

CHILDS ERCALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council held on Wednesday 15th January 2025 in the Jubilee Hall at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllr. J Maddocks (Chair)
Cllr. M Hatfield
Cllr. J Griffin
Cllr. B Sale
Cllr. R Gittins

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

000/2025 Apologies for absence

Cllr. J Letts
Cllr. G Barnes
Cllr. R Crookes

RESOLVED: To receive apologies of absence for this meeting.

001/2025 Chairman's Welcome

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked Cllr. Gittins for attending the meeting. Issues currently in the press include potholes, increase in commodity prices and Shropshire Council's position with their Local Plan and the impact any changes this will have on the parish. PC to discuss their campaign to improve in road safety in the parish. Yearly precept to be set at this meeting.

002/2025 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.

003/2025 Public Question Time and Participation

Discussion on Road Safety in the parish.

004/2025 Minutes

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th December 2024 as being correct.

005/2025 Matters arising/action taken from the Minutes not otherwise included in the agenda.

Cllr. Clifton reported incident of fly tipping on Crow Lane.

Action: Chair to report on Fix My Street.

006/2025 Safety in the Parish

Meeting with PCC Jon Campion, Road Safety Team (possible) and Shropshire Highways arranged for 24th January 2025.

Councillors and parish residents welcome to attend.

Points for discussion at meeting:

- Viability and positioning of SIDs on Eaton Road / Narrow Lane / Newport Road.
- Other traffic calming ideas such as 20mph signage, speed bumps, chicanes, dragon's teeth etc.

- Weight restriction on Crow Lane. Chair continues to monitor images and report to Operation SNAP and PC Heathcote visits businesses at Ollerton Park.

Action: Chair to provide data on number and size of vehicles using Crow Lane at the meeting.

- Ollerton Business Park and non-installation of passing places in breach of planning conditions.

(note post PC meeting – PCC Campion unable to attend, meeting will be re-arranged.)

007/2025 Highways and footpaths

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

See 006/2025

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

Action: Chair to chase speed survey with PCSO Carruthers.

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

Cllr. Gittins reported that the outline framework and report re safety improvements on the A41 section from Tern Hill to Tong is due imminently from T&W Council.

- 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.**

Currently all streetlamps are in working order.

008/2025 Parish Matters

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

Nothing to report from NALC/SALC.

009/2025

Grounds Maintenance/Playground

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

- i. Work on the footpath from the Eaton Road gate to the Jubilee Hall has been carried to a good standard. However, the slabs on the section to the Eaton Road gate have not been cleared back to 900mm.

Action: Cllr. Hatfield to contact contractor to arrange for completion of work.

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

Last inspection received from Cllr. Barnes on 21/12/2024.

Action: Chair to carry out inspection in Cllr. Barnes absence.

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

Tim Simmons completed work on 15/01/2025.

010/2025 Parish infrastructure projects – Community Plan

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

Cllr. Hatfield / Cllr. Sale 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.

a. Commitment to the football pitches and Clubs.

Cllr. Griffin has taken over Jubilee Hall and football team bookings. Funds have been received from CECA relating to the football pitch hire up to 15/12/2024.

011/2025 Advertising and social media/website

Cllr. Griffin is working on the February newsletter, deadline 20th January. Items to include road safety issues, fly tipping, information on PC Small Grants Scheme, Best Kept Village initiative etc.

012/2025 Grants and Donations

a. To consider any new applications.

No new applications.

013/2025 Planning Applications.

a. New Planning applications.

Reference: 24/04794/FUL (validated: 06/01/2025)

Address: The Meadows, Village Road, Childs Ercall, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 2BZ

Proposal: Construction of a new vehicular access

Applicant: Mr Mark Jones

RESOLVED: PC to make no comment as it neither supports nor objects to the application.

However, to be noted that concerns have been raised by local neighbour regarding suitability of proposed new access which will impact on their use and enjoyment of their property including their privacy.

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.

Action: Cllr. Gittins to contact Case Officer, Richard Dennison, for further update.

b. Existing Applications

i. Withdrawn
None.

ii. Refused
None.

iii. Granted

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).

Status: Granted

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. Furburs application – 28 homes

Cllr. Gittins reported that the Case Officer is supportive of a positive scheme especially if there is removal of contamination. Developer and SC are discussing outstanding issues with a view to resubmitting an amended plan.

014/2025 To receive reports from Unitary Councillor

Cllr. Gittins reported on the ongoing challenges to the draft Local Plan by the Inspectorate.

English Devolution White Paper released on 16/12/2024 outlining proposals to merge some councils (District and County), which may be extended to include smaller unitary councils.

SC continues to operate under challenging circumstances, being £37m over budget.

015/2025 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 DD – £188.38 (November 2024)
- ii. Administration January - £308.88
- iii. A Dixon Fencing Contractors Ltd - £2340.00
- iv. CECA - £156 – Hall Rental for PC meetings Mar – Mar 2025
- v. Expenses – Rat Poison - £36.67

RESOLVED: Clerk is authorised to pay invoices i. ii. iv. and v. Invoice iii. To be paid on completion of work.

b. Reconciliation

Balance at 08/12/2024 **£33,697.11**

Outgoings: £497.26

Receipts: £54.13

Balance at 04/01/2025 **£33,253.98**

The above reconciliation was discussed and there were no questions.

c. Budget/Precept

Precept request due to SC by 31.01.25.

RESOLVED: PC to request 5% Increase on 2024/25 precept.

016/2025 Any new matters relating to the parish not included elsewhere on the agenda.

017/20254 Date of next meeting.

Members are asked to note the next meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 19th February 2025 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall.