

CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting held at The Memorial Hall on Thursday 30th June 2011 at 7.15pm.

Present Cllr's Mr Halling (Chairman), Mrs Watts, Mrs Read, Mrs Perry and Mr Patrick.
In attendance Mrs J Shields (Clerk), Cllr B Parmenter (District), Mrs S Stephenson and two parishioners.

The parishioners brought to the attention of the council their concerns at the re calibration of the VAS to 35mph. The council explained that this was on the advice of the police and was necessary to present to Worcs County Council Highways.

Clerk to report the following:-

Lack of repeater signs to Highways.

Speeding issue to PC Greenhouse and PACT.

Cllr Patrick will take the concerns to the Area CALC Meeting.

Parishioners are also concerned at the parking of vehicles in Atkinson Street, in particular a Ford Ka, which restricts visibility at the junction of Atkinson Street with Twichams Lane and New Street, hampers the 559 bus service through the village and has the potential to affect emergency vehicle access. As this is in the public highway it is a police matter and will be passed on, however the chairman volunteered to speak to the owner.

Parishioners expressed concern about the storing of straw bales, wood and other building materials in a field beyond the houses in Hinton Road, as it could be a fire hazard and a danger to children, although this issue is not within the remit of the parish council, the chairman offered to contact the land owner.

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Ms Brigdon, PC Greenhouse and Cllr E Eyres. The council agreed for Ms Brigden to sign the 'Acceptance of Office' at or before the next meeting.

2. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were received.

3. To Co Opt Councillors.

Mrs S Read and Mrs D Perry were co opted onto the council and duly signed their declaration of acceptance of office.

4. To Consider the Adoption of the Minutes Of the Meeting Held On 19th May 2011.

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

5. To Appoint Members To The Following

- a. Staffing Committee
- b. Planning Working Party
- c. Clerks Finance Support Group.

Item deferred to the next meeting when a full Council convenes.

6. Finance.

- a) To Consider Invoices for Payment.

The following invoices were agreed for payment:- H Ebrey £192.00, S Gwilliam £132.00, Memorial Hall £66.00, Clerks Expenses £84.94, Wychavon District Council £84.00 and Joe Allen Joinery £50.00.

- b) Financial Report.

The council agreed to add Mrs D Perry to the bank mandate.

Due to clerk's computer problems, this was not available.

7. Correspondence.

8. Planning

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Cllr Patrick will investigate the Land Character Assessment, as to whether the council should reply.

For Consideration.

W/11/00757 Orchard End, Vicarage Lane, Childswickham. Retrospective application to enclose & extend carport in wood. No objection.

W/11/01159 Bridleway House, Hinton Road, Childswickham. Proposed stables and associated storage. No objection.

Decided by Wychavon.

Approved By Wychavon.

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9. Reports

a) Clerk.

Rooftop will repair the damaged post (this has been completed by Rooftop)

b) P C Greenhouse/PACT. No report.

c) Vehicle Activated Speed Sign. No report.

d) Highways.

Clerk to report potholes in Broadway Road, particular at the junction of Pennylands Bank.

e) Playing Fields.

Recent report had highlighted the need to repair the swings and to change the closing mechanism on the gate. Cllr Patrick and the Chairman will attend.

f) County Councillor.

Enclosed.

g) District Councillor.

The councillor brought to the councils attention that after the flood in 2007 flooded householders had experienced difficulty in obtaining buildings insurance, however this was now changing anyone wishing to obtain more information should contact the councillor.

h) Bus Shelter.

The council is trying to find contractors with the necessary certification, as deemed by Worcs County Council, to install the shelter, although it is likely that the subsequent quotes could prove too expensive to allow this proposal to proceed.

i) Hoppa Bus.

The result of the recent questionnaire show that there is support for a 'Hoppa Bus' and those residents are prepared to pay an increase in their precept to donate towards it.

Clerk to E Mail Cllr Eyre, 'The parish council will make a contribution towards the operational cost providing a substantial business plan is provided.

10. Items for Future Agenda.

Cllr Watts had attended the recent flood meeting, the Environment Agency have plans to build a bund to hold water back from Broadway and Childswickham, the plan is not advanced enough to apply for funding until 2012/13, before then it must be proved that the plan is

- Technically possible - proved
- Economically sound (loss/gain assessment) – information needs to be gathered to prove this is.
- Environmental sound – proved.

The EA is optimistic of obtaining the land owners approval and that the overall cost being reduced. Fund raising would be required as 1/3 of the project needs to be funded locally.

Update on Localisms plan by Cllr Patrick.

The village Fete will take place on the 9th July.

11. Date Of Next Meeting

4th August Cllr Patrick gave his apologies.