

# CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15pm.

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

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

Cllr's Dr Hughes, Mr Bindoff, Mr Folkes (District Cllr) and PC Greenhouse.

## **2. Minutes Of Annual Parish Meeting Held 28<sup>th</sup> May 2009.**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

## **3. Chairman's Report.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone, in the past 12 months the business of the Parish Council has been routine and there have been no major issues. The Parish Council is increasingly concerned that the benefit local knowledge it has over the District or County Councils appears to be going unheard – particularly with regard to the planning department at Wychavon.

The Parish Council has been waiting on progress with Flooding issues, as well as the joint purchase of a Vehicle Activated Speed sign which is seen as very important for the Hinton and Broadway Roads, and a bus shelter for school children but is often at the behest of other agencies and higher authorities in getting things done. This can be very frustrating for Parish Councillors.

Mr C Holloway (Transport) and Nigel Potter (Housing Plan surveys) have attended meetings and given talks on their subjects. The threat of Childswickham losing its bus service still hangs in the balance, and whilst the Parish Council has done everything within its power to retain a service, its continuation will be determined by its level of use.

The Parish Council is still one member short after the resignation of Mr Brazier (due to work commitments), although he still represents the Parish Council at PACT. The remaining councillors are concerned that unless villagers are prepared to come forward, the Parish Council's existence could be threatened and Childswickham may become absorbed by Broadway which has a much higher Council Tax banding as there is a higher level of services.

## **4. Planning Report.**

In the past year there have been 14 planning applications mainly small extensions and agricultural conversions.

## **5. Finance Report.**

The Parish Council is staying within budget for 2010/11 which includes provision for the VAS, a new bus shelter and some expenditure on the playing field and emergency kit but will be doing its utmost to keep costs down, while maintaining the same level of service.

## **6. District Councillors Report.**

No report.

## **7. County Councillor Report.**

No report.

## **8. Police Report.**

PC Greenhouse is carrying out speed and HGV monitoring with the parish as requested through the Parish Council and PACT feedback.

## **9. Questions from the Floor.**

### **Annual Parish Council Meeting**

#### **1. Election of Chairman.**

Cllr Patrick proposed, Cllr Watts seconded and it was agreed to appoint Cllr Halling.

#### **2. Election Of Vice Chairman.**

Cllr Slater proposed, Cllr Halling seconded and it was agreed to appoint Cllr Patrick.

#### **3. Apologies for Absence.**

As above.

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## 4. Declaration of Interests.

No declarations were received.

## 5. Minutes Of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting Held On 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

## 6. To Appoint Members To The Following.

- a) Staffing Committee: Cllr's Watts, Bindoff and Patrick.
- b) Planning Working Party: Cllr's Halling, Hughes, Patrick and Slater.
- c) Clerks Finance Support Group: Cllr's Hughes and Slater.

## 7. To Appoint Individual Officers To The Following Roles.

- a. Footpaths Officer: Cllr Bindoff and Mrs Brazier
- b. Worcestershire Parish Councils Association: Cllr Patrick
- c. Emergency Officer: Cllrs Halling and Patrick.
- d. Press Officer: Cllr Watts.
- e. PACT. Mr Brazier

## 8. Invoices for Payment.

The following were approved for payment.

Worcs CALC Training £58.75, Haydn Ebrey £285.00 and Lengthsman £176.00.

## 9. To Approve the Accounts for 2009/2010.

The council agreed for the chairman to sign the audit form.

## 10. Correspondence.

The Parish Council received notification of 'Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy - Emerging Preferred Options' is now available on line.

[WWW.worcestershire.gov.uk/wcs](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wcs).

## 11. Reports

- a) Clerk.

Reported drain cover and pothole to Highways.

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

Mr Brazier asked if councillors would carry out some 'face to face' PACT questionnaires.

- c) Planning Reports.

For Consideration.

AB/10/00939/AB White Chapel Orchards, Murcot Turn. Agricultural building for storage. Objection. The building appears large and out of context of the subject land which has been an unproductive orchard for some time. The application infers the movement of HGVs on and off the site but the entrance to the site is close to a bend with poor visibility on Murcot bank. This section of the road is known to have surface water run-off from the orchards higher on the bank and has been impassable in winter months due to ice - this proposal will exacerbate the situation. The application makes no provision for surface water drainage.

W/10/00550/PP West view, Blacksmiths Lane. Demolish and rebuild single story utility room. - No Objections

Approved by Wychavon.

AB/10/00939/AB White Chapel Orchards, Murcot Turn. Agricultural building for storage.

Councillors expressed their concern at the passing of this application as per comments above.

- d) Finance/Clerks Finance Support Group.
- e) Roads/Pathways.
- f) Training.
- g) Playing Fields.
- h) Lengthsman.
- i) Emergency Officer.
- j) County Councillor.
- k) District Councillor.

## 12. Items for Future Agenda.

## 13. Date Of Next Meeting.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2010.