

CHILDS ERCALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Childs Erccall Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th November 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

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

174/2024 Apologies for absence

Cllr. J Letts
Cllr. B Sale
Cllr. R Crookes
Cllr. R Gittins

RESOLVED: To receive apologies of absence for this meeting.

175/2024 Chairman's Welcome

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

176/2024 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.

177/2024 Public Question Time and Participation

Member of the Public raised the issue of traffic through the village and particularly along St Michaels Way and onto Crow Lane. She has contacted SC directly with little response. Chair explained that the PC are aware of issues and will update at Agenda point 5 and 6.

Member of the Public updated information regarding plans for a pond on the Village Green.

Member of the Public asked if there was a planning application imminent for land at Steppes Way. PC have no information on an application at the moment; original application was for 28 homes in 2016.

Member of the Public raised the issue of noise from motorbike scrambler meetings on land on the Eaton Road.

Action: Chair will clarify the situation regarding number/frequency of meetings.

178/2024 Minutes

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th October 2024 as being correct.

179/2024 Matters arising/action taken from the Minutes not otherwise included in the agenda.

None.

180/2024 Safety in the Parish

Chair asked that care is taken on all parish roads particularly during treacherous weather conditions including the snow and ice which have been experienced recently.

181/2024 Highways and footpaths

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

Concern regarding the number of vehicles travelling through the village, along St Michaels Way/The Mews and up Crow Lane was raised by a member of the public. Speeding and the number of vehicles above 7.5 tonne are the main issues.

A camera has now been installed with images monitored by the Chair and weight restriction breaches reported to West Mercia Police via Operation Snap. Snap had rejected some images suggesting there was no proof that the vehicle was on road subject to a restriction. Chair resolved this issue, and images continue to be sent to SNAP.

As discussed at last month's meeting signs have been **ordered**, but unfortunately there has been a delay at the printers with these.

Action: Chair to contact Cllr. Gittins regarding escalating the issues at SC.

b. Eaton Road (village part) safety improvements.

Location for SID has been approved in theory by Shropshire Council (SC), however Derek Buchanan at SC has not confirmed that we are able to install them.

Action: Chair to continue to chase with Cllr. Gittins.

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

Roadworks due on A41 Hinstock to Newport due in the next few weeks as part of the on-going improvements.

d. Footpaths – to consider any queries which may impact on the parish.

No issues.

e. Streetlights - Lamp replacements. Dark skies initiative.

EON Streetlights Ltd have informed that two of the three old style concrete columns on St Michaels Way are cracked and have quoted to replace.

Action: Chair to confirm if EON will replace the sodium LED bulb as the column is cracked.

National Grid to remove ivy from a streetlight on St Michaels Way. Leylandii is covering a second streetlight.

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

182/2024 Parish Matters

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

i. Lord Lieutenants Garden Party 2025.

PC can nominate an attendee for the Lord Lieutenants Garden Party on 4th June 2025. Derek Norfolk was proposed to attend.

ii. SALC AGM 30.10.2024

Chair attended the SALC AGM. CEPC received the Jan Snell Award for Outstanding Community Benefit for their work replacing the playground in 2020 and Chair gave a presentation on the work at the meeting which was well received.

b. FTTP/Gigabit roll out in the parish.

No further update – Item to be removed from the Agenda.

c. Trees – Tree Preservation, planting, and maintenance.

No further update. Item to be removed from the Agenda.

d. Best Kept Village Competition (BKVC).

Chair was pleased to announce that CEPC obtained the runners up award in the BKVC Shropshire competition. The award was presented and has been placed in the Jubilee Hall. Tidy-up group to be considered in the New Year.

e. Dog Fouling in the Parish

New dog bin now in position at the entrance of the concrete track on St Michaels Way and is being used.

f. Marcus Mackay – placement of memorial plaque provisionally 23rd November (afternoon).

Party of councillors and public to attend placing the plaque at the further end of the playing field, Queens Jubilee Trees, at 2.30pm on Saturday 23rd November.

183/2024

Grounds Maintenance/Playground

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

Cllr. Hatfield and Cllr. Sale met contractor to clarify the work required to ensure the path is safe and to rectify the tree root issue. Reduced quote has now been received and accepted. Waiting for date for completion of work.

PC have renewed K&S Landscapes grass cutting contract for 3 years. Their work has been of a very good standard.

b. Playground – to receive the monthly inspection report.

Inspection report received, no issues reported. Inspections are carried out bi-weekly.

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.

184/2024 Parish infrastructure projects – Community Plan

a. On-going maintenance and repairs to assets.

Discussion on condition of benches throughout the parish.

Cllr. Hatfield has researched replacing the ones the Village Green like for like at approx. £500 each.

b. Commitment to the football pitches and Clubs.

5 teams will be using the pitches in the coming season, matches are on the community website.

c. Nature Trail, tree planting, conservation, and environment.

No further update. Item to be removed from Agenda.

d. Rural bus services - North Shropshire Wheelers – currently in Cheswardine, Hinstock and maybe Stoke-on Tern. Potential subsidy.

No further update. Item to be removed from Agenda.

e. Environment. Tree and hedge planting, LED lights, dark skies initiatives.

Discussed at other points on the Agenda. Item to be removed from the Agenda.

f. Larger community project – Place Plan.

No further update. Item to be removed from the Agenda.

185/2024 Advertising and social media/website

Cllr. Barnes continues to keep website updated, usage remains constant. Main traffic is on football teams and events pages.

Website to provide FOC domain name with .org.uk extension. Cllr. Barnes has completed paperwork and is waiting for completion.

Cllr. Griffin is working on this month's newsletter.

186/2024 Grants and Donations

a. To consider any new applications.

No new applications.

b. Small Grants Policy review.

Cllrs. considered the policy terms.

Resolved: Review completed.

187/2024 Planning Applications.

a. New Planning applications.

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

PC, neighbouring councils and parishioners have submitted strong objections.

b. Existing Applications

i. Withdrawn

None.

ii. Refused

None.

iii. Granted

Reference: 24/03479/FUL (validated: 16/09/2024)

Address: 1 Hill View, Hatton Road, Hinstock, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 2TS

Proposal: Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extensions

Applicant: Mr And Mrs Simon And Nina Downing

Status: Granted

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. Furbers application – 28 homes

No further update.

188/2024 To receive reports from Unitary Councillor

None received.

189/2024 Financial Matters

Members are asked to:

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

- II. SSE Energy Solutions DD – £188.38 (September 2024)
- III. Administration October - £396.92
- IV. K&S Landscapes (cut 4/10) - £282.00
- V. The Workshop Aberfeldy - £62.15
- VI. Camera (Re-imbursement James Maddocks) - £132.21
- VII. Office Expense (stamps) - £19.04

RESOLVED: Clerk is authorised to pay these invoices.

Interest rate on bank account has been reduced.

Bank have changed PC account to a Community Account which will incur bank charges from 01.01.2025.

b. Reconciliation

Balance at 07/10/2024 **£34,922.43**

Outgoings £2094.90

Receipts £1371.39

Balance at 10/11/2024 **£34,198.92**

The above reconciliation was discussed and there were no questions.

190/2024 Any new matters relating to the parish not included elsewhere on the agenda.

Chair has started work on FY25/26 Budget and the draft was discussed.

191/2024 Date of next meeting.

Members are asked to note the next meeting of Childs Erroll Parish Council is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 18th December at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall.