02652/FUL - The Old Mill, The Cross, WR12 7HJ I have asked the officer should she be minded to approve to call in to committee and for a site visit.
- No1 New Street – P clerk contacted Planning, Tree officer and planning enforcement, 2/1 awaiting a response.
- No1 – request to vary condition to increase mass by adding a garden room

Footway repairs for 2020

- I have suggested the cutting back of hedges and tree along Broadway Road from No4 going toward the last of the back fences on the houses in Green Close to widen this area.
- There is a January closure for a small piece of footway, near the exit to the GWR carpark, the asset is collapsing at the back and needs repairing. Unfortunately, Pennylands bank is not suitable for large HGV's so the official diversion route is via Hinton Cross, locals in cars will probably use Pennylands Bank, and unfortunately you cannot have one route for one type of vehicle and another for another.
- However, most of the footway route from Pennybank's Lane to The Inn is in good condition (where it has been reconstructed more recently). Other parts would benefit from siding out and some minor civils works are needed in others to alleviate danger to pedestrians. (requires advisories and forwarding onto the relevant teams)

Leedons

visit 23rd December with Martyn Cross Wychavon the drainage engineer and Ashton Hall (Leedons) Work is carrying on in the designated red line area, not the field to the side of the church/not on the other side of the brook. The top soil has been stripped but will be reused. A wild flower meadow has been planted on the lower field and the company has a David Bellamy award for this. The bases of the mobile homes may add more concrete but the run off is slowed down and channeled. The drainage is oversized pipes for capacity which lead to into smaller pipes thus holding back the water, mimicking greenfield run off. The headwall on the brook will be replaced so nothing new will be added. (The brown pipes are sewer connections to each home) As the brook is main river this has EA approval – and WDC is content. The area will be reinstated with new oak and other indigenous trees and revitalized hedges by Easter. Note the hedges and dead ivy-covered trees were removed under license. We found one culvert adjacent to the Right of Way which will require a 450mm pipe and WDC consent.

Flailing hedgerows

a PowerPoint presentation that covers verge maintenance and would help explain the complexities. Both Childswickham and Broadway are waiting for a visit from Robert Deri. Again, for information the County does not manage verges for aesthetic reasons only Health and Safety reasons, "The cost in man power and disposal would always outweigh the benefit of removal." Questions for Robert are around the contractor, the equipment, and the payment structure?

Fish Hill

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area still, 4 1/2 months later, looks very damaged so the impact for residents and visitors is not short term. (more work where a death occurred will be discussed)

Robert is talking further with Cllr Miller to do things differently but substantial cost – we would like to know what this means.

Sewer upgrade Capital project – No further update.

Speeding /HGVs

- Working with Geoff Sanders, awaiting response to low cost solution.
- Lines requested along the road from Broadway to Hinton Cross crossroads and by the Inn and Brasserie pub and at Pennylands Bank
- White roundels request – KH – agrees on the road through and approaching village – this is outstanding?
- Speed data 2018 - summary:
 - Towards Broadway - Mean 32.6mph, 85th 38.1mph.
 - Towards Hinton on the Green - Mean 33.7mph, 85th 39.8mph.
- Vehicle volumes in both directions averaged out at 2336 vehicles a day with the most vehicles 220/230 an hour between 1600/1700. The Safer Roads Partnership (SRP) are not actively progressing any enforcement in the area currently. The Parish Council would need to contact the SRP to discuss this.
- Requested data from the Parish re their activated signs
- Get Safe Campaign – requesting the PC to assist communicate this initiative