

CHILDS ERCALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Childs Erccall Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th December 2024 in the Jubilee Hall at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllr. J Maddocks (Chair)
Cllr. M Hatfield
Cllr. J Griffin
Cllr. G Barnes
Cllr. P Clifton
Cllr. R Crookes
Cllr. B Sale

Also in attendance:
Barbara Pearce (Clerk)
6 Members of the Public

192/2024 Apologies for absence

Cllr. J Letts
Cllr. R Gittins

RESOLVED: To receive apologies of absence for this meeting.

193/2024 Chairman's Welcome

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

194/2024 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.

195/2024 Public Question Time and Participation

Police Sergeant Liam Heathcote from Market Drayton Police Station attended the meeting. The St Michaels Way to Ollerton Business Park weight restriction, speeding and general safety issues in the parish were discussed. PS Heathcote fully backs the PC campaign to improve road safety in the village. He assured that he will be following up the concerns with the road safety team. PC to meet with Jon Campion and road safety team at the end of January.

Member of the Public updated information regarding plans for a pond on the Village Green. Concerns were raised regarding feasibility and safety issues.

196/2024 Minutes

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th November 2024 as being correct.

197/2024 Matters arising/action taken from the Minutes not otherwise included in the agenda.

Condition of benches in the parish discussed, Cllr. Sale provided information on suitable replacements.

198/2024 Safety in the Parish

Extensive discussion with PS Heathcote at 195/2024.

198/2024 Highways and footpaths

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

Discussed with PS Heathcote at 195/2024.

- b. Eaton Road (village part) safety improvements.**

No further update.

- c. A41 working group – updates on new cross county group.**

No further update.

- d. Footpaths and public rights of way – to consider any queries which may impact on the parish.**

No issues.

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

EON Streetlighting Ltd had suggested that the old-style concrete columns be replaced on St Michaels Way. Chair has asked for a copy of their report with no further update.

CEPC working towards reducing electricity consumption by switching to LED lamps and possible part night lighting.

Action: Chair to chase progress.

198/2024 Parish Matters

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

- i. Angela Rayner - Announcement on major re-organisation of local government.

Action: Chair to contact Cllr. Gittins for clarification of proposals.

- ii. **Lord Lieutenants Garden Party 2025.**

PC nominated Derek and Fiona Norfolk to attend the Lord Lieutenants Garden Party on 4th June 2025.

Action: Chair to confirm invitation with Derek and Fiona Norfolk.

199/2024

Grounds Maintenance/Playground

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

- i. Work on the footpath between Eaton Road and the Jubilee Hall will be done on 30th and 31st December.

Action: Cllr. Barnes/Chair to notify of works to the community, may impact on Table Tennis in the Jubilee Hall.

- ii. Grass cutting has now finished for the season, possibly request cutting starts earlier in 2025, to accommodate all cuts for the season.

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

Inspection report received, no issues reported. Inspections are carried out bi-weekly. Grass in playground is doing well.

- c. Mechanical inspection of the playground – Kompan to Tim Simmons.**

Order has been placed with Tim Simmons, waiting for confirmation of commencement of work. No further update.

Action: Cllr. Barnes to contact again for a date.

200/2024 Parish infrastructure projects – Community Plan

a. On-going maintenance and repairs to assets.

Cllr. Hatfield to carry out investigation on state of assets around the parish to form a plan of maintenance and repairs to be included in the upcoming budget notification.

b. Commitment to the football pitches and Clubs.

Cllr. Griffin to take over Jubilee Hall and football team bookings as Fiona Norfolk stands down from CECA. Many thanks to Fiona for her work organising the teams and bookings.

201/2024 Advertising and social media/website

Cllr. Barnes continues to keep website updated, usage remains constant, approximately 400 users. Most popular page is “Events”. Cllr. Barnes updated the website with an article provided by Ben Harrison on boys’ football news/information this month.

Action: Cllr. Barnes to investigate adding a survey onto the website to capture views and suggestions from parishioners.

Cllr. Griffin is working on the February newsletter, deadline 20th January.

202/2024 Grants and Donations

a. To consider any new applications.

No new applications.

203/2024 Planning Applications.

a. New Planning applications.

Reference: 24/04528/FUL (validated: 02/12/2024)

Address: Blaze Hill Equestrian Livery Stables, Village Road, Childs Ercall, Shropshire, TF9 2DA

Proposal: Erection of a stable block and hay store

Applicant: Clare Broad (Blaze Hill Equestrian, Childs Ercall, Shropshire, TF9 2BF)

RESOLVED: PC to make no comment.

Reference: 24/03791/VAR (validated: 02/10/2024)

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

Proposal: Variation of Condition 7 (Highways Improvements) of Application Reference Number 23/02475/FUL

Applicant: Mr Glen James

No further update.

b. Existing Applications

i. Withdrawn

None.

ii. Refused

None.

iii. Granted

None.

c. Any other planning matters.

i. Land at Steppes Way.

Discussed in public session of meeting. No planning application currently received.

ii. Eaton on Tern Solar Farm

No further update. Chair continues to monitor.

iii. Furburs application – 28 homes
No further update.

204/2024 To receive reports from Unitary Councillor

None received.

Action: Chair to contact Cllr. Gittins regarding outstanding issues.

205/2024 Financial Matters

Members are asked to:

a. Receive and confirm the payment of the items to be presented to the meeting

- i. SSE Energy Solutions DD – £194.68 (October 2024)
- ii. Administration November - £308.88
- iii. EON (Highways Lighting) Light at Leafields - £329.08

RESOLVED: Clerk is authorised to pay these invoices.

b. Reconciliation

Balance at 10/11/2024 **£34,198.92**

Outgoings £805.00

Receipts £303.19

Balance at 08/12/2024 **£33,697.11**

The above reconciliation was discussed and there were no questions.

FY25/26 Budget Draft to be forwarded to councillors to be finalised at January meeting prior to precept request due to SC by 31.01.25.

206/2024 Any new matters relating to the parish not included elsewhere on the agenda.

Member of the Public raised the issue of noise from motorbike scrambler meetings on land on the Eaton Road at the October meeting and consequently some traffic on social media.

Chair clarified that there are 14 meetings allowed per year around several local sites. Issues of excessive noise can be reported to Environmental Health at SC.

207/2024 Date of next meeting.

Members are asked to note the next meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall.