

CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Childswickham Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at the Memorial Hall, Childswickham on Thursday 11th May 2023 at 7.15.

PRESENT Cllr's Mr A Halling (Chairman), Mr T Ramsbottom and Mr J Wade.

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk).

Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council – Anthony Halling.

I was elected as Chairman in May 2022, in the past 12 months, 5 meetings have been held, during this time, three councillors resigned: Palmer, Folsom Harrison and Lewis. The council continues with three councillors, myself, Tim Ramsbottom and Jon Wade.

The three of us were elected unopposed for a four year term however 4 more Cllrs are needed.

The play area and trees have been inspected and work is being carried out on the play area, including the planting of a new hedge. For various reasons, including the weather the goal posts have not yet been installed and non-essential work on equipment is yet to be carried out. The chestnut tree has no significant deterioration in the canopy

The council asked for and held a meeting with volunteers to help maintain the playing field however this was not progressed.

The council remains concerned regarding the speed of vehicles through the village, the VAS is gathering data which is being collated by Cllr Wade.

The council will be continuing with the Lengthsman scheme and I would like to thank Brian Arrowsmith for his work in the village. Mr Hawkins and Mr Newbury will continue to cut the grass in the parish and I would also like to thank them

In January after a lengthy discussion, the council agreed to set the precept at £8,813, which a 1% increase on this year.

The council applied to Wychavon for a Coronation Grant of £204.00, which enabled the 'Coronation Tea' event to be free to parishioners.

Cllr Eyre and Robinson did not seek election as district councillors, we would like to thank them for their input and help to Childswickham during their terms of office.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all councillors for their contribution to the running of the council and to also thank Jackie Shields, the clerk.

Annual Parish Council Meeting

Acceptance of office were signed by all councillors present.

1. Election Of Chairman.

Cllr Wade proposed, Cllr Ramsbottom seconded and it was agreed to elect Cllr Halling as Chairman. The chairman signed the declaration of office.

2. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from District Councillor's Emma Kearsy and Emma Sims and County Cllr E Eyre.

3. Election of Vice Chairman.

Cllr Wade proposed, Cllr Halling seconded and it was agreed to elect Cllr Ramsbottom as Vice Chairman.

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4. Declaration of Interests.

Councillors were asked to complete registers of interest forms and to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and their nature, to Wychavon. (Form provided)

d. To consider Councillors Dispensation requests.

The council agreed for all the councillors' applications for dispensation to be part of the discussion and vote on the precept until the end of April 2027.

5. Minutes Of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting Held On the 2nd March 2023.

The minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record and signed. The minutes of the meetings held on the 12th January 2023 and 3rd November 2022, were also signed having previously been declared a true record of the meeting.

6. Co Option of Councillors.

The council agreed to co-opt the four vacancies at the meeting to be held on the 6th July, the clerk will place a notice in appropriate places, the deadline for application forms being the 23rd June, to be completed and returned by the 28th June to the clerk.

7. To Review The Following :-

a. Standing Order.

There has been no changes in legislation

b. Financial Regulations.

As an update was issued by NALC during 2022, these need to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Clerk to compare existing with the new.

c. Code of Conduct.

The code used by the council is the current one.

d. Risk Assessment.

The current risk assessment is acceptable.

e. Insurance Requirements.

Reviewed, no changes to be made.

8. To Appoint Members To The Following

a) Staffing group. Cllrs Halling, Wade and Ramsbottom.

b) Clerks Finance Support Officer. Cllr Wade

9. To Appoint Individual Officers To The Following Roles.

a) Worcestershire Parish Councils Association. Cllr Ramsbottom

b) Emergency Officer. Cllr Halling

c) Press Officer. Cllr Ramsbottom

10. Finance.

a) To Consider Invoices for Payment.

B Arrowsmith	March 23	£175.00
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B Arrowsmith	Feb 2023	£168.00
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WCALC	Fees	£576.12
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The council agreed to fund, up to £100.00, events taking place in the village hall, on the day of the Fete.

b) To Ratify Payments made between meetings.

