

CHILDS ERCALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council held on Wednesday 19th March 2025 in the Jubilee Hall at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllr. J Maddocks (Chair)
Cllr. M Hatfield
Cllr. B Sale
Cllr. P Clifton
Cllr. J Letts
Cllr. R Crookes
Cllr. R Gittins

Also in attendance:
Barbara Pearce (Clerk)
Representatives of Combi Construction Ltd
30 Members of the Public

036/2025 Apologies for absence

Cllr. G Barnes
Cllr. J Griffin

RESOLVED: To receive apologies of absence for this meeting.

037/2025 Chairman's Welcome

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. This will be Cllr. Gittins' last meeting with CEPC and Chair thanked him for his efforts on behalf of the PC during his time as Unitary Councillor for Shropshire.

038/2025 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.

039/2025 Public Question Time and Participation

Update from Best Kept Village sub-committee. Preparations for container planting has begun. Proposals for ground planting including a community vegetable patch on ground around bus stop presented. Application form is being worked on by Cllr. Barnes and Cllr. Griffin. Presentation from Combi Construction Ltd regarding planning application for land at Furbers, former salvage yard. Architectural drawings, site plan and floor plans presented followed by comments and questions from the floor.

040/2025 Minutes

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th February 2025 as being correct.

041/2025 Matters arising/action taken from the Minutes not otherwise included in the agenda.

None

042 /2025 Safety in the Parish

Ongoing items covered at 043/2025.
No new issues.

043/2025 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 20th 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.

PCC Campion confirmed that the Weight Restriction enforcement lies with the DVSA. Movements have reduced but size of vehicles has increased. No progress from Shropshire Highways relating to safety issues in the village, the recent fatality at the Four Crosses crossroads and the lack of progress on the A41 repairs.

Action: Chair to contact MP Mark Pritchard to escalate.

Following the recommendation from West Mercia Police to supply evidence of weight restriction breach to DVSA contact details for DVSA have been obtained.

Action: Evidence to be sent on behalf of the PC to DVSA and Operation SNAP. Resident Len Sambrook to assist in collating evidence.

Action: Chair to provide letter to Ollerton Park informing that details will be sent on a regular basis to DVSA.

- 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. Work is with T&W council.

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

No issues. Currently all footpaths well lit. Footpath around the bus shelter is deteriorating.

Action: Cllr. Hatfield and Cllr. Sale to obtain quotes, 3 if the work is in excess of £500 for repair.

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, PC will consider condition of columns later in year.

044/2025 Parish Matters

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

Shropshire Council has now entered the Pre-Election Period (PEP or purdah) until the Election on 1st May, council business does continue but may be affected by election regulations.

Councillors issued with Nomination Forms for upcoming election. Deadline for nominations is 2nd April 2025.

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

Freedom Fibre have erected approximately 20 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.

045/2025

Grounds Maintenance/Playground

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

Grass cut twice 05/03 and 19/03.

b. Playground – to receive the monthly inspection report.

Inspection report received from Cllr. Barnes. Bird droppings over some apparatus and re-positioning of bird ties required. To be actioned as part of village tidy up, date TBC.

Chains and padlocks now in place on tables in playgroup as recommended as part of the safety inspection.

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

Tim Simmons completed work on 15/01/2025 and Cllr. Barnes has forwarded information/photographs to Playsafety in advance of next ROSPA inspection. Item complete and will be removed from Agenda.

046/2025 Parish infrastructure projects – Community Plan

a. On-going maintenance and repairs to assets.

Path around Bus Shelter see 043/2025/d.

Asset Register requires updating prior to AGAR.

Action: Chair to update May/June

b. Commitment to the football pitches and Clubs.

Pitch fee remains unchanged for this season, PC to discuss fees for 25/26 season later in the year.

047/2025 Advertising and social media/website

No update.

048/2025 Grants and Donations

To consider any new applications.

Application received from CECA relating to heating repairs for £890. Cllrs had been provided with application details and this was discussed.

RESOLVED: Application agreed and £890 awarded.

049/2025 Planning Applications.

a. New Planning 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

Action: PC to object as planning application is for a new development on open countryside.

b. Existing 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

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 from Cllr. Gittins. Case not yet determined.

- i. Withdrawn
None.

- ii. Refused

Reference: 25/00769/CPL

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

Proposal: Replacement timber non insulated wall with a stone insulated block wall with upvc glazing and door to front elevation

Applicant: Mr Ant Brown

Status: Not Lawful

- iii. Granted

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

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. Furbers application

Open discussion with developers at 039/2025.

050/2025 To receive reports from Unitary Councillor.

This is the final meeting that Cllr. Gittins will attend in his capacity as Unitary Councillor. He thanked the PC and residents for the support during his time in office.

051/2025 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 – £194.68 (January 2025) DD 26/02/25
- ii. Administration March - £308.88
- iii. St Michaels Church - £750.00 maintenance of Churchyard and £150 contribution to cost of printing newsletter.
- iv. SALC - £35 Clerk Training Session
- iv. Cambers – £26.35 Padlocks and chains for playground tables.
- v. K&S Landscapes - £620. Grass cutting

vi. Ivor Godwin – invoice due for hedge cutting.

RESOLVED: Clerk is authorised to pay the above invoices.

	<u>Balance as at</u> <u>10/02/2025</u>	<u>Outgoings</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Closing</u> <u>Balance</u> <u>10/03/2025</u>
Treasurers A/C	£7,425.26	£1,393.77	£675.61	£6,707.10
Business A/C	£7,192.98	£0.00	£6.31	£7,199.29
Playground Account	£0.00	£0.00	£41.34	£41.34
95 Day Notice Account	£15,547.63	£0.00		£15,547.63
Total PC available cash	£30,165.87	£1,393.77	£723.26	£29,495.36

ESTIMATED CASH MOVEMENTS 2024/25

2024/25 commitments	Remaining Annual running cost	£1,643.93
	Contingency	£15,000.00
	Un presented cheques	£1,591.68
	Grants	£1,970.00
	Cil	£11,209.86
Future Income	VAT owed	£165.89
Uncommitted cash position		-£1,754.22

The above reconciliation was discussed and there were no questions.

c. Budget/Precept

Precept £15408.00 due in April.

052/2025 Any new matters relating to the parish not included elsewhere on the agenda.

None

053/2025 Date of next meeting.

Members are asked to note the next meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 16th April 2025 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall.