

## **CHILDS ERCALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025 in the Jubilee Hall at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllr. J Maddocks (Chair)  
Cllr. P Clifton  
Cllr. R Crookes  
Cllr. J Griffin

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

### **054/2025 Apologies for absence**

Cllr. G Barnes  
Cllr. M Hatfield  
Cllr. J Letts  
Cllr. B Sale – No notification

**RESOLVED: To receive apologies of absence for this meeting.**

### **055/2025 Chairman's Welcome**

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. 2025 is election year and 7 councillors have been nominated and accepted for the upcoming term, leaving one vacant seat on the Parish Council. New Councillor details have been posted on the Community Website and Parish Noticeboard. Chair thanked the outgoing councillors Cllr. Griffin and Cllr. Crookes for their work during their time as Parish Councillors.

Unitary Council Elections take place on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2025.

CEPC Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 at 7pm in the Jubilee Hall.

### **056/2025 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.

### **057/2025 Public Question Time and Participation**

Member of the public felt that there had been a reduction in the amount of traffic through the village. PC will continue to campaign for signage and contact relevant businesses regarding the weight restriction.

### **058/2025 Minutes**

**RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 as being correct.**

### **059/2025 Matters arising/action taken from the Minutes not otherwise included in the agenda.**

Cllr. Clifton thanked participants in the litter pick for clearing rubbish on Crow Lane that has become an issue recently.

**Action: Chair to amend letter which is given to businesses at Ollerton Business Park to include a reminder regarding littering along Crow Lane.**

## **60/2025 Safety in the Parish**

No new issues.

Pothole patching work is being carried out on Ollerton Lane.

## **061/2025 Highways and footpaths**

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

Meeting with Chair, Councillors, PCC Jon Campion, Rod Lake from West Mercia Road Safety Team, Harry Guest from Shropshire Highways, Cllr. Gittins and residents took place on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

PCC Jon Campion confirmed funding is available for “No Access to Ollerton Business Park” signage which Shropshire Highways would need to erect. 5 locations have been provided; Stanford crossroads, Four Crosses crossroad, potentially outside the club, at the Village Green and entrance to St Michaels Way. Shropshire Council to approve locations and provide cost.

5 potential locations provided to Shropshire Council for installation of a VAS/SID. SC require evidence of speeding which will involve laying tapes across the road and there is a cost involved with this. Waiting for further communication from SC regarding costs.

No further update on the above, possibly due to SC being in a period of purdah prior to the elections on May 1st.

PC continue to send evidence of weight restriction breaches to DVSA and Operation Snap and continue to provide letters to Ollerton Business Park regarding the weight restriction at Crow Lane.

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

See above.

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

No further update from Cllr. Gittins. Chair has received feedback that one of the options being considered is average speed cameras are proposed on the section of the A41 from Tong to Tern Hill. Assessments and feasibility studies are ongoing.

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

Footpath around the bus shelter is deteriorating. It is understood that one quote has been obtained.

**Action: Cllr. Hatfield and Cllr. Sale working to obtain quotes, 3 required if the work is more than £500.**

No reported issues with public rights of way.

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

3 streetlamps obscured by vegetation on St Michaels Way.

No action required on the concrete columns on St Michaels Way.

## **062/2025 Parish Matters**

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

Remaining seats for Parish Councils can be co-opted after 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

**b. FTTP / Gigabit roll out in the Parish**

Freedom Fibre have erected approximately 15 statutory notices to erect poles around the parish. Mostly on the highways but some outside properties.

**Action (continued): Chair to contact Freedom Fibre to request those planned for outside properties to be relocated wherever possible.**

**c. Best Kept Village 2025**

Fairy Glen House has been placed on the Green. Stone painting event has been carried out. Co-ordinating with Church for the Easter Egg Hunt. Application has been submitted. Posters have arrived and will go up shortly.

**063/2025**

**Grounds Maintenance/Playground**

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

Grass last cut 01/04.

One goalpost has come loose from the concrete surround. End of season is Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

The 7 x7 Pitch will continue to be used on Friday evenings for under 9 boys training, fee/contribution for this be agreed with football team management.

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

Inspection report received from Cllr. Barnes.

**Action: Chair to wash down items of play equipment and re-position bird cable ties which have moved.**

**064/2025 Parish infrastructure projects – Community Plan**

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

Path around Bus Shelter see 0611/2025/d.

