

CHILDS ERCALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th August 2025 in the Jubilee Hall at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllr. J Maddocks (Chair)
Cllr. R Griffin
Cllr. G Barnes

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

118/2025 Apologies for absence

Cllr. J Letts
Cllr. P Clifton
Cllr. M Hatfield
Cllr. B Sale
Cllr. N Bentley

119/2025 Chairman's Welcome

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Village is looking very good and thanks to all involved with the BKVC.

Horse and Dog Show is on 13th September, hoping for a great success for the Church.

Matters arising since the last meeting in June:

Broken post on the playing field carpark replaced by Cllr. Sale.

Environmental Grant awarded from Shropshire Council re highway work, strimming hedges etc. and funds used to employ Mike Bloor for work.

120/2025 Public Question Time and Participation

A member of the public raised concerns about the potential noise and inconvenience from the proposed evening entertainment following the Horse and Dog Show. Clerk will forward concerns to the Chair of Childs Ercall Club.

Member of the public to replace remembrance tree planted on village green in the Spring as the original has failed to take.

121/2025 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. Maddocks relating to Agenda item 14. a, iii. – Re-imburement of funds.

Cllr. Griffin relating to Agenda item 13. a – Planning Application

122/2025 Minutes

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th June 2025 as being correct.

Noted that only two councillors in attendance who were present at the June meeting.

123/2025 Councillor Vacancy – To Consider Applications.

RESOLVED: Jemma Harrison co-opted onto PC.

124/2025 To receive reports from Unitary Councillor.

Written report provided by Cllr Bentley attached.



Unitary Cllr
Report_Aug25.pdf

125/2025 Safety in the Parish

No specific concerns raised within the parish.

Cllr. Bentley previously 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. No further update.

NGED update on electrical incidents adjacent to Field House, off St Michaels – 29th April and 10th July.

Further incident on 10th July from overhead network cables on St Michaels Way. Fire started from contact between cables and trees, which set alight hedge and farm crop.

Chair and local residents have contacted National Grid who assure they will carry out more robust/stringent tree cutting in the vicinity. No current plan to remove the overhead cables and/or divert.

Action: Chair to post contact details for reporting incidents on Facebook page.

126/2025 Highways and footpaths

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

Action group continue to work on issue. Movements are increasing with 15-25 logged weekly with reporting to DVSA as advised by Jon Campion during the meeting held on-site in February. Action group will forward letters to individual companies, once wording is agreed by the PC, informing of breaches.

Chair working on “No Access to Ollerton Business Park” signage to be placed at arterial entrances to the village at Stanford Crossroads, Four Crosses and within the village.

b. Eaton Road (village part) safety improvements.

Three locations approved by Shropshire Council for speed assessments; Ollerton Road, Crow Lane and Howle Road. Need and positioning of SID/VAS to be agreed once results are known.

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.

RESOLVED: Premier Surfacing quote of £1955.00 + VAT accepted and work to be scheduled.

e. Streetlights - Lamp replacements. Dark skies initiative.

No issues.

127/2025 Parish Matters

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

To consider Councillor e-mail addresses.

SALC recommends .gov.uk e-mail addresses for all clerks and councillors to comply with GDPR regulations.

RESOLVED: Clerk and councillors to move across to .gov.uk e-mail addresses. These will be supplied by the PC's current website provider.

Election Expense Forms to be completed by Councillors.

These have now all been returned to SC.

Pecuniary Interest Forms to be completed by Councillors.

Councillors must complete these forms online.

Action: Clerk to forward instructions and link so that councillors can complete.

b. FTTP / Gigabit roll out in the Parish

Freedom Fibre have been removed from contract to deliver FTTP.

c. Best Kept Village 2025

Outcome of judging not yet known, announcement due in September. Thanks to all volunteers for all their hard work with displays and watering during the very hot weather.

RESOLVED: Gift to be purchased to show appreciation of the BKVC organisers £50.

128/2025

Grounds Maintenance/Playground

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

Grass cutting continues to be carried out to a high standard. Grass cut less frequently in recent months due to the prolonged dry spell of weather resulting in limited grass growth .

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 safety issues.

Two advisory issues raised; adult gym equipment needs some cosmetic paintwork, and a bolt is missing from the multi slide/climbing frame.

Action: Chair to investigate and arrange for jobs to be carried out.

129/2025 Parish infrastructure projects – Community Plan

a. On-going maintenance and repairs to assets.

Path around Bus Shelter discussed above.

Corrosion identified and bolt missing from the gate to Eaton Road.

Action: Clerk to contact installer to arrange gate service.

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.

130/2025 Advertising and social media/website

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

131/2025 Grants and Donations

No new applications received.

132/2025 Planning Applications

a. New Planning applications.

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: Pending Consideration

RESOLVED: PC to support application.

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.

i. Withdrawn

None

ii. Refused

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

Status: Refused

No further update.

Action: Chair to follow-up with Cllr. Bentley

iii. Granted

Reference: 25/01344/FUL (validated: 02/04/2025)

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

Proposal: Replacement of timber with stonework to front walls of existing link from barn to garage

Decision: Grant Permission

Reference: 25/00930/FUL (validated: 04/04/2025)

Address: Ercall Lodge, The Arboretum, Crow Lane, Childs Ercall, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 2DB

Proposal: Proposed garage extension
Decision: Grant Permission

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.

133/2025 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 – £194.68 (May) DD 25/06/25 (Waiting for June and July invoices)
- ii. Administration July / August - £617.76
- iii. M & J Bloore Strimming and Hedge Cutting - £475.00 (Re-imburse Chair)
- iv. K&S Landscapes - £620.40 – Grass Cut 23/06/2025 and 25/07/2025
- v. Village Horse and Dog Show Sponsorship (BKV) - £60
- vi. Bank Charges - £13.00 10/04/25-09/06/25
- vii. B Sale – £85.00 Replace rotten post by Village Hall.

RESOLVED: Clerk is authorised to pay the above invoices.

134/2025 Any new matters relating to the parish not included elsewhere on the agenda.

A parishioner has requested that the football nets be left up during the school holidays.

RESOLVED: Nets to be left up on the 11 x 11 pitch, Chair to organise.

135/2025 Date of next meeting.

Members are asked to note the next meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 17th September 2025 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall.

