

Churcham Parish Council

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**The Minutes of the meeting of the
CHURCHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Churcham Primary School
On the 19th July 2016 at 7.30pm**

Those Present: - Councillors Francis, Reeves, Price, Brookes, Baber, Newbery and Freeman along with the clerk Marilyn King and 8 members of the public.

1. To receive apologies for absence. There were no apologies.

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

3. To approve the minutes of previous Meetings.

Councillor Reeves proposed they be signed as a true record of events, this was seconded by Councillor Price and unanimously approved.

4. To consider matters arising from those minutes.

There were no matters arising.

5. To consider planning applications notified by the Forest of Dean District Council.

There were no applications to discuss.

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

6.1. Ms C Shepherd, School of the Lion Main Road Churcham. Discharge of conditions {04} drainage, {06} hard and soft landscaping, {07} Mobile home details and {08} floodlighting and external illuminations relating to planning permission P0904/15/FUL. Permission was granted for this application.

6.2. Trustees of Churcham School: - New vehicular access to existing school house P0668/16/FUL. This application has been withdrawn.

7. Clerk's Report.

The clerk reported that a meeting had been held with Dawn Morgan a flood risk engineer for the Forest of Dean District Council regarding the water course running behind some of the properties in Springdale and neighbouring fields.

No further action will be required at present by properties adjoining this watercourse.

A resident reported that the bridle path between Drews Farm and Bulley has been partially blocked with a large concrete section.

This was reported to Highways England who will look into the matter.

68 Broadband Surveys have now been received back by the clerk, out of 258 sent out. Residents still have until the end of the month to return them to have them included in the report to be sent to the government. The clerk was asked to contact Minsterworth Parish Council to find out how they are getting on with their survey.

8. To receive Councillor's Reports.

The condition of the old Methodist Chapel is still causing concern with no signs of improvement by the owner.

The damaged bollards in Oakle Street still have not been replaced, the clerk will once again contact Gloucestershire Highways to ask for them to be replaced.

The overgrown footpath between Stone End and Churcham Garage is still overgrown, but the hedge cannot be cut back by the farmer until September due to the bird nesting season. The clerk will once again contact Highways England to try to get the pathway cleared.

The damaged road surface in Bulley Lane near New Cottages had been repaired, but a short section nearby will need some repair shortly.

A new post box has been installed by the business park at Churcham for the convenience of the businesses on that site.

9. Financial Matters.

The balance of the two bank accounts on 16.7.16 was £13,672.80p. One cheque issued is yet to be processed by the bank

10. Correspondence received.

10.1 Gloucestershire Transport Plan 2015 – 2031 Forest of Dean. This was made available for everyone to read at the meeting.

10.2 Chrissie Parkes from Gloucestershire Police reported that 4 incidents had occurred in the Forest North Area between the 5th and 8th of July. They were on farms in Upleadon, Taynton, Redmarley and Tibberton.

10.3 Highnam Parish Council offered their support for the proposed cycle/foot path between Highnam roundabout and Churcham Garage. The clerk was asked to thank them for their input. She had already passed the Parish Council comments to the highways.

10.4 Two Rivers Housing reported that they had considered selling the properties 6 and 8 Lake Lane once they became vacant but have now decided to continue to rent them.

Councillors asked if new tenants have been found, and are they local people.

The clerk will contact Two Rivers Housing to find the answer.

10.5 Two Rivers Housing reported that they anticipate work starting towards the end of the year on the Chapel Lane site.

This is mainly due to the bird nesting season they are unable to clear the land until September.

They will shortly be appointing a contractor to build the scheme and further drainage investigations will also be carried out.

10.6 Chrissie Parkes reported more thefts in local parishes recently. Residents were asked to report any incident they see occurring on the 101 number.

10.7 Mr & Mrs Green asked the parish council for their help in getting incidents that are occurring in a field adjoining their property stopped.

The chairman advised that a diary of events be kept and to contact the enforcement officer Mr Reyno Vandahoven at the Forest of Dean District Council, as well as writing to the owner of the field where the incidents have been occurring for some considerable time.

The Parish Council have no powers to enforce any action against the land owner.

11. Public Question Time.

11.1 Sarah Davies the new Village Agent introduced herself, she will attend parish council meetings in the future.

She helps to support older people in the community to access help, information and services.

Sometimes you may feel you need help, if so please contact Sarah on 07810 630245.

A councillor asked Sarah to find out if the bus service will continue to pick up residents in Oakle Street.

11.2 The owner of the field next to Mr & Mrs Green's property who attended the meeting was advised by the chairman to work with the neighbours and the enforcement officer to try to sort the problems out.

12. Any other business.

There was no other business to discuss.

**The chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15 pm
The date of the next meeting is to be held on the 20th September 2016**

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