CHILDSWICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Childswickham Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at the Memorial Hall, Childswickham on Thursday 11th May 2023 at 7.15.

PRESENT Cllr's Mr A Halling (Chairman), Mr T Ramsbottom and Mr J Wade.

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk).

Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council – Anthony Halling.
I was elected as Chairman in May 2022, in the past 12 months, 5 meetings have been held, during this time, three councillors resigned: Palmer, Folsom Harrison and Lewis. The council continues with three councillors, myself, Tim Ramsbottom and Jon Wade.
The three of us were elected unopposed for a four year term however 4 more Cllrs are needed.
The play area and trees have been inspected and work is being carried out on the play area, including the planting of a new hedge. For various reasons, including the weather the goal posts have not yet been installed and non-essential work on equipment is yet to be carried out. The chestnut tree has no significant deterioration in the canopy
The council asked for and held a meeting with volunteers to help maintain the playing field however this was not progressed.
The council remains concerned regarding the speed of vehicles through the village, the VAS is gathering data which is being collated by Cllr Wade.
The council will be continuing with the Lengthsman scheme and I would like to thank Brian Arrowsmith for his work in the village. Mr Hawkins and Mr Newbury will continue to cut the grass in the parish and I would also like to thank them
In January after a lengthy discussion, the council agreed to set the precept at £8,813, which a 1% increase on this year.
The council applied to Wychavon for a Coronation Grant of £204.00, which enabled the 'Coronation Tea' event to be free to parishioners.
Cllr Eyre and Robinson did not seek election as district councillors, we would like to thank them for their input and help to Childswickham during their terms of office.
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all councillors for their contribution to the running of the council and to also thank Jackie Shields, the clerk.