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Meeting of Childswickham Parish Council
at 7:15PM on Thursday 9th July 2026 at Childswickham Memorial Hall, WR12 7HF
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Minutes 07/2026

Present: Anthony Halling (Chair), Jon Wade, Peter Grimshaw, Jo Lynch
In attendance: David Hunter-Miller (Clerk), Emma Sims (District Councillor)

1. Chairman's welcome and announcements

Anthony Halling opened the meetings and welcomed attendees.

2. Apologies for absence: To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence

All members present.

3. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest

3.1. Register of Interests: With reference to items on the agenda councillors are reminded of their responsibility to declare interests and to update their register of interests as required.

Noted.

3.2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

Nil declared.

3.3. Other Interests: To declare any Other Registerable Interests or Non-Registerable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

Nil declared.

3.4. Dispensations: To consider any written dispensations from councillors who have declared an interest but wish to stay in the meeting during that time to aid discussion / speak / vote.

Nil received.

4. **Open Session**

The meeting was adjourned for the open session

4.1. Public participation

No matters were raised.

4.2. District Councillors

Emma Sims provided an update on several topics including:

- Section 62A Town and Country Planning Act 1990 designation (item 7.1)
- Community Infrastructure Levy (item 6.4)
- A number of grant funding schemes due to be announced by Wychavon District Council

Emma Kearsey provided a written report on several topics including:

- The £5m We Are Wychavon funding package has been approved, aimed at maximising benefits for residents. Measures include: one hour's free parking in all WDC car parks, £1 subsidised Worcestershire On-Demand journeys, free swimming and free learn-to-swim lessons, business grants, ward member budgets.
- With the SWDPR now adopted and a confirmed 20% housing-land buffer, WDC is able to resist speculative development.
- The government has designated Wychavon for direct-to-Inspector planning submissions (item 7.1). WDC has lodged an immediate challenge, arguing the designation is based on incorrect data.

4.3. County Councillor

Emma Kearsey provided a written report as follows on several topics including:

- The government is expected to announce next week whether Worcestershire will move to one or two unitary authorities. Wychavon continues to support a two-unitary (north/south) model.

5. To consider and adopt the minutes from the Parish Council meeting on the 14th May 2026

It was RESOLVED to adopt the minutes as a true record and they were duly signed.

6. Progress reports

6.1. Councillor vacancies

It was noted that there were three vacancies on the Parish Council and applications from parishioners were welcomed.

6.2. Solar conversion of Speed Indicating Devices

It was noted that an additional solar charging kit had been ordered from Elan City (£424.23 plus VAT) and was due for delivery shortly.

6.3. Bus stop relocation

It was noted Worcestershire County Council were reviewing the proposed alternative bus stop location on Broadway Road. It is proposed that the boarding location would stay where it is, as it on the correct side of the road with a footpath. The proposed new alighting location is further down the road where there is a proper footway, with clear visibility both ways for crossing the road.

6.4. CIL funding

It was noted that recent developments would likely generate £14,273.70 for use by the Parish Council, but no firm timescales were given for when the funding might be received.

7. Planning

7.1. To note Wychavon District Council's designation under Section 62A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

It was noted that developers would now have the option to apply to the government for planning applications relating to 10 or more houses and commercial development, bypassing Wychavon District Council.

7.2. To consider the following applications to be determined by Wychavon District Council:

7.2.1. W/26/01391/S106: Land At (Os 0727 3869), Farmers Lane, Childswickham. Application under section 106A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to modify the requirements relating to legal agreement dated 28.1.26 associated with planning permission ref.no. (W/25/00494/FUL).

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would respond with no objections, subject to there being no access created onto Brook Street (Footpath CW-516).

7.2.2. W/26/01379/FUL: Land At (Os 0727 3869), Farmers Lane, Childswickham. 8 no. proposed new dwellings and associated works (variation of condition 2 (approved plans), condition 14 (access/parking/turning facilities/visibility splays) and condition 15 (highways improvement works) of planning reference W/25/00494/FUL).

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would submit the following comments:

There are clear discrepancies between the Habitat Management Plan and the submitted Landscape Plan. The Habitat Management Plan (paragraph 4.8) specifies 0.028km of new native hedgerow along the eastern and northern boundaries, yet the landscape plan omits this and incorrectly shows hedges where none exist. Given the developer's previous unauthorised hedgerow removal, the landscape plan must be accurate to enable future monitoring. The plan also fails to identify or show protection measures for existing trees, including a field maple on the northern boundary where ground levels have already been disturbed without regard for root protection.

