

CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Childswickham Parish Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 31st January 2013.

Present Cllr's Mrs Perry. Mrs Watts (arrived for item 6), Mr Green, Mr Halling
 (Chairman), Mr Parker and Mr Patrick.
In attendance Mrs Shields (Clerk) and Mr Richard Levett (Worcs. CALC)

Richard Levett (Worcs. CALC) gave a brief overview on how Parish Councils 'work', the Planning Process and the Localism Act.

The Chairman thanked Mr Levett for attending and Cllr Patrick for providing refreshments.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Read, CSO P Schoenrock and Cllr Parmenter (District).

2. Declaration of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to update their registers of interest and to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and their nature.

Cllr Perry declared a DPI and left the room for item 6.

3. To Approve the Minutes Of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting Held On the 29th November 2012.

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 Council agreed the following items for payment:-

Lengthsman Nov £132.00 and December £132.00, H Ebrey £122.00, M Parkinson £90.00, Mount Pleasant Farm £48.00.

A plaque to go on the bench, which has been very kindly restored and re sited by Mr M Newbury, £39.50.

b) Financial Report.

£484.00 had been received from WCC for the lengthsman.

Financial report was presented to the Council.

c) To Ratify The Precept Of 2013/2014.

The Council ratified the precept of £7,170.00, as agreed at the last meeting.

5. Correspondence.

The Chairman had salted the road on the corner at Pennylands Bank on several occasions, the water flowing on the road has been reported to both Severn Trent and Highways, it would appear it comes from a natural spring. As the area is in Broadway Parish, the Chairman has informed their Clerk.

No Councillor is able to attend the New Home Bonus Event in February.

Several residents have received letters from Wychavon District Council asking them to clear their culverts and ditches to ensure a better flow between Twitchams Lane and Farmers Lane.

Notice of the 'No Waiting Order' for the crossroads of Hinton and Broadway Road has been received.

An E Mail had been received from a resident that had been flooded in November 2012, the Chairman and the Council has been trying since 1998, with little result, to get the appropriate agencies to carryout works to alleviate flooding in the village. The Council has met various agencies and presented schemes that would help alleviate the problem all of which have been turned down. It took 3 years to obtain permission from the EA and land owners to clear part of the

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brook, which was carried out by the Parish Council last year. It is presently attempting to get the bank on the Church side reduced, to encourage excess water to flow on the field. The Chairman will contact Mr Morgan.

The District Council (Wychavon) is the authority responsible for maintaining drainage and ditches. Landowners with watercourses on their land (Riparian Landowners) have a duty to maintain them. Wychavon will investigate complaints concerning blockages to these watercourses and can offer advice to such landowners in order to avoid problems such as disputes or legal action. Where more than one landowner may be concerned we will liaise between all parties to achieve the right results.

Flooding and Drainage are not within the remit of the Parish Council.

6. To Discuss The Appointment Of A Snow Warden.

The Council agreed for Mr M Perry to disperse sand and salt on the roads of Childswickham village, in the event of snow or ice.

The Council will purchase a 'spinner' (maximum of £300.00 plus VAT), which will allow the spreading to be carried out more efficiently and will fund the purchase of salt, as and when necessary.

Mr Perry will store and maintain the spinner and store the salt.

The Council agreed to pay £20.00 per hour for this service, with a maximum spend of £100.00 per winter, if bad weather requires further funding the Council will need to agree, this may be carried out by E mail to be ratified at the next meeting, using the Clerks delegated powers.

The Council agreed for Cllr's Halling and Parker to be 'Snow Coordinators', who in conjunction with Mr Perry will assess when this needs to be carried out, to achieve maximum effect.

Cllr Halling will ask Mr Perry to source a spinner and will also convey the above to Mr Perry, once this has been verbally agreed, the Clerk will confirm in writing.

7. Planning.

a. For Consideration.

None received

b. Decided by Wychavon.

None received.

8. Reports.

a) Clerk. (Report previously circulated).

Two grit bins had been ordered and will be in place by the next meeting.

b) County Councillor.

No report.

c) District Councillor.

No report.

d) CALC.

Meeting had not taken place.

e) Bunches Brook and the Bund, Fund Raising Update.

All the tickets for the race night have been sold.

Half of the proceeds of the Bingo Night have been donated to the fund.

9. Councillors Reports and Items For Future Agenda.

Dog Fouling.

Clerk to write to the EA and inform them of the faulty gauge.

Mrs S Taylor to be invited to the next meeting to discuss her findings re flooding.

10. Date of Next Meeting.

Thursday 28th February 2013.