

# CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting held at The Memorial Hall, Childswickham on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

Present Cllr's Mrs M Watts, Mr A Halling (Chairman), Mr C Pape, and Mr M Patrick.

In Attendance Mrs Shields (Clerk), Mrs J Scattergood, Mr A Childs, Cllr L Eyre (District and County) and Cllr B Parmenter (District).

Mrs Scattergood brought to the council's attention, the letter she had received from the inspector of the planning Ref 2227387: Bungalow Farm, Murcot Road. Cllr's Eyre and Parmenter reassured those present that 'lessons' had been learned from that appeal by Wychavon.

## **1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr's Miss K Badham, Mr N Green and Mr A Parker.

## **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 the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015.**

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 £176.00, Hillbarn Sawmill £840.00 and Clerks Expenses £42.60.

b) Financial Report.

The financial report was presented to the council.

Clerk posted the VAT reclaim form.

## **5. Correspondence.**

- Clerk to respond to the letter from Western Power ie the Stay for a pole to be sited on the playing field.  
The playing field belongs to a trust however the parish council is the custodian and maintains the area, 'the stay' is not suitable in the play area for safety reasons, however the chairman is prepared to 'talk' to western power to arrange a more convenient siting.
- Two E mailed, pieces of information from Cllr Eyre's will be discussed at the next meeting.
- A satisfactory reply had been received from Wychavon regarding the appeal at planning Ref 2227387: Bungalow Farm, Murcot Road.
- A resident's E mail regarding a 'health and safety hazard' in the footway between Atkinson Street and Chapel Lane, had been addressed.

## **6. Update on the Chestnut Tree on the Playing Field.**

The chairman had look at the tree and does not think it is diseased.

## **7. To Consider A Parish Council Website.**

Deferred to next meeting.

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## 8. To Consider Further Defibrillator Training.

Deferred to next meeting.

## 9. Planning.

### a. For Consideration.

- i. W/15/00357/OU - Bungalow Farm, Murcot Road, Childswickham. Erection of 2 storey dwelling and vehicle access. Change of use of land.

The Parish Council discussed this application at its last meeting noting that this is the second application made on a plot of land adjacent to bungalow farm in the last few months. Consistent with our position, then the Council unanimously agreed to object for the following reasons:

- The site adjoining Bungalow Farm comprises part of an existing open field in open farmland on the edge of Childswickham between it and the hamlet of Murcot (also in the parish).
- The pre-dominant land use surrounding Childswickham and Murcot is productive agriculture save for a single bungalow to the immediate south of the application site.
- The application site is outside the village settlement boundary as described in Policy GD1 of the Wychavon District Local Plan (2006) where new development should only be considered.
- We emphasize the status of the village as being unsustainable, in the Housing Assessment of the emerging Local Plan because of the lack of any local facilities. There are no shops, a doctors surgery, or any other retail provision exacerbated by there being poor access to public transport to get to Broadway, the closest centre, approx. 1½miles to the south-west. The development boundaries identify where development is acceptable in principle and include settlements that have only a limited range of services suitable for limited infill only. Without any local services the development must be considered unacceptable. The supporting text to Policy GD1 says that its aim is to further sustainability objectives, including the need to reduce travel, make best use of existing infrastructure and to safeguard the countryside.
- Murcot Road is unclassified, has not lighting and has no footpath. The nearest bus stop is ¼ mile away at the top of Pennylands Bank, a steep hill rising to the Evesham Road ridge.
- The application would also conflict with LP Policy GD2 which seeks, amongst other things, to ensure that development does not have an adverse effect on the rural environment.
- The proposed development takes little account of the immediate character of the area which is on an unclassified country lane leading to farms and adjacent farmland; as such any development that is in the wider open countryside would harm the rural character and appearance of this site and its surroundings.
- Two recent applications for residential development close by were objected to by the Council but were later appealed and the Councils decision over turned. Since then we understand that Wychavon DC can now demonstrate a 5 year housing within the framework of the South Worcestershire development Plan that makes no provision for development in or around Childswickham; therefore we urge the Council to reject the application.

- ii. W/15/00325/PP - The Nottage, Evesham Road, Broadway. Erection of a new garage and associated works. The council has no reason to object.

### b. Decided by Wychavon.

Approved.

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W/15/00152/PP - Windhaven, 3 Evans Hill Cottage, Murcot Lane.

W/14/02811/CU - Slade Barn, Buckland Road, Childswickham..

W/14/01940/PN - Land off, Broadway Road, Childswickham.

Withdrawn.

W/14/02706/PP - 2 Broadway Road, Childswickham.

Going to appeal.

W/14/01029/PN - Land off, Longdon Hill, Wickhamford

### 10. Reports.

a) Clerk. (Report previously circulated).

b) County Councillor.

Report circulated.

c) District Councillor.

Report circulated.

d) Police Report.

*Since the 23rd Dec 2014, West Mercia Police have received 14 calls from residents/businesses in Childswickham resulting in only one crime being recorded, an attempt burglary of a business premises.*

*In neighbouring Policing areas crime trends indicate a spate of burglaries of dwellings and outbuildings. Residents are requested to review their security. If they feel they would appreciate free unbiased advice in person, they can do by contacting me via email or phone.*

*Useful advice can be gleaned from a very good website Warwickshire rural Watch, it covers numerous aspects of crime prevention for everyone. It is fully supported by West Mercia and Warwickshire Police."*

### 11. Councillors Reports and Items For Future Agenda.

Long term plans for Childswickham.

How 106 monies could be used in the village.

Clerk to complete application for New Homes Bonus for the flood relief fund. Clerk to contact Debbie Perry regarding amount of money and from which event.

Clerk to write to Roof top regarding parking in Broadway Road and across the grass in Wickham Court.

### 12. Date of Next Meeting.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015.