The submitted Accessibility Residential Welcome Pack is similarly inaccurate and should not be approved. Walking/cycling times are incorrect, public transport information is wrong (the 606 serves Cheltenham, not Evesham), the Nisa has closed, St Mary's Church is in Childswickham and exercise facilities listed are not realistically accessible or affordable for most residents. The document does not provide reliable or community-focused information.

For these reasons, the Parish Council considers that the conditions should not be discharged based on the documents submitted.

8. Correspondence for response or action

8.1. CERF: Request to for grant funding to support local events

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council were supportive of the proposed local events and would ask for CERF to submit a grant application.

8.2. Wychavon District Council: Local Government Reorganisation and Environmental Opportunities Event - Thursday 24th September from 6-8PM

The above event was noted.

9. Highways and Lengthsman Scheme

9.1. To receive an update on the lengthsman scheme and to consider any items for the work schedule

No matters were reported.

9.2. To consider vehicle speeding and enforcement matters

It was RESOLVED to apply to join the Police Community Speed Watch Scheme.

9.3. To consider the purchase of an extension post for the Speed Indicating Devices

It was RESOLVED to order a 76mm/1.0m extension post and two replacement sign clips costing £140.15 plus VAT.

10. Parish matters for discussion/decision

10.1. To consider a request to fund a new litter bin on the Hinton Road

The Parish Council acknowledge the concerns around littering at this layby but feel that the layby is not required but generates littering and fly-tipping; it was therefore RESOLVED to ask Worcestershire County Council to consider permanently closing the layby, either by reinstating the verge or through the use of concrete barriers.

10.2. To consider quotes for an additional noticeboard in New Street

It was RESOLVED to obtain quotes for a noticeboard with the following specification:

- 8 no. A4 size
- Fully accessible to public
- Recycled plastic or powder coated steel
- Costing up to £1,000.00

10.3. To consider replacement defibrillator pads

It was RESOLVED to order replacement defibrillator pads.

10.4. To consider representations to Severn Trent Water in respect of water main failures on Hinton Road

It was RESOLVED to write to the MP to raise concerns at the ongoing water main failures on Hinton Road.

10.5. To consider a schedule for inspection of Parish Council assets

It was RESOLVED that an inspection of the Parish Council assets had been undertaken and there was only one matter requiring attention:

- Repair of noticeboard post (Wickham Court)

11. Play Area

11.1. To consider an update on play area improvements and grant funding (National Lottery Awards for All)

It was noted that several site visits had been undertaken with potential play area equipment providers and their detailed quotes and designs were awaited.

11.2. To consider the latest RoSPA inspection report and to review any maintenance issues

It was RESOLVED to explore costs for replacement play area fencing as part of the wider play area improvements (item 11.1).

11.3. To consider applying to the Land Registry for the play area title deeds

It was RESOLVED to apply to the Land Registry for a copy of the play area title deeds, costing £14.00.

12. Finance

12.1. To consider and approve the latest budget expenditure

It was RESOLVED to approve the latest budget expenditure.

12.2. To consider and approve the latest bank reconciliation

It was RESOLVED to approve the latest bank reconciliation.

12.3. To review Direct Debits and Standing Orders

It was noted that there were no active Standing Orders and it was RESOLVED that the following active Direct Debits were still required:

- Google (website)
- Information Commissioner

12.4. To approve the following invoices for payment:

12.4.1. David Hunter-Miller (Clerk's salary and expenses)

12.4.2. HMRC (PAYE)

12.4.3. Worcestershire County Council Pension Fund (pension)

It was RESOLVED to settle the above invoices.

12.5. To note the following payments approved between meetings under delegated authority:

12.5.1. 16/06/26 David Hunter-Miller (Clerk's salary and expenses)

12.5.2. 16/06/26 HMRC (PAYE)

12.5.3. 16/06/26 Worcestershire County Council Pension Fund (pension)

12.5.4. 16/06/26 Playsafety Limited (play area inspection): £99.60

12.5.5. 16/06/26 CERF (newsletter donation): £100.00

12.5.6. 16/06/26 M Newbury (grass cutting): £1,140.00

The above payments were noted.

12.6. To note the following direct debit payments between meetings:

12.6.1. 19/05/26 Lloyds Bank (service charge): £4.25

12.6.2. 19/06/26 Lloyds Bank (service charge): £4.25

The above payments were noted.

13. Councillors' reports and items for the next agenda

It was RESOLVED to add the following items to the next agenda:

- 7.5 tonne weight limit enforcement

14. Date of the next meeting

A resolution was passed to exclude members of the public due to the confidential nature of the following item.

15. To note the new HM Revenue & Customs approved mileage rates

It was noted that the HM Revenue & Customs approved milage rate had increased to 55p per mile.

The meeting closed at 9:18PM.

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David Hunter-Miller
Clerk and RFO