

CHILDS ERCALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th May 2026 in the Jubilee Hall at 7.45p.m.

Present: Cllr. J Maddocks
Cllr. M Hatfield
Cllr. R Griffin
Cllr. P Clifton
Cllr. B Sale
Cllr. J Letts
Cllr. N Bentley (Unitary Councillor)

Also in attendance:
Mrs B Pearce (Clerk)
15 Members of the Public

080/2026 Apologies for absence

Absent Cllr. J Harrison

081/2026

a. Election of the Chairman & Declaration of Acceptance of Office

RESOLVED: Cllr. J Maddocks re-elected Chairman of CEPC for 2026

b. Election of the Vice Chairman & Declaration of Acceptance of Office Vice Chair

RESOLVED: Cllr. M Hatfield elected Vice Chairman for 2026.

082/2026 Chairman's Welcome

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

083/2026 Public Question Time and Participation

Member of the Public raised the concern that a large metal structure has been erected at Mildene Nursery. Chair to monitor.

084/2026 Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: that the following declaration of interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and under The Relevant Authorities (Shropshire Council disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 was received:

Cllr. Hatfield noted a potential future pecuniary interest relating to planning application 26/01212/FUL

Councillors Hatfield, Clifton and Griffin, as members of CECA, noted a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 14.

Cllr. Clifton noted a pecuniary interest relating to planning application 26/01427/AG1

085/2026 Minutes

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th April 2026 as being correct.

086/2026 To receive reports from Unitary Councillor.

Written report for May provided by Cllr. Bentley (Unitary Councillor) attached.



Unitary Cllr
Report5_May26.pdf

Matters arising in the report particular to CE Parish:

Tracy Onslow, Deputy PCC, has acknowledged receipt of CEPC's Grant Application for speed assessments in the parish and processing of the application has begun.

Cllr. Bentley is aware of all planning applications concerning Childs Ercall and is working to obtain updates on all issues. Cllr. Bentley has met with representatives from the Caynton egg production facility prior to the application being called into committee, should that be the next step of the application.

Cllr. Bentley has been in contact with SC Highways regarding the A41 project and is waiting for a response.

Shropshire Council Local Plan Consultation is now active until 15th July and Cllr. Bentley encouraged all to be involved and share views and opinions.

Action: Details of the consultation process to be included in the Parish newsletter so parishioners who are not on-line can be involved.

Cllr. Bentley confirmed that Tanya Miles has been appointed the new Chief Executive for Shropshire Council and she will meet directly with Chairs to discuss individual parish issues and concerns.

Action: Cllr. Bentley to request cutting back hedges at the Four Crosses junction as soon as possible to improve visibility as this is now increasingly difficult and dangerous.

087/2026 Safety in the Parish

Road safety is a major concern and has been raised in many of the resident's planning application representations.

Grant Application for speed assessment is progressing.

Discussion with Cllr. Bentley regarding improvements to the process for completing pothole filling with "Fix My Street" is not working as it should be.

CE is a low crime area; incidents happen periodically and the PC work with SNT to address when these occur.

088/2026 Parish Matters

a. Correspondence – update on important PC matters received via NALC/SALC Bulletins etc.

None.

b. Shropshire Council – Update on "Shropshire Together" Proposals

Chair confirmed there are no Shropshire Council assets within the Parish. The playing field is leased from SC and is on a 97-year lease.

Chair and Vice-Chair to attend local meeting on 16th June and will share information at next PC meeting.

EMG has now been completed.

089/2026 Financial Matters

Members are asked to:

- a. **Receive and confirm the payment of the items to be presented to the meeting**
 - i. DRAX Energy Solutions - £88.17 (March) DD 21/04/2026
 - ii. Administration May 2026 - £318.83
 - iii. K&S Landscapes Grass Cut - £620.40 – Grass Cut 1st and 21st April 2026
 - iv. Hugo Fox – Monthly DD for e-mail addresses £20.99 (09/05/2026)
 - v. Childs Ercall Church - £150.00 – 2026 PC contribution to production of CE Newsletter
 - vi. SALC - £461.23 – 2026 Affiliation Fees
 - vii. Clear Council - £1447.90 2026 PC Insurance
 - viii. Bernard Sale - £35 – 2nd water butt at bus shelter
 - ix. Lloyds Bank – £5.25 Bank Charges 10/02- 09/03 2026 DD 27/04/2026

RESOLVED: Clerk is authorised to pay the above invoices.

