

CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Childswickham Parish Council Annual Meeting held at The Memorial Hall, Childswickham on Thursday 28th May 2015.

PRESENT Cllrs J Scattergood, Mr P Brockman, Mr J Lowe and Mr a Halling (Chairman).

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk), Cllr B Thomas (District) and two parishioners.

Acceptance of office were signed by all councillors present.

1. Election Of Chairman.

Cllr Lowe proposed, Cllr Brockman seconded and it was agreed to elect Cllr Halling as Chairman.

2. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from County and District Councillor Mrs E Eyre and PCSO P Schoenrock.

3. Election of Vice Chairman.

Cllr Lowe proposed, Cllr Halling seconded and it was agreed to elect Cllr Brockman as Vice Chairman.

4. Declaration of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to update their registers of interest and to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and their nature. New councillors were asked to complete and return a 'Declaration of Interest' form to Wychavon.

a. To consider Councillors Dispensation requests.

Application to discuss the precept.

The council agreed for all the councillors' applications for dispensation to be part of the discussion and vote on the precept until the end of April 2019.

5. Minutes Of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting Held On the 30th April 2015.

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

6. To Review The Councils Standing Order, Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment And Insurance Requirements.

The council agreed that all were adequate.

7. To Consider Co Option.

The council agreed to co opt the three vacancies, the clerk will place a notice in appropriate places, the deadline for application forms being the 20th July, to be completed and returned by the 23rd of July to the clerk.

8. Finance.

a) To Consider Invoices for Payment.

An application form was signed by the new councillors and hopefully they will be eligible to sign cheques at the next meeting.

b) Financial Report.

Was presented to the council.

c) To Approve the Accounts for 2014/2015.

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The Council approved the Accounts, having been audited by Mr C Ikpeme, the Councils' appointed internal auditor. The notice exercising the voter's right to access the accounts has been placed on the notice board.

9. Correspondence.

10. To Appoint Members To The Following

- a) Staffing group Cllr's Mrs J Scattergood and Mr J Lowe.
- b) Planning Working Party Cllr's Mrs J Scattergood, Mr P Brockman, Mr J Lowe and Mr A Halling.
- c) Clerks Finance Support Group Cllr Ms J Scattergood.

11. To Appoint Individual Officers To The Following Roles.

- a. Worcestershire Parish Councils Association Cllrs Scattergood and Mr P Brockman.
- b. Emergency Officer Cllr Mr Halling.
- c. Press Officer Vacant.
- d. PACT Mr Brazier.

12. To Discuss How 106 Monies Could Be Used In The Parish.

Deferred.

13. Planning.

- a. For Consideration.
W/15/01161/PP - Ty Croeso, Twitchams Lane, Childswickham, Broadway. Extension to existing dwelling. The council has no planning reasons to object.
- b. Decided by Wychavon.
None.

14. Reports.

- a) Clerk.

Report circulated.

- b) County Councillor.

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Cllr LIZ EYRE

Apologies: *If I am not with you tonight there is another meeting or PC meeting I am attending: Sedgeberrow / Charlton / Crophorne / Wickhamford.*

Elections: *I thank every Parish Councillor who will be or has been re-elected to serve, positively contributing to their communities, over the next 12 months. As you know this May I stood again under one banner for the District, for the next 4 years, in the Ward above but still remain your County Councillor for the Broadway Division – 9 villages. I am, as always, committed to serving all residents, of all allegiances.*

County going forward: *I am on 14th May stepping down from my Cabinet and Senior Cabinet role leading on Policy and Strategy in Education, Skills and Social Care for Children and Families, the most challenging of the Authorities Services, having completed what others term "a truly heroic stint of some 13 years" I now look forward to new challenges. As a Cabinet Member I have been able to affect some successes over the past year:*

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- *Educational outcomes: the highest number of schools good or outstanding in the West Midlands,*
- *An Early Help service within an Early Help Strategy for Children and Families,*
- *Strong Corporate ownership of the children's issues and increasing partnership working,*
- *A strong savings plan delivered with more to do over the next 4 years. We raised Council Tax by some 1.9% to deal with the pressure that we are facing in our Looked after Children's service budget.*

The County Council remains, despite savings, a £321m organisation heavily involved with Public Health, influencing the health and social care agenda, concentrating on its absolute core priorities: care of the elderly, maintaining the condition of local roads, making provision for children that have to be taken into its care. We are starting to implement the new Care Act, which will be a milestone in the provision of care for the Elderly looking forward. And you will begin to hear more about personal budgets for older people.

As a commissioning authority Overview/Scrutiny and Performance Management are increasingly important. This is an area where I hope to make a contribution

*Your **District Council** too, with its sound finances, has made savings. Its priorities planning, local services such as waste collection remain but with the election of a new leader Cllr Linda Robinson come the opportunities to re-evaluate what will make the most impact for residents.*

***Local Issues:** I encourage councillors to encourage residents to use*

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/reportapothole to notify for pothole repairs and to advise me by email of the registration number and names of vehicles than seem to be going through the weight restriction. Clerks, as usual, let me know when there is a log jam.

c) District Councillor.

Cllr Thomas introduced himself and thanked those that voted him in.

Wychavon now has a 6.8 land supply, which enables planning officers to be more confident in its responses to speculate application. The SWDP is on track for late 2015/ early 2016.

160 monies and Transport Grants, will be investigated for the next meeting.

d) Police Report.

Since 28/04/2015, we've had three calls from members of the Public relating to Childswickham and no crimes have been raised as a result.

15. Councillors Reports and Items For Future Agenda.

Clerk to forward all councillors 106/ New homes bonus differences and a copy of the Conservation Area in Childswickham.

To consider a Section 19 community transport scheme.

To consider a bowling green in the village.

To discuss the councils 'visions' and goals for this term of office.

16. Date of Next Meeting.

Thursday – 25th June, 30th July, 27th August, 1st October, 29th October, 26th November.