

CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Childswickham Parish Council Meeting held at The Memorial Hall, Childswickham on Thursday 31st March 2016.

PRESENT Cllr Scattergood, Mr R Deakin and Cllr Halling (Chairman).

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk), Mr J Saunders and Mr J Wade.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Ms S Lewis, Mr S Higgins, Mr J Lowe, County and District Councillor Mrs E Eyre and District Cllr Mr B Thomas and PCSO 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 the 25th February 2016.

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

4. Finance.

a) To consider invoices for payment.

The Council agreed the following items for payment: - S Gwilliam (Lengthsman) £132.00 and Clerks expenses £46.24.

b) To Receive Financial report.

The following remittance have been received; - Lengthsman £176.00 and County Councillor Donation £500.00.

The accounts were presented to the council.

c) To Consider a Donation to the Celebrations for the Queens 90th Birthday.

The council agreed for the clerk to contact the organisers of the event, to ask for a list of items with costs that the council could pay for, rather than a donation.

5. Correspondence.

Circulated to all councillors.

Clerk to contact rooftop again re Blacksmiths Lane.

6. To Appoint Grass Cutting Contractor.

The council had received two inquiries, however no tender had been returned.

The council agreed for Mr Newbury to cut the grass in the playing field at a cost of £125.00 plus VAT and Mr Hawkins to cut the verges and footpath at a cost of £55.00 per cut. Clerk to send the relevant paperwork to them.

7. To Consider the Continuation of the Lengthsman Scheme.

The council agreed to continue with the Lengthsman Scheme and for the clerk to sign the necessary paperwork before the next meeting.

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8. Planning.

a. For Consideration.

W/16/00552/PP - 11 Green Close, Childswickham. The council has no planning reason to object.

W/16/00576/PP – 11 Hinton Road, Childswickham. The council has no planning reason to object.

The council agreed that any future applications for “Installation of external Wall insulation to all elevations of the property in a neutral colour (white/cream/grey)” would not need to go to the full council for approval, Cllr Scattergood to determine.

b. To Ratify Planning Decisions Made Between Meetings.

W/16/00442/PP – Penn Cottage, Broadway Road, Childswickham. The council has no planning reasons to object.

c. Decided by Wychavon.

Approved

W/16/00442/PP - Penn Cottage, Broadway Road, Childswickham.

Going to Appeal.

APP/H1840/W/15/3137337: Windward House, WR12 7HT

d. Update on Planning Enforcement.

Leedons Park, Childswickham Road - Breach of W/11/02229/PN – landscaping.

2, Orchard Cottage, Atkinson Street - W/14/00733/PP – Moving of wall.

9. Reports.

a) Clerk.

Previously circulated

b) County Councillor.

Previously circulated

c) District Councillor.

- South Worcestershire Development Plan

The SWDP was formally adopted by all three councils (Wychavon, Malvern Hill & Worcester City) on 25th February 2016. This is now the official development plan for our district which sets out strategic planning policies and detailed development management policies which are a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. A hard-copy of the SWDP will be provided to the parish council in the coming weeks once the print run has completed.

- Rural areas Quality of Life survey

According to the Halifax Rural Quality of Life Survey, Wychavon is currently the best rural place to live in the West Midlands as well as 24th nationally.

- Wychavon budget

The Wychavon budget has now been set and passed by Council at the end of February. Whilst the fiscal environment remains challenged due to reduction in funding from central government, the Executive Board at Wychavon has ruled out cuts to essential frontline services over the next four years. As a result the Council has agreed to increase its share of the Council Tax bill this year by £4.99 per year for a typical band D property. This is less than 10p per week.

- Wychavon strategy

Wychavon’s new strategy has now been finalised and comprised the following priorities

People: healthy, happy, active and supported

Place: green, clean and safe with quality affordable homes

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Prosperity: vibrant communities with quality jobs and skills

d) Police Report.

No report.

e) Footpath Advisor.

No report.

f) The Councils Visions and Goals For This Four Year Term Of Office.

Ongoing.

g) Britain In Bloom.

Ongoing.

h) Preferred Contractors Database.

Clerk to provide categories.

i) Parish Magazine.

EA leaflet to be sent by the Clerk.

j) Environment Agency.

Update leaflet to be circulated to all councillors.

10. Councillors Reports and Items For Future Agenda.

Co Option of Councillor.

Approve accounts.

David Manning, the Wychavon Rural Communities Programme Manager.

11. Date of Next Meeting.

April 28th 2016