

CHILDS ERCALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Childs Ercall Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th November 2025 in the Jubilee Hall at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllr. J Maddocks (Chair)

Cllr. R Griffin

Cllr. P Clifton

Cllr. M Hatfield

Cllr. G Barnes

Cllr. B Sale

Also in attendance:

Barbara Pearce (Clerk)

10 Members of the Public

170/2025 Apologies for absence

Cllr. J Letts

Cllr. N Bentley (Unitary Councillor)

171/2025 Chairman's Welcome

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Many thanks to Cllr. Sale who represented Church and the PC at CE Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 9th November. The service went well and was well attended.

Many thanks to the planning Sub-Committee who have met twice since the last meeting regarding the planning issues currently concerning the parish.

172/2025 Public Question Time and Participation

Parishioners in attendance with concerns regarding a planning issue currently with Shropshire Council. Chair to raise again with Cllr. Bentley.

Parishioners in attendance and discussed Planning Application 25/03608/FUL.

173/2025 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

174/2025 Minutes

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th October 2025 as being correct.

175/2025 To receive reports from Unitary Councillor.

Written report provided by Cllr. Bentley attached.



Unitary Cllr
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Cllr. Bentley not in attendance.

176/2025 To receive updates from parish community organisations – CECA, Church, Club

CECA provided update on their current position including financial overview and upcoming vacant position (Treasurer). Events continue to decline due to lack of support, thereby affecting CECA income which raises concern regarding mid to long term financial position of CECA. Chair to attend next CECA meeting to discuss further. Any parishioner wishing to join CECA will be more than welcome and can contact CECA directly. Agenda item to remain to capture further updates.

Church updated that no funding received from the diocese following the sale of the old schoolhouse site. Thanks to PC for continued funding for Churchyard mowing. Vestry roof in process of being repaired.

No update from CE Club.

177/2025 Safety in the Parish

Concern that, if passed, 25/03820/VAR Construction Traffic Routing Scheme (Solar Farm) will seriously affect safety in the parish particularly along Eaton Road past the Jubilee Hall and Playing Field despite PC continuing to work to improve safety. This is a major concern as the PC have been working to improve all aspects of safety in the Parish.

Hedge at Mill Green crossroads continues to be overgrown and impede vision despite being reported.

Action: Chair to raise with SC again.

178/2025 Highways and footpaths

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

Enforcement of weight restriction violations have not been taken up by SC despite parishioners continued efforts to achieve this.

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 or Highways.

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

The engineering report for the A41 has now been produced by Amey. The report concluded that speed cameras would not produce the desired outcome and instead have suggested making considerable changes to 4 locations along the A41. No decisions have yet been made on these locations or next steps for the project.

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

No update.

e. Streetlights - Lamp replacements. Dark skies initiative.

No issues.

179/2025 Parish Matters

- a. Correspondence – update on important PC matters received via NALC/SALC Bulletins etc.**
None.

b. Shropshire Council – review of Memorandum of Understanding

Chair has circulated the MOU to councillors for consideration. 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. Funding and workforce (volunteers) for transferred liabilities was discussed.

RESOLVED: PC to acknowledge receipt of the MOU but decline to sign MOU until further details are received.

c. Best Kept Village 2025

CEPC have won the North Shropshire 2025 Award, with a £500 prize. The prize money has now been claimed and will be forwarded to the PC in due course. Certificate and Plaque are displayed in the Jubilee Hall and Club respectively.

Winter planting has begun in the troughs at the entrance to the Village and near the playground. A decision as to what form the “village action group” will take next year and whether to apply for next year’s competition will be taken in Spring 2026.

180/2025

Grounds Maintenance/Playground

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

Repair to the footpath around the bus shelter now completed to a good standard.

Grass cutting still being carried out, with one or possibly two due before the end of the growing season.

b. Playground – to receive the monthly inspection report.

Inspection reports continue to be carried out bi-weekly with no issues.

Following the advisory note in the ROSPA Safety Inspection, Cllr. Barnes continues to chase the safety officer regarding the multi slide/climbing frame missing bolt so that the repair / replacement can be carried out. Currently no response from safety officer.

Cllr. Barnes continues to empty the bin and keep the area tidy.

181/2025 Parish infrastructure projects – Community Plan

a. On-going maintenance and repairs to assets.

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.

182/2025 Advertising and social media/website

Feedback from website continues to be very good with a consistent 650 page views from 350 visitors in October.

Planning Applications are being shared on FBook.

Cllr. Griffin continues with production of newsletters which are going well. Nov/Dec issue due and councillors asked to forward relevant content to Cllr. Griffin.

183/2025 Grants and Donations

No new applications received.

184/2025 Planning Applications

a. New Planning applications.

Reference: 25/03953/PIP (validated: 23/10/2025)

Address: Proposed Residential Development Land At Bembows Close Childs Ercall Shropshire

Proposal: Application for permission in principle for between 2 to 4 dwellings.

RESOLVED: PC to object.

Reference: 25/03922/FUL (validated: 28/10/2025)

Address: Land At Hatton Road, Hinstock, Shropshire

Proposal: Change of use of land to a mixed use comprising of 1No. pitch family gypsy and traveller site, 1No. day room and the keeping of horses (Retrospective)

Applicant: Mr A Quinn

RESOLVED: PC to object, subject to planning sub-committee agreement on correspondence.

Reference: 25/04049/AMP (validated: 28/10/2025)

Address: Daisy Bank Bembows Close Childs Ercall Market Drayton Shropshire TF9 2BF

Proposal: Non-material amendment for the replacement of existing conservatory with a single story extension, loft conversion to include the installation of skylights to rear and alterations to existing windows openings relating to 22/05732/FUL.

RESOLVED: No action.

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

Chair continues to monitor.

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)

RESOLVED: PC objection lodged on SC Planning Portal. No further update.

i. Withdrawn - None

ii. Refused - None

iii. Granted - None.

c. Any other planning matters.

a. Land to the Rear of the Birches – Enforcement

b. Solar Farm – 25/03820/VAR Construction Traffic Routing Scheme

Traffic to Solar Farm re-routed through Childs Ercall with sharp left turning at CE Club.

RESOLVED: PC to object, subject to planning sub-committee agreement on correspondence.

c. Land adjoining Eaton Road (old Peplow Airfield) – Enforcement

d. Land at Ercall Heath – Enforcement

185/2025 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 – Final invoices to 30/09/25 £198.75

ii. Administration October - £318.83

iii. K&S Landscapes – Grass Cut 16/10/25 and 31/10/25 £620.40

iv. Parish Council Election Recharge - £125

RESOLVED: Clerk is authorised to pay the above invoices.

b. 2026/2027 Budget

Initial 26/27 budget proposed and shared with councillors for consideration. Item to be carried forward to December Agenda for further discussion.

186/2025 Any new matters relating to the parish not included elsewhere on the agenda.

Nets on Football Pitch have not been put out for general use.

Action: Chair to follow-up.

Concrete stumps remain in ground from removed goalposts.

Action: Cllr. Clifton to investigate removal.

Large collection of waste and fly-tipping reported on path along airfield.

Action: Chair to contact private landowner.

Clothes Bank working well and has been emptied.

187/2025 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 December 2025 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall.