

# CHILDS ERCALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 in the Jubilee Hall at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllr. J Maddocks (Chair)  
Cllr. R Griffin  
Cllr. J Letts  
Cllr. P Clifton  
Cllr. M Hatfield

Also in attendance:  
Barbara Pearce (Clerk)  
Approx 60 Members of the Public

## **153/2025 Apologies for absence**

Cllr. G Barnes  
Cllr. B Sale

## **154/2025 Chairman's Welcome**

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **155/2025 Public Question Time and Participation**

Approximately 60 parishioners in attendance following planning notification:

Reference: 25/03608/FUL (validated: 08/10/2025)

Address: Land Adjacent Wood Farm, Caynton, Newport, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of a free-range egg production unit and associated infrastructure

Applicant: Mr Andrew Hollins (Holly Cottage , Ightfield , Whitchurch, SY13 4BW, Shropshire)

Notification received after CEPC October Agenda set, therefore not noted at Agenda point 12, a.

Discussion on various objections took place. Planning subcommittee to discuss separately and produce a response to SC prior to representation deadline.

## **156/2025 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

## **157/2025 Minutes**

**RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025 as being correct.**

## **158/2025 To receive reports from Unitary Councillor.**

Written report provided by Cllr Bentley attached.



Unitary Cllr Report\_Oct25 (1).pdf

Cllr Bentley not in attendance.

### **159/2025 Safety in the Parish**

No specific concerns raised within the parish.

Gate from playing field to Eaton Road inspected and repair carried out.

### **160/2025 Highways and footpaths**

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

Cllr. Bentley has shared details of signage proposed by SC, produced in conjunction with T&W Council for directions to Ollerton Business Park along the A41 plus signs produced for the village.

Enforcement of weight restriction violations have not been taken up by SC.

**RESOLVED: Chair to follow up with SC to address the issue that none of the signage states “No Access to Ollerton Business Park via Childs Ercall” as the inclusion of “except access” is ambiguous and causes confusion.**

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

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. Need and positioning of SID/VAS to be agreed once results are known. No update from SC.

**Action: Chair to follow-up again with Cllr Bentley and SC.**

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

Chair reported that he had heard that the SCC and T & W Council have rejected the proposed average speed cameras along the A41.

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

Cllr. Letts has written to SC (Footpaths) regarding two continually ploughed footpaths.

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

No issues.

### **161/2025 Parish Matters**

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

From 2025/26, Parish Councils must confirm in their Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) that they meet digital and data compliance standards. This includes GDPR adherence as part of Assertion 10, 2025 edition of the Practitioners’ Guide by the Smaller Authorities Proper Practices Panel (SAPPP), The PC is therefore moving across to .gov.uk emails, although there has been initial issues with spam emails and sent emails going to junk, together with having an IT policy and be compliant with GDPR and Data Protection Act.

**Action: Chair to contact provider regarding e-mail situation and confirm PC IT Policy.**

SC have asked Town and Parish Councils to sign a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) regarding working closely together in respect of transferring responsibilities, however, limited detail included. PC deferred signing.

**b. Best Kept Village 2025**

CEPC have won the North Shropshire Award, with a £500 prize. Certificate and Plaque to be displayed in the Jubilee Hall and Club respectively. Chair and Councillors congratulated all involved.

New planting has begun on the Green, in the troughs at the entrance to the Village and near the playground, however, a decision whether to apply for next year's competition to be taken in Spring 2026.

**c. To seek approval for the concrete track dog bin to be added to the SCC route.**

Dog fouling along the concrete path is increasing again, Chair to inspect and notify on the PC's Facebook page if required. Chair had previously asked SC to add the bin at the end of the path to be added to route, however this has not been actioned. At present, Chair is emptying the bin.

**RESOLVED: Chair to contact SC again to add to route, previously quoted at £180 PA.**

**d. Bike Scrambling**

Chair has contacted Environmental Protection over noise levels, however, it is unlikely that action will be taken. The PC understands that the field has now been used 12 times, with 14 per calendar year being permitted under the terms of their agreement. Chair to continue to monitor.

**162/2025**

**Grounds Maintenance/Playground**

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

Repair to the footpath around the bus shelter to begin w/c 27/10/2025, taking approx. 5 days. BKV items have already been removed from the area.

**Action: Cllr Hatfield to contact nearby neighbours and FBook post to be added.**

Grass cutting brought in sync with football matches, as it was being done on the week in between matches.

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

Last inspection report 02/10/2025, 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.

**163/2025 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: (continued) Chair to investigate.**

Sandstone blocks dislodged from wall at Village Green. Roof on bus shelter requires repair/re-felt.

**Action (continued): Investigation required**

**b. Commitment to the football pitches and Clubs.**

5 teams confirmed to use pitches next season. CECA continue to take bookings and manage. CECA to confirm invoicing details for boys' teams.

#### **164/2025 Advertising and social media/website**

Feedback from website continues to be very good. Cllr. Griffin continues with production of newsletters which are going well.

#### **165/2025 Grants and Donations**

No new applications received.

#### **166/2025 Planning Applications**

a. New Planning applications.

See 155/2025

b. Existing Applications

Reference: 23/03138/FUL

Proposal: Mixed residential development of a brownfield site for 35 dwellings and associated development|

Address: Former Motor Salvage Yard The Firs Childs Ercall Shropshire TF9 2DL

Status: Recommendation or Committee.

**Updated objection letter added to SC Planning Portal. Chair and Cllr. Bentley both called application to committee.**

**Chair and sub-committee continue to monitor.**

i. Withdrawn

None

ii. Refused

None

iii. Granted

None.

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. No update.**

ii. Eaton on Tern Solar Farm

No update. Chair continues to monitor.

iii. Proposed Developments

No update.

## **167/2025 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 – TBC
- ii. Administration October - £308.88
- iii. K&S Landscapes – Grass Cut 24/09/2025 and 03/10/2025 £620.40
- iv. PKF Littlejohn – AGAR Review - £252.00

**RESOLVED: Clerk is authorised to pay the above invoices.**

#### **b. 2026/2027 Budget**

Initial discussion re 26/27 budget took place. Item to be carried forward to November Agenda.

### **168/2025 Any new matters relating to the parish not included elsewhere on the agenda.**

Cllr. Griffin and Cllr. Clifton raised the issue of a reorganisation within CECA.

**RESOLVED: Item to be added to November Agenda when more information will be available.**

### **169/2025 Date of next meeting.**

Members are asked to note the next meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall.