

Churcham Parish Council

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**The Minutes of the meeting of the
CHURCHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Churcham Primary School
On the 15th November 2016 at 7.30pm**

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

1. To receive apologies for absence. Councillor Francis.

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 were signed as a true record, this was seconded by Councillor Brookes and unanimously approved.

4. To consider matters arising from those minutes.

Churcham School Head Teacher confirmed that there are 44 children now attending Churcham School.

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

5.1 Mr B Hopkins, Oak Vies Barn Bulley Lane Bulley: - P1455/16/PQ3PA. Prior approval for the change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling house {class3}

Councillor Freeman proposed approval for this application, this was seconded by Councillor Price and unanimously agreed.

5.2 Mr T Jones, Solomons Tump Farm, Solomons Tump Huntley: - Erection of a single storey side/ rear extension and porch to dwelling {revised scheme of P1166/14/FUL.

Councillor Brookes proposed approval for this application which was seconded by Councillor Reeves and unanimously agreed.

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

Mr & Mrs Gittings, Milton Cottage Bulley Lane Churcham: - Erection of a new dwelling and detached garage. Demolition of existing dwelling, garage and outbuildings. Full permission was granted for this application.

7. Clerk's Report.

The clerk reported that the occasional fly tipping is still taking place in the parish.

The clerk has organised Gloucestershire Highways to survey part of Chapel Lane to see if marker posts could be installed on the grass verge beside the deep ditch just past the bridge.

8. To receive Councillor's Reports.

Councillor Reeves would like Gloucestershire Highways to remove the leaves in Church Lane where it meets the A40.

County Councillor Robinson discussed the task force he is on regarding schools in the Forest of Dean area, and also the Health and Overview Committee he is on regarding hospitals and their deficit.

Councillor Robinson also asked if there were any small jobs that the Lengths Man Scheme could do in the parish. The Clerk will send him a map of several jobs that need doing.

Councillor Robinson will also look into the Forest of Dean Councils response to the problem of the pig odour coming from a farm in Chapel Lane.

9. Financial Matters.

Cheque for approval: -

9.1 Quoakle: - Website hosting £172.80. Councillor Price proposed this cheque be signed this was seconded by Councillor Baber and unanimously approved.

9.2 Councillors discussed setting the precept for 2017/18. Councillor Reeves proposed a 2% increase in the precept, this was seconded by Councillor Brookes and unanimously agreed.

The clerk's salary was also discussed and a 2% increase was proposed by Councillor Reeves this was seconded by Councillor Baber and unanimously agreed.

The balance of the two bank accounts after the above cheque is processed will be £9083.56

10. Correspondence received.

10.1 Road Safety Gloucestershire. The Road Safety Partnership is seeking everyone's help to make using a mobile phone when driving socially acceptable. Notices will be displayed on the notice boards in the parish.

10.2 FODDC supports Market Town Christmas Celebrations and Small Business Saturday. Parking charges will be suspended in Council owned car parks from 12 noon on the 2nd December in Coleford, and on 26th November at Lydney, Cinderford and Newent.

On Saturday 3rd December parking charges will be suspended in Coleford, Lydney, Cinderford, Mitcheldean and Newent.

10.3 FODDC: - The District Council has recently been nominated for a prestigious UK Heart Safe Award. The award recognises a public sector organisation which has invested in life saving equipment and staff training.

10.4 Keith Chaplin a Housing Strategy & Enabling Officer for the Forest of Dean District Council has indicated that there are 10 households registered on the Home Seeker Plus system who have indicated that they have a local connection to Churcham, 3 of these households currently live within the parish.

10.5 Mr Ray Bell: - A copy of a letter sent to Mr Phil Measures who works as part of ERS@2002 Partnership within the Forest of Dean District Council regarding the pig odour emanating from the pig unit at Pigeon House Farm in Chapel Lane has been sent to the Parish Council.

10.6 BT. As part of a scheme BT has made £2m available by grant for Community Fibre Partnerships that could benefit local schools. This enables communities not covered by fibre broadband roll out plans to apply for match funding. More information is also available at www.communityfibre.bt.com/schools

10.7 Skanska: - A visual survey of the road on the A40 at Lobstock will take place shortly. In the meantime monitoring on a weekly basis will take place and any defects or issues will be dealt with, after the parish council complained about the uneven road surface.

10.8 Mrs Kelly Head teacher at Churcham School informed that 44 children are now attending the school with two members of staff and seven governors on the governing body.

10.9 Gloucestershire County Council: - Consultation on School admission policies, and information on how places are allocated, waiting lists and people's right to appeal. For more information on the draft policy visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation

11. Public Question Time.

The affordable housing site in Chapel Lane was discussed along with the effluent in brook by Brookland House in Bulley Lane. It was suggested that a meeting of residents, councillors and the Environment Agency be organised at the site to see what improvements can be made.

Broadband speed in the parish was also discussed.

12. Any other business.

There was no other business to discuss.

**The Vice Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9pm
The date of the next meeting is to be held on the 17th of January 2017, unless any urgent business needs to be dealt with in December.**

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