

CHILDS ERCALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th June 2025 in the Jubilee Hall at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllr. J Maddocks (Chair)
Cllr. P Clifton
Cllr. M Hatfield
Cllr. R Griffin
Cllr. B Sale
Cllr. N Bentley

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

100/2025 Apologies for absence

Cllr. G Barnes
Cllr. J Letts

101/2025 Chairman's Welcome

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

102/2025 Public Question Time and Participation

Buyer for the Old School in attendance and proposals for the project were outlined. Planning application not yet submitted.

103/2025 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.

104/2025 Minutes

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st May 2025 as being correct

105/2025 Vice Chair and Councillor Vacancy – To Consider applicants for Vice Chair and vacant councillor position.

RESOLVED: Cllr. Hatfield proposed and seconded for position of Vice Chair and accepted position.

No applications received for vacant councillor position. Item to stay on Agenda, application deadline date to be extended on Parish notices.

106/2025 To receive reports from Unitary Councillor.

Written report provided by Cllr Bentley attached.



Unitary Cllr
Report_June25.pdf

107/2025 Safety in the Parish

Cllr. Bentley reported on plans for PCSO coverage to be stopped from 8pm. Cllr. Bentley has raised concerns with John Campion, West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner.

108/2025 Highways and footpaths

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

No further update, Chair will continue to follow-up.

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

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, Chair will continue to follow-up.

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

One option being considered is average speed cameras 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. PC would like work carried out before winter. Cllr. Hatfield obtaining quotes.

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

No issues.

109/2025 Parish Matters

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

None

- 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**

Judging due in June, date unknown. Baskets and tubs all doing well. Thanks to all volunteers for watering and village tidying.

Parishioner has requested that the verge on entrance to village on Newport Road be strimmed. Many thanks to Cllr. Clifton for agreeing to complete the job.

110/2025

Grounds Maintenance/Playground

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

Grass cutting continues to be carried out to a high standard.

One goalpost removed due to balls going into neighbouring garden.

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

Inspection reports carried out bi-weekly by Cllr. Barnes, no issues.

Safety Inspection has been carried out by ROSPA, attended by Chair. No issues raised at time of meeting.

111/2025 Parish infrastructure projects – Community Plan

a. On-going maintenance and repairs to assets.

Path around Bus Shelter discussed above.

Sandstone blocks dislodged from wall at Village Green. Roof on bus shelter requires repair/re-felt. **Action (continued): Cllr. Sale to investigate both issues.**

b. Commitment to the football pitches and Clubs.

Chair, Cllr. Hatfield and Cllr. Barnes to meet with the clubs early July regarding 2025/26 season.

Cost of hiring pitches and number of teams wishing to use the pitches next season to be confirmed at meeting.

112/2025 Advertising and social media/website

No update on website usage this month.

Chair thanked Cllr. Griffin who continues with production of newsletters.

113/2025 Grants and Donations

A class at the Horse and Dog Show has been sponsored by the BKV Committee. No further sponsorship to be made by PC.

RESOLVED: £3k to be allocated to the Small Grant Fund for 25/26 from Parish funds.

114/2025 Planning Applications

a. New Planning applications.

None

b. Existing Applications

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

Update:

Status: Recommendation or Committee.

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

Update:

Status: Recommendation or Committee.

Cllr. Bentley has escalated planning breaches issue to SC.

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.

115/2025 Financial Matters

Members are asked to:

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

i. SSE Energy Solutions – £188.38 (April) DD 27/05/25

ii. Administration June - £308.88

iii. K&S Landscapes - £930.60 – Grass Cut 25/04/2025 27/05/2025 and 09/06/2025

iv. Clear Councils CEPC Insurance - £1425.26

v. Bank Charges - £7.25 10/03/25-09/04/25 Paid 27/05/25

RESOLVED: Clerk is authorised to pay the above invoices.

116/2025 Any new matters relating to the parish not included elsewhere on the agenda.

Dodecote Drive resurfacing issue escalated by Cllr. Bentley to SC Highways.

Cllr. Bentley raised that from August 7th 2025 A41 will be closed for 2 weeks and has contacted SC regarding diversions which have previously proved to be problematic.

117/2025 Date of next meeting.

Members are asked to note the next meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 20th August 2025 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall. Please note there is no PC meeting in July 2025.

