

Churcham Parish Council

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**Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of
CHURCHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Churcham Primary School
On THE 15TH December 2015 at 7.30pm**

1. Attendance and Apologies

Those Present: - Councillors Reeves, Price, Baber, Freeman and Francis along with the clerk Marilyn King, County Councillor Robinson and 6 members of the public.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Newbery and Brookes.

2 Declarations of Interest by members in items to be discussed.

No declarations were made.

3. Minutes of previous Meeting.

Councillor Baber proposed that they be accepted as a true record of events, this was seconded by Councillor Price and unanimously agreed.

4. Matters arising.

Skanska/Highways England told the clerk that they could not justify lowering the kerb by Longcroft onto the A40 with the financial restrictions they have in place at the present time.

Gloucestershire Highways told the clerk that they will send an inspector out to look at the flooding problems by the sewerage works and the pumping station.

5. Planning Applications.

5.1 Mr R Bullock, Birds Nest Springdale Bulley Lane Churcham: - P1617/15/FUL. Conversion of existing roof space, extension to rear and creation of off road parking. Councillors approved this application.

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

6.1 Mrs J Goss, Spring Cottage Bulley Lane Churcham: - P0436/15/FUL. Conversion of double garage to annex accommodation. Full permission was granted.

7. Clerk's Report.

The Clerk reported that the defibrillators were both up and running and so far one has been registered with South West Ambulance Service the second will be registered very quickly.

The clerk announced that she had organised a grand opening of both defibrillators to be held on the 16th January 2016.

Councillors will meet at the old telephone kiosk at Churcham at 1.45 pm, to be followed on with the opening of the second defibrillator at the Kings Head Public House.

Councillors would like to thank Kim Robinson and Michelle Jefferies for agreeing to monitor them in the future.

The clerk has organised a Community Defibrillator Seminar to be held on the 30th January 2016 from 2pm to 4pm at Churcham School. Community Heartbeat Trust will demonstrate the use of defibrillators and explain how the equipment works and its benefits to the community. If any resident would like to attend please contact the clerk Marilyn King on 01452 750451.

The clerk has spoken to a Highways Manager at Gloucestershire Highways about the subsidence of Bulley Lane by the new cottages, he has agreed to look into the problems.

8. Councillor's Reports.

Councillor Baber commented that Gloucestershire Highways had done a good job of clearing grass verges in Oakle Street and Bulley Lane.

Councillor Reeves asked they clerk to Contact Skanska/Highways England to ask them to improve the visibility at the bus stop at Stone End by cutting back overhanging trees & scrub.

The Parish Council thanked Sheila Leech for her work in the past as a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and wish her well in her new home.

9. Financial Matters

9.1 Councillor Baber proposed the parish council set their final precept request at £9000.00 for the year 2015/2016, this was seconded by Councillor Freeman and unanimously agreed.

The following cheques were submitted for approval. Councillor Baber proposed they be signed by two councillors, this was seconded by Councillor Freeman and unanimously agreed.

9.2 Mr R Newbery £787.57. Kiosk glass and postage.

9.3 Mrs M King £2017.51 salary/office expenses.

9.4 Huntley PCC £100.00 grant towards parish magazine.

9.5 Churcham PCC £125.00 grant towards upkeep of church yard.

9.6 Bulley PCC £125.00 grant towards upkeep of church yard.

The balance of the two bank accounts after the above cheques have been processed will be £5785.91

10. Public Opinions.

A member of the public raised concerns over the suitability of a parish councillor to hold office. He was asked to put his concerns in writing to the monitoring officer at the Forest of Dean District Council.

County Councillor Robinson told the meeting that from July next year Biffa, who collect household waste will collect textiles, plastic and cardboard from kerb side collections bins.

He also stated that the draft budget is set to increase council tax by 1.9% next year.

A resident brought up the problems with the out of hours doctors. He said that there are only 2 out of hour's doctors covering the whole of the Forest of Dean area, which is unacceptable, as if a person dies it could anything from 2 – 12 hours for a doctor to arrive, in the meantime the body cannot be moved.

There is a health meeting tomorrow evening to be held at the council offices in Coleford which the chairman will attend and raise this problem.

11 Correspondence received: -

No correspondence was received.

12. Any other business.

There was no other business to discuss.

The chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15pm

The date of the next meeting is the 19th January 2016.

The clerk's working hours are: - Monday 10am – 12pm, 2pm – 4pm. Wednesday 10am – 12pm, 2pm to 4pm and 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

