

## **CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA**

Minutes of the Childswickham Parish Council (CPC) Meeting held at The Memorial Hall on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 7:15 pm.

Present                    Cllr's Mr Halling (Chairman), Mrs Watts, Mr Bindoff and Mr Patrick.  
In attendance        Mrs J Shields (Clerk) and, Mr Folkes (District Cllr).

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr's Dr Hughes, Mr Slater and PC Greenhouse.

**2. Declaration of Interests.**

Cllr Halling item 6cii

**3. Minutes Of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting Held On the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009.**

Minutes were approved and signed.

**4. Invoices for Payment.**

Lengthsman November and December £264.00, January £132.00, Clerks Expenses £49.10, Zurich Insurance £730.78.

Due to the clerk filing PAYE on line, CPC has received a refund of £175.00.

Remittance – Highways Lengthsman £264.00.

**5. Correspondence.**

The CPC had received two letters from 'The Evergreen's' expressing their concern regarding the Childswickham bus service and the other asking for a donation to their group.

*Action:* Clerk to reply regarding the first item (Childswickham Bus service) that it was aware of the review which is on going (see item 10), that the County Councillor was also engaged in this matter and to write back to enquire about the extent of bus usage by the The Evergreen's.

The second matter will go for consideration at the next meeting when the annual budget is on the agenda.

**6. Reports**

**a) Clerk**

**b) P C Greenhouse/PACT/Smartwater/Area Speed Camera.**

The PACT group are waiting for Badsey Parish Council to decide if they want to participate in the joint purchase of a speed camera, the sites for the Childswickham are to be surveyed by the County Council early in March. Next PACT meeting is on the 4<sup>th</sup> March.

**c) Planning Reports.**

Planning Approval

- (i) W/09/02825/HET. Meadow Corner, Broadway Road, Childswickham. Renewal of planning permission for two storey side extension.
- (ii) W/09/02575/LB Whitechapel Farm, Evesham Road, Broadway. Replacement windows.
- (iii) W/09/02237/PP 23 Green Close, Childswickham. Conservatory to the rear.
- (iv) W/09/02470/PP 2 Evans Cottage, Murcot Lane, Broadway. Single storey rear extension.
- (v) W/09/02501/PP 8 Atkinson Street, Childswickham. New 2 storey timber framed and timber cladded garage.

For Consideration

- (i) W/09/02825/HET. Meadow Corner, Broadway Road, Childswickham. Renewal of planning permission for two storey side extension. No objections.
- (ii) w/09/02895/PP 21 New Street, Childswickham. Single story extension to rear and garden room. General Observation Comment: Reservations about the scale of the alterations to the external building which was formerly a piggery and the change of character within the villages Conservation Area. This may affect the amenity of the immediate neighbouring dwellings that are in close proximity. NB the property can be seen from a public place - the Frank Lambley Playing Fields

**d) Finance/Clerks Finance Support Group.**

**e) Roads/Pathways.**

Clerk to report the condition of the footway in Broadway Road, between Half Acre and Barnfield again.

**f) Training.**

Cllr Watts and Patrick will be attending training session in March.

**g) Playing Fields.**

Cllr Patrick had attended a course on the inspection of playground equipment; he is still pursuing the enhancement of the area. A new bin has been supplied by CPC and the old ones removed by Cllr Halling.

**h) Lengthsman.**

**i) Emergency Officer.**

**j) County Councillor.**

**k) District Councillor.**

Wychavon has the lowest increase in the country for council tax at 1.9%

**7. To Discuss the Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy: Emerging Preferred Options Consultation.**

Cllr Patrick had considered the document and advised that no comment was relevant at this time.

**8. To Discuss Gritting.**

Clerk to contact Highways again for the grit binds to be filled and to ask again if Murcot Bank could be added to the gritting route.

**9. To Discuss becoming a NSPCC Campaign Member.**

The council agreed for the clerk to support and to display literature.

**10. To Discuss Bus Use in Childswickham.**

Mr Chris Holloway (Worcestershire Transport officer) had been invited to speak to the CPC regarding school transport, but as CPC was not quorate the meeting did not take place, however, Mr Holloway explained the funding for school transport in Worcestershire and that any one out of catchment or over 16 could use the buses, on a fee paying basis, at the discretion of the county council. WCC is currently subsidising this by approximately 2/3 rd of the actual cost.

Central Government Education Policy is out of line with Central Government Transport Policy i.e. the government is encouraging the 16 – 18 yr olds to stay in education but free transport is only provided up to 16yrs. Post 16yrs transport is only a discretionary responsibility for County Council's, and as there is no additional funding for this, County Authorities have to use their funding more efficiently to be able to provide it, as does Worcestershire CC choose to. WCC is looking at ways to improve its public transport system at the same time as reducing its budget. Evesham Area Review is being carried to start in September 2010, school transport has not been looked at comprehensively for 20 years. Whilst Prince Henrys and Evesham High would like their school hours changed to suit the pressures on the curriculum there are difficulties because the bus time tables would have to be changed to accommodate this.

Mr Holloway also warned the CPC that the 559 through the village is under review at the moment and unless this route is used more then it may be cut.

CPC expressed its concern regarding this service, as it has campaigned in the past to keep the route and will continue to do so. The route, however, if the bus is not used enough it will not be viable for the County Council to subsidise it. But if Childswickham residents want to retain the service they need to use it!

Action Clerk to E Mail Broadway Clerk as Broadway Park, where there is demand for a bus service, is within Broadway parish.

**11. Flood Update.**

Clerk to ask the Environment Agency via Cllr Eyres for an update.

**12. Items For Future Agenda**

Parish Council Vacancy.

**13. Date Of Next Meeting**

March 25<sup>th</sup>.