M Newbury	Grass and Hedge	£780.00
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M Hummerson	Play Area	£35.00
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R Hawkins Grass £495.00

c) Financial Report.

Remittance received from:-

HMRC	Vat Reclaim	£559.17
WDC	Precept	£4,407.00
WDC	Coronation Grant	£204.00

11. Correspondence.

12. To Receive The Report Form The Internal Auditor 2022/2023.

Following an audit of your paper records and files on Childswickham Parish council I found no areas which cause me concern and have therefore completed the necessary AGAR form accordingly.

13. To Approve The Governance Statement For 2022/2023.

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

14. To Approve The Accounts For 2022/2023.

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

15. Planning.

a. For Consideration.

- i. W/23/00738/LB 23 New Street Childswickham. The parish council has no planning reason to object.
 - ii. W/23/00841/HP 14 Hinton Road Childswickham. The parish council has no planning reason to object.
- b. To Ratify The Comments For Applications and Appeals Submitted Since The Last. Meeting.
- i. W/22/02566/FUL Land At (Os 0667 3979) Murcot Road Childswickham. Childswickham The parish council has no planning reason to object.
 - ii. W/22/02559/HP Hamstel Hinton Road Childswickham Childswickham The parish council has no planning reason to object.
 - iii. W/23/00182/OUT Land At (Os 0827 3915) Evesham Road Broadway. The council is concerned, due to the elevation of the site, what will be built. It will comment once a full applications has been submitted
 - iv. W/23/00130/FUL Land At (Os 0667 3979) Murcot Road Childswickham
 - v. W/23/00592/HP 10 Green Close Childswickham. Childswickham The parish council has no planning reason to object.
 - vi. W/23/00461/HP 24 Green Close Childswickham. Childswickham The parish council has no planning reason to object.

c. Decided by Wychavon.

Approved by Wychavon

W/21/01581/CU - August House Pennylands Bank

W/22/02708/HP - 16 The Squires Childswickham

W/23/00095/HP - 3 Chapel Lane Childswickham

W/22/01838/FUL - Lower Barns Murcot Lane Broadway

W/22/02603/HP - Spring Cottage Atkinson Street

W/22/02405/FUL - Land At (Os 0667 3979) Murcot Road

W/23/00174/CU - Land At (Os 0808 3881) Pennylands Bank Childswickham

16. Reports.

a. Clerk.

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End of year PAYE had been submitted.

All election notices sent to Cllr Ramsbottom to put on the notice board.

Lengthsman agreement with WCC had been signed and returned.

Clerk to look at interest rates.

VAT had been reclaimed/

b. County Councillor.

Report circulated.

c. District Councillor.

d. Play Area.

For various reasons, including the weather the goal posts have not yet been installed and non-essential work on equipment is yet to be carried out.

e. Police report.

I just wanted to send an update on the recent spike of burglaries in our areas. Since the beginning of March you are probably aware that offenders have targeted Childswickham, Broadway and Wickhamford.

Our dedicated burglary team have worked hard to identify the offender(s) and last week following a further attempt in Childswickham an arrest was made and following searches of the offender's home, items from some of the burglaries were recovered.

Still a lot of work to do to secure a charge and conviction.

We along with the policing team at Evesham have increased our patrols in the area and will continue to do so. Can I encourage you to repeat my call to residents to sign up to our Neighbourhood matters messaging service and to continue to report any suspicious incidents?

17. Councillors Reports and Items For Future Agenda.

The entrance to the playing fields and garages, owned by roof top needs the pot holes filling in.

Clerk to chase the dog bin for the Buckland road.

The cherry tree on the corner of New Street and the Green needs attention, Cllr Halling will ask for it to be inspected.

18. To Agree The Dates Of The Meetings 2023/2024.

6th July, 7th September, 2nd November 2023 and 4th January and 7th March 2024.

Signed

Date