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

Chair suggested that as last year Cllr. Hatfield and Cllr. Barnes meet with the clubs in June regarding 2025/26 season. Cost of hiring pitches for next season to be confirmed.

**065/2025 Advertising and social media/website**

March saw a big increase in website activity (approx 40%), with approximately 1,000 page views and more than 300 individual visitors. This may be because of the planning application at Furbers and the Council election. The most popular pages were Minutes, Jubilee Hall, Events, Parish Council, Community Association and Agendas.

Chair thanked Cllr. Griffin for producing the newsletters, a new councillor will be required to continue with the newsletters as Cllr. Griffin steps down after the April edition.

**066/2025 Grants and Donations**

**To consider any new applications.**

None received.

**Action: Chair to contact Club regarding replacing battery for the defibrillator.**

**067/2025 Planning Applications.**

**a. New Planning applications.**

Reference: 25/00930/FUL (validated: 04/04/2025)

Address: Ercall Lodge, The Arboretum, Crow Lane, Childs Ercall, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 2DB

Proposal: Proposed garage extension

Applicant: Mr Gary Parsons  
Status: Pending Consideration

**Action: As plans have only been recently added to SC portal Chair will ask for an extension to respond. Chair to speak to local residents to canvas opinion on plans.**

Reference: 25/01344/FUL (validated: 02/04/2025)

Address: 5 Village Barns, Village Road, Childs Ercall, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 2DA

Proposal: Replacement of timber with stonework to front walls of existing link from barn to garage,

Applicant: Mr Ant Brown

Status: Pending Consideration.

**Action: Chair to ask for an extension to respond.**

b. Existing Applications

Reference: 25/00498/FUL (validated: 05/03/2025)

Address: HMS Godwit, Ollerton Lane, Ollerton, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 2BS

Proposal: Proposed conversion to form a single dwelling, and associated works

Applicant: Mr R Appleton

Status: Pending Consideration

**PC has posted objection as development in open countryside.**

Reference: 23/03138/FUL

Proposal: Mixed residential development of a brownfield site for 28 dwellings and associated development|

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

Status: Pending Consideration

**Chair met with Richard Denison, SC Planning Officer to obtain further information on SC planning policy. Live application is the 2023 application which PC originally objected to. If this is amended, it will be notified to CEPC as statutory consultee.**

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

Last communication to Cllr. Gittins is that the applicant is committed to providing passing places with work to commence once the section 278 agreement has been completed.

**No further update.**

i. Withdrawn

None.

ii. Refused

None

iii. Granted

None

c. Any other planning matters.

i. Land at Steppes Way.

No planning application currently received.

ii. Eaton on Tern Solar Farm

No further update. Chair continues to monitor.

iii. Benbows

No planning application currently received.

**068/2025 To receive reports from Unitary Councillor.**

Update from Chair:

As central government look to achieving more combined authorities, it has been suggested that SC merge with another authority, possibly T&W or Staffordshire. No decision has been made on this.

SC has balanced their budget and been commended by the Taxpayers Alliance for achieving this.

Hit their target of 50% subscription rate for green bins.

**069/2025 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 – £175.89 (February 2025) DD 25/03/2025
- ii. Administration April - £308.88
- iii. CECA - £890.00 Grant
- iv. Bank Charges Jan &Feb £12.00
- v. Ivor Godwin – Hedge Cutting £114.00
- vi. BKVC Entry Fee - £35.00
- vii. K&S Landscapes – Grass Cutting 19/03 and 01/04 - £620.40

**RESOLVED: Clerk is authorised to pay the above invoices.**

**Year End Reconciliation**

Opening Balance 01/04/2024:	£35,622.74
Paid out:	£26,631.48
Paid In:	£18,695.05
Closing Balance 31/03/2025:	<b>£16,629.33</b>

The above reconciliation was discussed and there were no questions.

**070/2025 Any new matters relating to the parish not included elsewhere on the agenda.**

Upcoming community events include Easter Egg Hunt 19<sup>th</sup> April, Quiz Night 7<sup>th</sup> May and Summer Ceilidh 7<sup>th</sup> June.

**071/2025 Date of next meeting.**

Members are asked to note the next meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall. CEPC APM is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> 2025 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall.