

CHILDS ERCALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th June 2026 in the Jubilee Hall at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllr. J Maddocks
Cllr. B Sale
Cllr. J Haslegrave

Also in attendance:
Mrs B Pearce (Clerk)
1 Member of the Public

099/2026 Apologies for absence

Cllr. M Hatfield
Cllr. R Griffin
Cllr. J Harrison
Cllr. J Letts
Cllr. N Bentley (Unitary Councillor)

Absent: Cllr. Clifton

100/2026 Chairman's Welcome

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
There will be no meeting in July, the next CEPC meeting is scheduled for 19th August 2026.
Chair noted the sad passing of parishioner Graham Handley.

101/2026 Public Question Time and Participation

Member of the Public raised the concern that a large metal structure has been erected at Mildene Nursery. Chair has registered issue on SC Enforcement Portal.

102/2026 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:

None.

103/2026 Minutes

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th May 2026 as being correct. Two councillors were present who had also attended the May meeting.

104/2026 To receive reports from Unitary Councillor.

Written report for June provided by Cllr. Bentley (Unitary Councillor) attached and can also be found on Childs Ercall Community Website.
Cllr. Bentley submitted apologies and was not present at the meeting.

105/2026 Councillor Vacancy

Application received from John Haslegrave and was co-opted onto the Parish Council, PC has now returned to a full complement of eight councillors.

106/2026 Safety in the Parish

Safer Neighbourhood team to visit parish on 18th June 2026 – Club Carpark 6pm. Information has been shared via Facebook.

Highways inspectors have revisited Eaton Road to assess the potholes Chair escalated after last meeting. PC expect the two major defects to be filled shortly, with a wider resurfacing section to follow. Chair to escalate issue to MP Mark Pritchard on his visit to the Parish on 19th June.
No update on speed assessments.

107/2026 Parish Matters

- a. **Correspondence – update on important PC matters received via NALC/SALC Bulletins etc.**
None.

- b. **Shropshire Council – Update on “Shropshire Together” Proposals**
Environmental Grant Application submitted for a 50:50 grant of £1,000.

108/2026 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 - £53.88 (April) DD 21/05/2026
 - ii. Administration June 2026 - £318.83
 - iii. K&S Landscapes Grass Cut - £930.60 – Grass Cut 11/5, 21/5 and 8/6
 - iv. Hugo Fox – Monthly DD for e-mail addresses £20.99 (09/06/2026)
 - v. E.ON Energy Solutions - £189.42 – Lamp Replacement
 - vi. K J Warren - £140.00 Repair to bollard on playing field and removal of ivy on St Michaels Way
 - vii. Playsafety Ltd - £202.80 Annual Playground Safety Inspection
 - viii. Office Expenses - £15.81
 - ix. Lloyds Bank – £5.75 Bank Charges

RESOLVED: Clerk is authorised to pay the above invoices.

109/2026 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. No update.
- b. **Eaton Road (village part) safety improvements.**
Grant Application for speed assessments now being processed. No update.
- 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.**
No update

e. Streetlights - Lamp replacements. Dark skies initiative.

All lamps currently all in operation.

Light post which is leaning on footpath opposite Village Green is to be repaired by NGED – work due to be carried out in July.

110/2026

Grounds Maintenance/Playground

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

K&S continue with grass cutting to a good standard.

Chair obtaining quotes for various maintenance work and pitch maintenance to support a potential pitch-improvement grant application from K&S Landscapes.

Gullies require cleaning and verges have not been cut by SC and are now in a dangerous state.

Action: Chair to add issues to Fix My Street

b. Playground – to receive the monthly inspection report.

No issues on last playground inspection. Chair has emptied bins, cleaned various items and added more cable ties as bird deterrent.

The annual ROSPA playground inspection has been carried out by Playsafety Ltd and is now under review.

The welds to the basketball stand are cracked and require repair.

Paintwork on adult gym requires attention.

Zip wire bolts shown to require dismantling inspection. **Action: Chair to forward dismantling report carried out last year to Playsafety.**

111/2026 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.

Grant application made for pitch improvement from Football Foundation

111/2026 Advertising and social media/website

Gary Barnes continues 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.

112/2026 Grants and Donations

To consider any new applications.

CECA Grant Application – Replacement Heaters (Application received 22 April 2026)

Councillors reviewed the application submitted by CECA for funding towards replacement heaters for Jubilee Hall, together with the supporting documents, including the recently provided Energy Performance Certificate (EPC).

Members discussed the feasibility of CECA's wider green-energy proposal (solar PV and air-source heat pump supplying electric heaters), noting the EPC recommendations, the Hall's usage levels, and current energy costs. Councillors expressed a preference at this stage to support a like-for-like replacement of the existing heaters rather than the broader renewable-energy scheme.

Resolved: To award CECA a grant of **£4,000** towards the replacement heaters.

113/2026 Planning Applications

a. New Planning applications.

Reference: 26/02166/HHE (validated: 09/06/2026)

Address: 17 Steppes Way, Childs Ercall, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 2BN

Proposal: Erection of a rear single storey extension to detached dwelling, dimensions 4.40 metres beyond rear wall, 3.67 metres maximum height, 2.3 metres high to eaves

Applicant: Mr and Mrs John and Stella Seed (17 Steppes Way, Childs Ercall, Shropshire, TF9 2BN)

PC have No Comment

b. Existing 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

PC have No Comment

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)

Consultation date closed on 10th June 2026.

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)

No update.

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

Revised application received. Action: PC to review.

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. No update

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. No update

- i. Withdrawn - None
 - ii. Refused – None
 - iii. Granted – None
- 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. No update
 - b. Solar Farm – 25/03820/VAR Construction Traffic Routing Scheme
Granted. Planning Sub-Committee continue to monitor. No update.
 - c. Mildene Nursery
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114/2026 Any new matters relating to the parish not included elsewhere on the agenda.

Councillors were reminded to complete their Disclosable Pecuniary Interest Forms with SC. Councillors discussed producing a Vulnerable Resident Register for the Parish. PC to consider further bearing in mind GDPR regulations.

115/2026 Date of next meeting.

Members are asked to note the next CEPC Meeting is scheduled for August 19th 2026 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall. Members are asked to note that there will be no Parish Council meeting in July 2026 unless any issues arise which require immediate attention when Chair can call an Extraordinary Meeting if possible.