90/2026 Approval of Annual Governance and Accountability Return AGAR

- i. Annual Governance Statement
- ii. Accounting Statement
- iii. AGAR return for the financial year ending 31st March 2026.
- iv. Agreement on dates for “The Exercise of Public Rights”

AGAR was discussed with no questions.

RESOLVED: The Annual Governance Statement was approved.

91/2026 Highways and footpaths

- a. **St Michaels/Crow Lane 7.5 tonne weight restriction – on-going management, reporting, enforcement and further options.**

Enforcement of weight restrictions still not being carried out despite evidence being sent to both SC and police. Cllr. Bentley continues to investigate. No update.

Potholes discussed, issues with Fix My Street which Cllr. Bentley is aware of and SC are working to improve service.
- b. **Eaton Road (village part) safety improvements.**

Grant Application for speed assessments now being processed.
- c. **A41 working group – updates on new cross county group.**

Work continues between T&W and Shropshire Councils.
- d. **Footpaths and public rights of way – to consider any queries which may impact on the parish.**

Cllr. Letts continues to raise issues with local landowners regarding blocked access to parish footpaths.

Action: Chair will forward contact details for Shropshire Council’s Public Footpaths Officer to Cllr. Letts.

e. **Streetlights - Lamp replacements. Dark skies initiative.**

Currently all in operation.

Bulb replaced at St Michaels Way and invoice received.

Resident has reported light post which is leaning on footpath opposite Village Green.

Action: Chair to contact NGED.

092/2026

Grounds Maintenance/Playground

a. **To receive an update from the grounds sub-committee.**

Grass cutting schedule is out of sync causing issues for football matches/training. Chair continues to monitor and will meet with K&S Landscapes.

b. **Playground – to receive the monthly inspection report.**

Chair is now carrying out playground inspections and bin emptying; no issues found at last inspection.

ROSPA playground inspection booked for June and Chair will attend.

093/2026 Parish infrastructure projects – Community Plan

a. **On-going maintenance and repairs to assets.**

Benches on playing field require attention.

Action: (continued) Chair to investigate.

b. **Commitment to the football pitches and Clubs.**

Action: Chair and Vice Chair to arrange meeting with Football Teams to discuss upcoming season.

094/2026 Advertising and social media/website

Gary Barnes will continue to update/monitor website in the short term, many thanks to Gary.

Cllr. Griffin continues with the production of newsletters which are going well. Councillors asked to forward any content to Cllr. Griffin.

095/2026 Grants and Donations

To consider any new applications.

CECA application received relating to repairing/upgrading heating system in the Jubilee Hall. PC waiting for response to a query raised with CECA.

096/2026 Planning Applications

a. **New Planning applications.**

Reference: 26/01603/FUL (validated: 29/04/2026)

Address: Holmside, Narrow Lane, Childs Ercall, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 2TW

Proposal: Proposed two storey rear extension, single storey rear extension and first floor side extension

Applicant: Mr Shayne Orme

RESOLVED: PC to provide a No Comment response.

Reference: 26/01427/AG1 (validated: 17/04/2026)

Address: Bradeley Farm, Crow Lane, Childs Ercall, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 2DB

Proposal: Proposed Installation of slurry lagoon

Applicant: Richard Clifton

GRANTED: Prior Approval Not Required

b. Existing Applications

Reference: 26/01212/FUL (validated: 09/04/2026)

Address: Land West Of Eaton Road, Childs Ercall, Shropshire

Proposal: Proposed Mixed Residential Development of 27 dwellings (including 8 Affordable Housing properties), Village Shop, Public Open Space and Public Footpath/Cycleway linkage

Applicant: Mr & Mrs R. Topham (Moat Farm, Wood Lane, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3NY)

A Parish Objection Group has been set up. There were 238 objections (at date of meeting) including PC and MP objections. Consultation date extended.

