

CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 31st March 2011.

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

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Hughes, PC Greenhouse and Cllr Slater.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interest. Cllr Halling expressed a personnel interest in item 8a (i), as a neighbour and took no part in the discussion or decision. Cllr Watts expressed a personnel interest in item 4c and took no part in the discussion or decision.

3. Minutes Of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting Held On the 24th February 2011.

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

4. Finance.

a) To Consider Invoices for Payment.

The following invoices were agreed for payment:- Lengthsman Feb £176.00 and Clerk Expenses £64.60.

b) Financial Report.

Financial report was presented to the council.

Remittance Lengthsman Jan £176.00.

c) Consider Donation To CAB.

Cllr Patrick proposed, Cllr Brigden seconded and it was agreed to donate £100.00 to Evesham CAB.

d) To Appoint Internal Auditor.

The council agreed to appoint Mr C Ikpeme as internal auditor.

5. Correspondence For Information.

Cllr Patrick will respond on behalf of the Council to the 'Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy: Publication Document Consultation'. A poster will be displayed in the notice board.

Mr Simms had agreed for an 'Emergency Kit' to be kept in the village hall, once purchased he will meet with the council to arrange a suitable place for it to be stored.

The council are looking into complaints received from parishioners regarding the alleged business activity taking place at Mill Cottage.

Poster informing parishioners to the change in concessionary fare to be displayed on the notice board,

6. To Consider The Reply To The Bus Consultation.

The council agreed to the draft and after alterations the clerk will E mail to the appropriate person.

7. To Discuss Emergency Equipment.

Cllr Patrick proposed, Cllr Watts seconded and it was agreed to purchase a School Emergency Kit at a cost of £224.99 plus VAT and 4 further High Viz jackets.

The council agreed to contact the Fire Officer to arrange a demonstration of actions in case of emergency.

8. Planning.

a) For Consideration.

- (I) 11/00140 Holly Cottage, 17 New Street, Childswickham. Proposed change of use from garage/ancillary accommodation to holiday let/ancillary accommodation.
- (II) 11/00177 Slade Barn, Buckland Road, Childswickham. Continued occupation of Slade Barn without compliance with condition 3 of planning permission W98/1303/COU (which only permits occupation by persons associated with a commercial use of the premises) No objection.
- (III) 11/00193 Zeeland House, Farmers Lane, Childswickham. Alterations to fenestration & extension to form enlarged kitchen. No objection.
- (IV) 11/00303 Land Adjacent, Childswickham House, Buckland Road, Childswickham Change of use of land from agricultural to agricultural/equestrian including the use of land for the exercise & training of horses. Object to Proposal Comment: The proposed change of use to allow equine use on productive grazing/agricultural land would allow intense subdivision of the 52 acres; disposal of this either by way of lease or freehold will increase the amount of traffic to and from the land, encourage lorries and horse boxes to cross a bridge on the Hinton Rd which has a weight limit, as well as those over the approaches from Buckland. It has been suggested that conditions should be attached to any permission that might be granted limiting the number of subdivisions permitted in an attempt to control excess fencing, over grazing, stabling, traffic, dung heaps etc and the general paraphernalia that accompanies horse-keeping. We assume presume that measures already exist for the repair and maintenance of the public footpath and bridle path that traverse the land, and which must be preserved.

b) Decided by Wychavon.

Approved by Wychavon.

- (I) W/11/00026/LB - 21 New Street, Childswickham. Single storey extension to rear; improve outbuilding and attach conservatory.
- (II) 11/00193 Zeeland House, Farmers Lane, Childswickham. Alterations to fenestration & extension to form enlarged kitchen. No objection.

9. Reports.

a) Clerk.

b) P C Greenhouse/PACT.

c) Vehicle Activated Speed Sign.

Due to a change in the order, the sign should be in Childswickham in April.

d) Highways.

Councillors to inform the clerk of potholes.

e) Public Pathways.

f) Playing Fields.

The council agreed to install willow wicket, clerk to draft a letter for the Trustees.

g) Lengthsman.

To renew contract for 2011/12 with County Council and Lengthsman.

The council agreed to continue with the Lengthsman scheme and to renew the contract with Mr Gwilliam.

h) County Councillor. Report from Mrs L Eyres
Bus Service

The proposed change in subsidy for the local services and the move from the District Council to the County Council of the national 9.30-11.00 concessionary fares scheme and the proposed changes in school transport have been the subject of 3 local consultation meetings – two very well attend (54 and 48) that I have run

myself in Broadway 14th February and 14th March and one run in Evesham on 21st March – Town Hall.

Full notes of the FAQ responses and the headlines are with the Parish Clerk in Broadway, and have been sent to other clerks in my Division (by 25th March). Headlines so far – decision makers are listening, they understand the issues, and if individuals or areas are disadvantaged other mechanisms will be looked at. Moving school trips into public routes could help sustain public routes.

For the area of Broadway and Childswickham we have an opportunity to set up a "not for profit" very local bus service – these two villages will never have a better support on this. I am looking for volunteers to join me help refine the full revenue business case. Drivers would be professional so this is not a request for volunteer drivers. Capital costs and storage parking arrangements are currently pledged.

Worcestershire LEP

Worcestershire has a LEP: a partnership which will help rebalance Worcestershire's economy, encourage business growth and job creation. LEP members include the Chamber of Commerce, Worcestershire Ambassadors, the Institute of Directors and the Federation of Small Businesses.

Badsey Brook Scheme

Broadway, Childswickham & Murcot (Grant in Aid)

As was outlined in the last newsletter the scheme is viable and meets the Government rules for spending public money on projects; however funding is not available for financial year. 2011/12 due to the relatively low Outcome Measure score and other national priorities. The EA would not be able to comment further on future funding for the scheme as it very much depends upon the outcome of the DEFRA future funding consultation – see web

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/flood-coastal-erosion/index.ht>

Information regarding the Broadway scheme has been supplied to those landowners (& their consultant/land agents) challenging the preferred option at Broadway and the EA is waiting to hear back from the group to try and understand their concerns. Library Consultation: Monday April 11th Lifford Hall 7.30

Broadway Library

A library is a fantastic resource for all generations. It does need some professional support but given the financial challenges I understand the need to take costs out of the system. I have asked that Broadway and surrounds be given the opportunity to show how it could, using a social enterprise approach, sustain long term its local Library. I will share an existing example with interested residents, my own innovation proposals and pick up residents and users views at the above meeting.

i) District Councillor.

j) Bus Shelter.

In progress.

10. Councillors Reports and Items For Future Agenda.

11. Date Of Next Meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting - Thursday 28th April 2011 followed by the Parish Council Meeting.