

Churcham Parish Council

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**Minutes of the meeting of the
CHURCHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Churcham Primary School
On the 18th August 2015 at 7.30pm**

1. Attendance and Apologies

Those Present: - Councillors Reeves, Price, Baber, Freeman, Newbery, Brookes and Francis along with the Clerk Marilyn King. Also attending were five members of the public.

There were no apologies submitted.

2 Declarations of Interest by members in items to be discussed. There were no declarations.

3. Minutes of previous Meeting. Councillor Francis proposed that they be signed as a true record and this was seconded by Councillor Newbery and unanimously approved.

4 Matters arising. The clerk was asked to write to both the district and county councillors stating that they were disappointed that neither had been able to attend this extraordinary meeting, and that concern was voiced regarding the planning application for a new residential care home. Councillors asked if the local sewerage would be able to cope with the extra capacity, especially as we have a very busy car wash nearby, and of course the proposed affordable housing in Chapel Lane which is hoped to be completed in 2016.

5. Planning Applications: -

5.1 Mr E Barnard, Duncombe Barn, Lake Lane Churcham: - Erection of a dwelling and removal of existing agricultural barn. Four councillors voted to approve the application and three were against. So with a majority vote it was agreed to approve the application.

5.2 Ms C Shephard School of the Lion Beauchamp House Churcham: - Temporary permission for stationing of a Mobile Home. Councillors unanimously agreed to choose site B in the Dutch barn as their approved site.

6. To confirm planning decisions by Forest of Dean District Council/Gloucestershire County Council.

6.1 Mr R King, Highbank Birdwood: - Proposed tractor store/workshop. Full permission was granted.

6.2 Mr & Mrs R Brookes, Hillview, Oakle Street Churcham: - Replacement of existing brick outbuilding to be used as ancillary accommodation. Full permission was granted.

6.3 Mr B Ellis, The Lodge Church Lane Churcham: - Erection of a conservatory on the front elevation. Full permission was granted.

6.4 Mr P Brown, Land adjacent to Breken House Bulley Lane Birdwood: - Approval of reserved matters for the outline permission P0005/15/OUT erection of a single storey dwelling. Approval was granted.

7. Clerk's Report.

The clerk reported that she has now received and banked £3004.37 received as donations and raffle ticket sales towards the purchase of two defibrillators for the parish. She thanked everyone who had made donations and had purchased raffle tickets for this worthy cause.

The clerk announced that she had applied on behalf of the parish council for a £500.00 grant towards the purchase of the defibrillators, and that Churcham Parish Council were the first to be awarded this grant.

This will be paid to the parish council once the parish council has purchased them.

There was only £10,000.00 in total available for the whole of the Forest of Dean parishes so a quick application was completed, with the Chairman delivering the application the following working day to the Council Offices in Coleford.

So with one last push for donations/raffle ticket sales we should be able to purchase the two defibrillators and have them installed by electricians.

The clerk also reported that she had re-stained the noticeboard at the school to help to keep in weatherproof.

An update on the proposed affordable housing site has been obtained from Two Rivers Housing.

They hope to start minimal clearance work around the edges of the site in Chapel Lane within the next two weeks so that a topographical survey can be completed.

A phase one ecology report should be done in October/November.

Angharrad Hodge from Two Rivers Housing hopes to be able to attend a parish council meeting with options of property design before the end of the year.

The clerk asked for volunteers to clean and repair the old telephone kiosk and repaint it. Councillors agreed to look at what needs to be done and report back at the next meeting.

8. Councillors Reports.

Councillors reported that parts of Oakle Street need resurfacing and replacement marker posts need installing where they have been broken off by passing vehicles.

The bushes from Bulley Lane to the old telephone kiosk need drastically cutting back as they are overgrowing the footpath. Councillor Baber will contact the person who rents the fields.

A big thank you to councillor Brookes for cleaning the bus shelters at Sainthill.

It was reported that the gentleman who has been kindly picking up the discarded litter along the A40 to Highnam roundabout has had to stop doing this public service because of the health hazard of removing an ever increasing amount of human excrement.

9 Financial Matters.

Unanimous approval was given for the payment of a cheque for £143.33 in favour of Forest of Dean District Council for the recharge of election expenses.

The balance of the two bank accounts to date will be £13,453.61p after the above cheque has been presented.

10. Public Opinions.

No one took up this option.

11 Correspondence received: -

11.1 Town and Country Electricians. Quote for installation of two defibrillators.

11.2 Richard Haines Electrics. Quotation for the installation of two defibrillators.

11.3 Darren McDonald DMC Electrics. Quotations for the installation of defibrillators.

The above quotations were discussed. The parish Council would like to pass on its thanks to Mr & Mrs Mike Jefferies and their family for offering to pay the full cost of installing the defibrillator at the Kings Head Public House.

As we are spending public money it was decided that the contract to install and wire the defibrillator at the old telephone kiosk in Churcham be awarded to Mr Darren McDonald of DMC Electrics of Huntley provided he can produce public liability insurance and a certificate of compliance once the work is completed.

11.4 FODDC report that a Public Access Defibrillator had been installed at the Council Offices in Coleford was discussed.

11.5 Gloucestershire Rural Community Council offered a free workshop to groups discussing funding advice a notice will be in the noticeboard at the school for anyone interested.

11.6 Gloucestershire Rural Community Council. Right to buy for housing association tenants was discussed and more clarification on this needs to be obtained.

12. Any other business: -

There was no other business to discuss.

**The chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.24pm
The date of the next meeting will be held on the 15th September 2015.**

The clerk's working hours are: -

Monday 10am – 12pm, 2pm – 4pm

Wednesday 10am – 12pm, 2pm to 4pm

Thursday 10am – 12pm, 2pm – 3pm

If any urgent item needs to be discussed by councillors or residents in between these times I can be contacted by telephone only on 01452 750451