

# CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Childswickham Annual Parish meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

Parish Councillors Mrs M Watts, Mr Green, Mr Halling (Chairman), Mr Parker and Mr Patrick. Mrs Shields (Clerk), District Councillor Mr B Parmenter and District and County Councillor Mrs E Eyre.

## **1. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Mrs D Perry.

## **2. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> April 2012.**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2012, having been circulated, were agreed as a true record and signed.

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

In the past year, two councillors have left for various reasons, Ms Alex Brigden and Mrs Sam Read and two new councillors were co-opted in November Mr Nigel Green and Mr Allan Parker.

In the past 12 months the business of the Parish Council has been routine, dog fouling, speeding, potholes etc.

In May the resurfacing of Broadway Road had been brought to the attention of the Council, the first attempt was very poor, the council had alerted Cllr Eyres who had reported to Highways, after an inspection by a Highways Engineer and the councillor the surface had been redressed.

The Council had contacted Rooftop regarding potholes in the entrance to the garages and playing field.

### **Bunches Brook Bund Fund Raising**

The barn dance organised by Cllr's Brigden and Perry and Mrs S Taylor, had raised £1,500.00 for the Flood Relief Fund and the Childswickham got talent £105.00

Half the proceeds from the Bingo night organised by Mrs Braizer was donated. £270.00

The Race night held in Broadway but organised by Debbie Perry, Sue Taylor, Dottie Friedli and Lyn Garland, raised £1,246.00

Bringing the total raised by the village £3,121.00, the council had also agreed to donate the new homes bonus money to the fund.

The damaged bench by The Cross had been removed, repaired and re-sited. A new bench donated in memory of the late Mr and Mrs Simms, by Mr Robert Simms and family has been placed at the Cross.

Highways had filled the potholes in Blacksmith Lane, in time for the Jubilee celebrations organised by Cllr Watts, which had been a great success and were self-funding, a group photograph is on display in the Memorial Hall.

With great regret, having listened to parishioners, the council agreed for Highways to proceed with the placing of yellow lines at the junction of Hinton. Broadway and Murcot Roads, in attempt to make the junction safer, however several motorists continue to park.

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PC Gail Greenhouse had been temporarily replaced by PC Burroughs until her replacement by PC L Peglar, an experienced Officer.

The parish council had arranged for the Brook to be cleared and had asked Highways for Hinton Road, between the Childswickham Arms and the A46, to be moved to a primary gritting route, as it is a route taken by school buses.

Richard Levett (Worcs. CALC) had attended the January meeting to give a brief overview on how Parish Councils 'work', the Planning Process and the Localism Act.

Mrs S Taylor had attended the February meeting to inform the council of the measures taken when flooding is imminent. The flood gauge for the Badsey Brook is sited at Offenham, Mrs Taylor has discovered, through extensive monitoring, that there is a six hour delay between the levels at Offenham reaching Childswickham. The flooding of Childswickham from the Brook currently cannot be stopped however via monitoring it would give residents time to erect flood barriers and remove items at risk. The options for Childswickham are to either install a gauge which could give text alerts to residents at risk or a white stick gauge which would need to be observed.

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

The Council, in the present economic climate, has kept the Precept at the current rate and made donations to the Bobby Club £15.00, and Evesham CAB £50.00.

The chairman thanked his fellow councillors and the clerk for their contribution over the past year.

## 4. Planning Report.

### **Cllr Martin Patrick.**

I continue to attend forums and seminars from the outfall of the Localism Act and the changing planning policy under the National Planning & Policy Framework. There is much angst amongst local and parish councils as to what appears to give rights and responsibilities but the planning function will for all practical purposes remain with the local planning authority (in our case Wychavon DC). One benefit that has accrued is the New Homes Bonus which enables the Council to spend money which is gifted to it locally as a result of houses within its boundaries coming back into use or new permissions.

The Council elected to comment on a Broadway application.

W/12/00841 Barnfield Mill, Childswickham Road. Extension of Time application for planning permission W/08/03018/CU for new chalet park to include 15 mobile homes & new access road.

Application Outstanding

W/13/00636/PP Hamstel, Hinton Road, Childswickham. Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

**Approved**

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W/12/01157/PP Fairwinds, 19 New Street, Childswickham. Single storey garden room to rear.

W/12/01161/PP Holly Cottage, 17 New Street, Childswickham. Single storey garden room to rear.

W/12/01324/CU Slade Barn, Buckland Road, Childswickham. Change of use of part of dwelling to form 2 No holiday cottages.

W/12/01560/PP The Old Mill, The Cross, Childswickham. Repair stone wall between garden and road.

W/12/02159ET 8 New Street, Childswickham. Extension of time on W/09/01928/PP.

13/00309 Slade Barn, Buckland Road, Childswickham. Non-material amendment to planning ref: W/12/00115/CU insertion of 2no.windows to south-east gable wall.

W/13/00242/PP Return, Broadway Road, Childswickham. Demolish garage/store/bedroom buildings. Ground/floor extensions and alterations. Form new vehicular access. Alter drive and parking.

W/12/01727/PP Glan Y Nant, Murcot Lane, Broadway. Single storey glazed conservatory to front of property

W/13/0045/CU Cotswold View, 18 Atkinson Street, Childswickham. Change of use, new stables and tack room.

### **Withdrawn**

W/12/01449/CU 18 Atkinson Street, Childswickham. Change of use and erection of stable block.

## **5. Finance Report.**

The end of year accounts were circulated.

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

Thank you for inviting me, the only matter to add to the report given by Cllr E Eyre, concerns planning, Wychavon Planning committee agreed to allow the parish council to speak for three minutes at planning committee meetings.

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

Can I again say what a pleasure it has been serving the residents of Childswickham?

As a Cabinet and a Local Member I have been able to effect some successes over the past years but there is much more to do. I have been directly instrumental in achieving:

- a freeze on Council and Fire and Rescue Service Tax (for the last 4 years),
- delivering real savings of £50 million without too many front line consequences,
- the pooling of health and social care monies to achieve more & better quality services,
- actively campaigning for Fairer Funding with DfE lead professionals,
- Resolved a local denominational school transport issue,
- Supported local small rural schools: Broadway First and St Marys and the St Mary's preschool arrangements,
- Worcestershire's Improvement Board taking Children's Safeguarding from Inadequate to Adequate,
- The re-commissioning of Youth Services countywide, moving support to the voluntary sector,

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- A good proportion of the funding and approach to Broadway's Activity Park.

### To support business and local economic sustainability I have directly

- Instigated a further review of local brown and business and car park signage,
- Provided information advice and guidance and some early funding to initiate the two yearly Broadway Arts Festival,
- Lowered parking charges £6 to £4 per day, £60 to £40 per month, £600 to £400 annually,
- Shepherded the Ashmolean Museum Broadway from concept to a proposed opening on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2013,
- Actively supported our local GWR railway project.

A number of highways changes were effected locally:

- yellow lines cross roads by pub for safety reasons,
- a variable speed sign to reinforce the 30mph speed limit:
- the surface dressing of some local roads to extend the life of the assets: Pennylands Bank to Cheltenham Road, Murcot Lane to Pennylands Bank, Pennylands Bank itself.

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/reportapothole](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/reportapothole) a simple click to notify for pothole repairs:  
Note there will be work on Pitchers Hill anticipated duration 19 days.

Not everything was a success :

- despite the offer of a community bus and pump priming I failed to present a good enough case to persuade the two communities to come together to run a part commercially sponsored community "hopper" bus and run their own service.

### What am I working 13/14

#### Highways

A Horse and rider warning sign. I will be visiting stables at the bottom of Murcot Turn and looking at bridleways leading off this road.

Verges from Mount Pleasant Road to A46 – I have instigated notice to ensure remedial work is done along the verges when Severn Trent complete their work along this stretch from May 8<sup>th</sup>

#### Flooding

Continuing working to support through committee and in both LA's the Badsey Brook Scheme. Looking for interim arrangements to help residents down Chapel Lane - equipment, approaches, maintenance, small changes.

Funded level gauge if needed – if not PC to advise on how the funds could assist the flooding

#### Sewage

Working with Severn Trent Contact around issues near house near Bridge ( Broadway) and House of Open Door and general water quality.

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## **Broadway Library**

Community Consultation re potential changes started 22<sup>nd</sup> April. I have ensured options build on professional service rather than closure providing community engages with options around the building itself.

## **Enforcement and planning Issues**

Note: two applications in for Broadway 125 houses Leamington Road and 60 Avrill Close – in addition to the SHLA proposal for 65 on Station Road . Housing has implications for Broadway and Childswickham.

## **8. Police Report.**

No report.

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

No questions received.

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