

# Churcham Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the meeting of the CHURCHAM PARISH COUNCIL Held at Churcham Primary School On the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.30pm.**

### **1. To elect a new chairman and vice chairman.**

Councillor Price proposed that Councillor Reeves be re-elected as Chairman, this was seconded by Councillor Freeman and was unanimously carried.

Councillor Reeves proposed that Councillor Price be re-elected as Vice Chairman, this was seconded by Councillor Newbery and was unanimously carried.

**2.** Mr John Francis was welcomed onto the parish council by the chairman on behalf of the parish council after being elected unopposed at the recent elections.

### **3. Attendance and Apologies**

Those Present: - Councillors Reeves, Price, Baber, Freeman, Newbery, Brookes and Francis along with the clerk Marilyn King, District Councillor Jones and ten members of the public.

**4. Declarations of Interest by members in items to be discussed.** No declarations were made.

**5. The minutes of previous Meeting** having already been circulated were unanimously approved as a true record, with Councillor Price proposing the approval and Councillor Newbery seconding the motion.

**6. To consider matters arising.** There were no matters arising.

### **7. Planning Applications: -**

7.1 Mr S. Hall, Hardwick Cottage, Bulley Lane Churcham: - Proposed change of use from agricultural store to a dwelling house. Councillor Price proposed approval with Councillor Freeman seconding the motion, it was then unanimously carried.

7.2 Mr Mark Wheeler, Bulley Farm Barns, Bulley: - Discharge of conditions {04} – Biodiversity enhancement, {05} Scheme for low carbon energy and {06} hard and soft landscaping relating to planning permission P1338/14/FUL.

Councillors attended the site on the 18<sup>th</sup> May and found that the air source heat pump was not fitted, nor were the apple trees planted, or the bird box installed. Information was supplied as to how the conditions were due to be discharged.

7.3 Mr Hayward Pigeon House Farm, Chapel Lane Birdwood: - Proposed diversion of public footpath DCH48.

Councillor Francis proposed that the application be approved, this was seconded by Councillor Brookes and was unanimously carried.

7.4 Mr R King, Highbank, Birdwood : - Proposed tractor store at Birdwood Villa Farm Birdwood.

Councillor Freeman proposed approval of this application, this was seconded by Councillor Baber and was unanimously carried.

## **8. To confirm planning decisions by Forest of Dean District Council/Gloucestershire County Council.**

8.1 Two Rivers Housing: - Proposed creation of 4 parking spaces with associated hardstanding. Full permission was granted.

## **9. Clerk's Report.**

9.1 The clerk reported that the defibrillator demonstration and fundraising afternoon held recently was attended by 42 residents. Sales of tea/coffee and cakes raised £69.47.

A total of £1120.00 has been banked for donations received to date, and a total of £403.00 has been banked to date for raffle ticket sales.

At the fundraising afternoon South West Ambulance staff Kevin and Matt demonstrated a defibrillator and took part in an interesting question and answer session. They were thanked by Councillor Reeves at the end of the presentation.

Councillor Price and her children Harriet and Iona and Councillor Reeves and June Dummett were thanked on behalf of the parish council for volunteering to help run stalls.

The Clerk has applied to Asda for a community grant, we will have to wait to see if we are successful with the application.

Councillor Freeman asked the clerk to write to the trustees once again to ask them to reconsider siting the defibrillator on an outside wall at the school as it would be more central for resident living in Oakle Street and Bulley Lane.

Should this not be possible the disused telephone box in the layby near Bulley Lane on the A40 should be re-considered.

## **10. Councillors Reports.**

A councillor reported that more junk had been left in the car park at the old Methodist Chapel in Chapel Lane, but after speaking to the owner there were no signs when work would start on its renovation.

A Councillor asked for the damaged marker posts in Oakle Street to be replaced after some were damaged when Oakle Street was used as a diversion route recently.

The brook running alongside Brooklands in Bulley Lane is still causing concern as it appears that effluent from Brooklands is polluting the stream. District Councillor Jones will contact the Environmental Health Department at the Forest of Dean District Council.

## **9 Financial Matters.**

There were no financial matters to discuss.

**10. Public Opinions.** None of the residents attending took up this option.

## **11 Correspondence received: -**

11.1 Two Rivers Housing: - No update is available at present regarding the proposed affordable housing project in Chapel Lane. An ecologist has been at the site carrying out some surveys recently. They will attend again at the end of August at the end of the bird nesting season to do a full survey. Two Rivers will book to attend a parish council meeting when there is more to report.

**12. Any other business.** There was no other business to discuss.

**The chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8pm.  
The date of the next meeting is the 16<sup>th</sup> June 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 the clerk can be contacted by telephone only on 01452 750451