

MONTHLY MEETING OF CHILDS ERCALL PARISH COUNCIL – 20th JANUARY 2016

WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION:- The meeting was attended by 5 members of the public. The Chairman invited the public to bring to the attention of councillors any matter for consideration by councillors at the meeting:-

RESIGNATION:- A letter of resignation received and confirmed from Councillor Trevor Mellor who has been a parish councillor since January 2009 and Chairman since May 2011. The clerk will write to thank him for his valuable contribution to Childs Ercall Parish Council and the village.

The clerk will post the notice of vacancy and inform the Elections Office as required.

PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS: Declarations of personal or prejudicial interests in any item on the agenda were submitted:-

Cllr Clifton declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the planning application regarding Outline application for the erection of 2 detached dwellings; to include means of access: Land South East of Childs Ercall and also the erection of a replacement bus shelter. **No further declarations were received from any other councillor present.**

PRESENT:- Cllrs J Luscombe (Chairman), P Clifton C Rogers, K Connolly D Doig and B Sale, and seven members of the public.

In attendance: Audrey Wellings, clerk.

APOLOGIES:- Cllr A Davies

MINUTES:- Proposed by Cllr D Doig, seconded by Cllr P Clifton and agreed the minutes of the last meeting should be approved and signed as a true record.

CASUAL VACANCY: An election following the resignation of Cllr Angela Evans has not been requested by ten electors as required. The clerk has received three applications to fill the vacancy: Mr Neil Henderson, Mrs Barbara Managh and Mr Keith Newby. A secret ballot was held and the overall majority of votes (four votes) was awarded to Mrs Barbara Managh who was therefore declared to be the new councillor. As Mrs Managh was present at the meeting, attending as a member of the public, she duly signed 'The Declaration of Acceptance of Office' and joined the meeting as a parish councillor.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

SAMDev: Update: The document was approved by Shropshire Council on 17th December 2015

Updates:- (a) Change of use of existing warehouse to form an in-vessel composting demonstration facility – Hangar No 3, Eaton Road, Childs Ercall – There is no further update on the application.

(b) Re-development of existing yard to include the change of use of existing building to B8/B2 use: The Hangar, Crow Lane, Childs Ercall, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 2DB.

A copy of the information to be provided to drivers and attached to delivery information was received from Venable Brothers. The request from the Parish Council that the route from A41 at Rosehill to the depot agreed with Venables Brothers should be notified to drivers as an instruction rather than a request has been agreed.

Query:- Re: Static caravans and the erection of several stable blocks on land on the old Eaton Airfield, Eaton Road. The Clerk has received an update on the situation from the enforcement officer: The site has been visited on several occasions by the enforcement team and the caravan does not appear to be in use. Therefore it may be permitted as a welfare unit for use when owners are on site however it was confirmed that they will continue to monitor. In addition it was the intention to serve a section 330 notice immediately on the owners on the land to ascertain the exact usage of the caravans.

PLANNING APPEAL: Outline application for the erection of 2 detached dwellings; to include means of access: Land South East of Childs Ercall (Ref No 14/03006/OUT): Cllr Clifton having declared a personal and prejudicial interest left the room and took no part in the discussions or decision. The Parish Council has been notified of a written appeal against the refusal. The support letter from the Parish Council for the re-submitted application (Ref No 15/04267/OUT) has been submitted with the appeal documents to the planning inspector. The Chairman asked councillors if any further comments should be submitted. All councillors who had made comments agreed there was nothing further they wished to be added. It was therefore agreed not to make any further representations.

BUS SHELTER:- The money for the replacement bus shelter is still to be credited from Shropshire Council. A letter from the developer of 'The Gables' confirmed that an application has been submitted for the footpath and discharge of Condition No 5 of the planning consent Ref:12/03794/FUL and condition No 5:-
The clerk will write to Mr Wootton again to state that the bus shelter cannot be erected until the money from Hawk Developments has been transferred. It should also be pointed out that the actual responsibility for the erection of the shelter lies with Shropshire Council.

OLD SCHOOL SITE: No reply has been received from Lichfield Diocesan Office regarding the request for a meeting to discuss the current state of the site. The clerk will write again.

PRECEPT 2016/2017: The clerk presented a current 2015/16 income and expenditure and current financial position, and extra requirements for 2016/17 were considered by councillors. It was agreed that consideration will need to be given to the gradual replacement of items of play equipment. Additionally, there will be replacement street lights to consider. It was proposed by Cllr P Clifton, seconded by Cllr K Connolly and unanimously agreed to precept for £12,000.00 for 2016/2017

PLAYING FIELD:- (a) **Footpath to pedestrian gateway: Newport Road:** The clerk will follow-up requests for quotations.

(b) **Play Equipment:** The clerk is investigating as to available grants for additional equipment for the younger children.

(c) **Leaves:** Cllr Doig reported that there is a large accumulation of leaves blown into a pile by the severe winds. The Chairman offered to assist with moving them to prevent a problem in the spring.

(d) **Inspection:** Cllr Doig presented the bi-monthly play equipment inspection. There were no additional problems to report.

REFUSE COLLECTION: Cllr Doig reported that, when following the re-cycling lorry recently, he noticed paper, bottles and rubbish blowing out of the rear of the lorry as it left the village. The clerk will pass the concerns to the Refuse Collection Department and request that contractors are instructed to secure their load.

HIGHWAY MATTERS: The following highway problems were reported:-

1. There is a dangerous pothole in Ollerton Lane between Ollerton and Stoke-On-Tern school travelling towards the school on a bad bend.
2. The road from Hatton crossroads towards The Chestnuts at Hinstock is breaking up and needs attention.
3. There is a dangerous pothole on the old Ollerton Airfield travelling from The Business Park towards the road junction with Ollerton Lane to Stoke OnTern School.
4. The road sweeper is required by No 10 St Michaels Way in Crow Lane Childs Ercall where there is a large amount of mud on the road and several elderly residents live.
5. The road is badly flooded between Hillwicket Lane and the Red House. Investigation is required
- 6 The chairman, Cllr John Luscombe is still waiting for a meeting with Keith Sylvester to discuss highway issues in the parish.

VILLAGE WEBSITE: Cllr Doig reported that Mrs Jane James has taken over the administration of the parish website.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS 2016/2017: A list of scheduled meetings was distributed and agreed. The December 2016 meeting has been moved forward by one week to 14th December.