

CHILDS ERCALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th September 2025 in the Jubilee Hall at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllr. J Maddocks (Chair)
Cllr. R Griffin
Cllr. G Barnes
Cllr. J Letts
Cllr. P Clifton
Cllr. B Sale
Cllr. N Bentley (Unitary Councillor)

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

136/2025 Apologies for absence

Cllr. M Hatfield

137/2025 Chairman's Welcome

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Horse and Dog Show on 13th September was a very successful event; Chair congratulated all involved.

138/2025 Public Question Time and Participation

None

139/2025 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:

Cllr. Letts relating to Agenda item 12. b, – Existing Planning Application 23/03138/FUL

140/2025 Minutes

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th August 2025 as being correct.

141/2025 To receive reports from Unitary Councillor.

Written report provided by Cllr Bentley attached.



Unitary Cllr
Report_Sep25.pdf

Cllr Bentley updated SC financial position.

142/2025 Safety in the Parish

No specific concerns raised within the parish.

Gate from playing field to Eaton Road requires servicing and possible repair.

Action: Cllr. Sale to investigate.

143/2025 Highways and footpaths

- a. **St Michaels/Crow Lane 7.5 tonne weight restriction – on-going management, reporting, enforcement and further options.**
Parish action group continue to work on issue liaising with Police, SC and DVSA to confirm enforcement lies with SC.
Action: Cllr. Bentley to escalate with SC.
- b. **Eaton Road (village part) safety improvements.**
- c. Chair has proposed two further locations to SC for speed assessment on existing highway furniture (posts) opposite the old post office on the Newport Road, and on the junction of Narrow Lane and St Michaels Way. No update from SC. Need and positioning of SID/VAS to be agreed once results are known.
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- d. **A41 working group – updates on new cross county group.**
Cllr. Bentley confirmed that the contractor, Amey PLC, are preparing their report with engineering options.
Chair and Cllr. Bentley continue to monitor.
- e. **Footpaths and public rights of way – to consider any queries which may impact on the parish.**
Cllr. Letts is monitoring one blocked footpath and will add issue to Fix My Street.
- f. **Streetlights - Lamp replacements. Dark skies initiative.**
No issues.

144/2025 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 been removed from contract to deliver FTTP. No update, item to be removed from Agenda.
- c. **Best Kept Village 2025**
CEPC have been shortlisted for an award, congratulations and thanks to all involved.
Representatives to attend award evening on 7th October 2025.

145/2025

Grounds Maintenance/Playground

- a. **To receive an update from the grounds sub-committee.**
Order has been placed for the repair to the footpath around the bus shelter.
Grass cutting continues to a high standard. Contract is in place until 2028.
- b. **Playground – to receive the monthly inspection report.**
Inspection reports carried out bi-weekly by Cllr. Barnes, no issues.
Following the advisory note in the ROSPA Safety Inspection, Cllr. Barnes is in contact with the safety officer regarding the multi slide/climbing frame missing bolt so that the repair / replacement can be carried out.

146/2025 Parish infrastructure projects – Community Plan

a. On-going maintenance and repairs to assets.

Path around Bus Shelter discussed above.

Benches on playing field require attention.

Action: Chair to investigate.

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.

5 teams confirmed to use pitches next season. CECA continue to take bookings and manage.

147/2025 Advertising and social media/website

Cllr. Barnes reported record visitors to the website, over 300 individuals with 900+ pages visited in August.

Cllr. Griffin continues with production of newsletters which are going well.

148/2025 Grants and Donations

No new applications received.

149/2025 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

Status: Recommendation or Committee.

RESOLVED: PC to maintain their position of strong objection. Updated objection letter to be added to SC Planning Portal. Chair and Cllr. Bentley will call application to committee.

i. Withdrawn

None

ii. Refused

None

iii. Granted

Reference: 25/02746/FUL (validated: 30/07/2025)

Address: Old School House, Village Road, Childs Ercall, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 2DA

Proposal: Internal and external alterations to include the replacement of windows, thermal enhancements, erection of new entrance porch, timber frame repairs, repointing of masonry and all associated works

Applicant: Mr Crotaz (18 Boxgrove Road, Guildford, GU1 2NF)

Status: Granted

c. Any other planning matters.

i. Ollerton Business Park

Variation regarding passing places has been refused.

Action: Cllr. Bentley to confirm that this is now with SC as an enforcement matter.

ii. Eaton on Tern Solar Farm

No update. Chair continues to monitor.

iii. Proposed Developments

No update.

150/2025 Financial Matters

Members are asked to:

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

i. SSE Energy Solutions – TBC

ii. Administration September - £308.88

iii. Office Expenses – Microsoft 365 £59.99, Bitdefender £22.99, Stamps £27.68. Printer Ink Cartridges £17.95.

iv. K&S Landscapes - £310.20 – Grass Cut 01/09/2025

v. Bank Charges - £5.75 10/07/25-09/08/25

RESOLVED: Clerk is authorised to pay the above invoices.

151/2025 Any new matters relating to the parish not included elsewhere on the agenda.

Following last month's resolution to leave up the nets on the 11 x 11 pitch, a parishioner kindly purchased and set up a net. However, this has gone missing, possibly taken down by one of the football teams and so may be in the Jubilee Hall store.

Action: Chair to look into the matter and ask the football team to leave up the net following games.

152/2025 Date of next meeting.

Members are asked to note the next meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 15th October 2025 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall.

