

# CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting held at The Memorial Hall, Childswickham on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

Present Cllr's Miss K Badham, Mrs M Watts, Mr N Green, Mr A Halling (Chairman), Mr C Pape, Mr A Parker and Mr M Patrick.

In Attendance Mrs Shields (Clerk) and Mr Scott Higgins.

Mr Scott Higgins addressed the council regarding dog fouling.

## 1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from District Cllr Mr Barrie Parmenter and CSO P Schoenrock.

## 2. Declaration of Interests.

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

## 3. Minutes Of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting Held On 28<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

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: Clerk £180.18 and Lengthsman £264.00, E Ebrey £131.00, Hall Hire £66.00 and Clerks Expenses £51.29.

b) Financial Report.

The following remittances had been received:- Lengthsman £132.00.

Finance report was presented to Councillors.

c) To Consider Insurance.

The council agreed to wait for a further quote, once received it will be e mailed to all councillors.

d) To Consider a Donation to the Volunteer Centre.

The council agreed to donate £75.00 to the Volunteer Centre.

## 5. Correspondence.

a) Broadway Library

The council agreed to register its support for Broadway Library Community Group.

b) Broadway Fire station.

*Thank you for your letter, offering feedback on Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority's (FRA) draft Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP). I note your concerns regarding Broadway Fire Station and would like to assure you that your comments, which are very much appreciated, will of course, be fed into the formal consultation process for consideration by the FRA prior to their meeting on 19th February 2014, where final decisions are due to be made.*

c) Chestnut Trees by the brook.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of December 2013, the council was alerted to a blown down chestnut tree by the brook, which was blocking the footpath. A parishioner, with the necessary equipment and insurance offered to cut up and clear up afterwards, in exchange for the wood. The Clerk and the Chairman, on behalf of the council gave permission for this to be carried out. The trees along side the brook have been the subject of correspondence between, parishioners,

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the parish and the county council since 2012, as to who is responsible for them. In October 2013, the following was received from WCC,

*"My contractor has inspected and has confirmed that no urgent works are required on the horse chestnut trees in this area at present"*

A parishioner provided information which has now been checked by WCC.

The latest E mail from WCC dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014.

*"it does look as though the footpath rights are recorded across the full width between the boundary fence and the brook, and I will revisit the area with a tree surgeon to obtain quotes for the work required."*

Hopefully the situation will be resolved.

d) Dog fouling.

Dog fouling in the parish has become a problem again; dispute the parish providing dog bins, some owners still allow their dogs to defecate on the footpath. Dog fouling is an offence with a fine of up to £1,000.00, which can be reported on the Wychavon Web site

<http://www.wychavon.gov.uk/cms/community-and-living/street-care-and-cleaning/dog-fouling---removal.aspx>.

The council agreed to investigate dog bag stations for various points in the village.

Other measures will be looked into.

### 6. To Set the Precept for 2014/2015.

Due to central government changes in council tax benefit and Council Tax Base , the setting of the precept is now very complicated and the parish council has to wait for the government to announce the level of grant and Wychavon to work out the 'top up grant ' and council tax base.

The council agreed to keep the precept at the same rate to tax band D as last year; this will mean a decrease in the Councils Budget of £30.00 for the year.

### 7. Planning.

a. For Consideration since last meeting.

- (i) W/13/02264/PN. Land Adjacent, Bungalow Farm, Murcot Road. Three new dwellings and creation of associated vehicular access. The Parish Council acknowledges that the site is outside the village envelope but is aware that there are few other sites available for development around the village.

The proposal is to create 3 detached family dwellings; the Councils concern is that these should be affordable, and by permitting more development such as 2 pairs of semi detached dwellings might better achieve this? The Council also raised concerns that the roof height should be minimised by building the 2nd storey in the roof space and minimising the impact upon the adjoining bungalow.

- (ii) W/ 13/02093/LB Childswickham House, Buckland Road, Childswickham. Install replacement windows to property. The Council accepts that this matter will be governed by the Conservation Officer, but would comment that the plans as submitted suggest that the proposal to replace this existing casements with the double glazed variety appears heavy and overbearing and could spoil the appearance of one of the oldest buildings in the village. We ask that some discretion is exercised to conserve the external appearance of Childswickham House

b. Decided by Wychavon.

#### **Approved by Wychavon.**

W/ 13/02093/LB Childswickham House, Buckland Road, Childswickham. Install replacement windows to property.

#### **Refused by Wychavon .**

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a) Broadway Neighbourhood Plan.

Following the letter sent to Mr A Ford, Senior Planning Officer at Wychavon and Broadway Parish Council informing them of the Council dismay that Broadway PC had not engaged with its neighbourhood parishes on any aspect of plan preparation. The council has been advised by Mr Ford that this part of the plan is to register the area concerned and that consultation by Broadway Parish Council and Wychavon District Council will take place within the process.

### **8. Reports.**

a) Clerk.

Circulated.

b) County Councillor.

No Report.

c) District Councillor.

There a grants available to community groups.

d) CALC.

Weekly reports circulated.

### **9. Councillors Reports and Items For Future Agenda.**

Cllr's Parker and Pape have mounted the defibrillator to the Memorial Hall wall and a training session will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> February.

Cllr Pape will place an article in the parish magazine, asking for co coordinators for the Neighbourhood watch scheme.

### **10. Date of Next Meeting.**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February, Cllr Green gave his apologies.