Reference: 25/03608/FUL (validated: 08/10/2025)

Address: Land Adjacent Wood Farm, Caynton, Newport, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of a free-range egg production unit and associated infrastructure

Applicant: Mr Andrew Hollins (Holly Cottage, Ightfield, Whitchurch, SY13 4BW, Shropshire)

Consultation date now passed, anticipated to go before the Planning Committee but not confirmed.

Reference: 23/03138/FUL (Originally August 2023)

Proposal: Mixed residential development of a brownfield site for 35 dwellings and associated development|

Address: Former Motor Salvage Yard The Firs Childs Ercall Shropshire TF9 2DL

Still at Recommendation Committee, no further update. Chair and Cllr. Bentley continue to monitor.

i. Withdrawn - None

ii. Refused

Appeal on Planning Application

Reference: 24/03791/VAR

Address: Ollerton Business Park, Childs Ercall, Market Drayton, Shropshire.

Description of development: Variation of condition 7 (highways improvements) of planning application 23/02475/FUL Application reference: 24/03791/VAR

Appellant's name: Mr Glen James

Decision: Refused Chair contacted SC regarding enforcement action.

Reference: 26/01008/CPE (validated: 16/03/2026)

Address: Caravan Adjacent Stables South Of, Eaton Road, Childs Ercall, Shropshire

Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the keeping of a caravan on site in connection with the equestrian use at Trinity Acres

Applicant: Tracey Buchanon (42 Shenley Lane, Birmingham, B29 5PN)

Decision: Certificate - Not Lawful Chair contacted SC regarding enforcement action.

iii. Granted

Reference: 26/01023/FUL (validated: 17/03/2026)

Address: 1 Dodecote Drive, Childs Ercall, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 2DN

Proposal: Two storey rear extension and detached garage/workshop

Decision: Grant Permission

Reference: 25/03922/FUL (validated: 28/10/2025)

Address: Land At Hatton Road, Hinstock, Shropshire

Proposal: Change of use of land to a mixed use comprising of 1No. pitch family gypsy and traveller site, 1No. day room and the keeping of horses (Retrospective)

Decision: Grant Permission

Reference: 26/01084/OHL (validated: 20/03/2026)

Address: Land At Crow Lane, Childs Ercall, Shropshire, TF9 2DB

Proposal: Replace approx 400M of existing open wire overhead conductor with new bunched ABC insulated conductor and replace existing 10 wood poles with new wooden poles.

Decision: No Objection OHL/Circular Notification

Reference: 26/01076/FUL (validated: 25/03/2026)

Address: The Woodlands, Hatton Road, Hinstock, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 2TX

Proposal: Proposed 3 bay car garage

Applicant: Mr Darren Millington

Decision: Grant Permission

c. Any other planning matters.

a. Land to the Rear of the Birches – Enforcement

Planning Sub-Committee continue to monitor. Case on-going for 5 years with legal process continuing with Shropshire Council.

b. Solar Farm – 25/03820/VAR Construction Traffic Routing Scheme

Granted. Planning Sub-Committee continue to monitor. No further update.

097/2026 Any new matters relating to the parish not included elsewhere on the agenda.

Roles and Responsibilities for 2026

Chair – Playground inspection including emptying bin. Planning.

Cllr. Hatfield – Grounds Maintenance and Planning Sub-Committee

Cllr. Letts – Footpaths and Planning Sub-Committee

Cllr. Sale – Maintenance and Liaison with CECA

Cllr. Clifton – Maintenance

Cllr. Griffin – Newsletter, Clothes Bank and general parish inspections and litter picking.

Clerk reminded councillors to complete any outstanding Disclosable Pecuniary Forms.

Cllr. Griffin gave his apologies for the June meeting.

098/2026 Date of next meeting.

Members are asked to note the next CEPC Meeting is scheduled for June 17th 2026 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall.

Members are asked to note that there will be no Parish Council meeting in July 2026.