

# Churcham Parish Council

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**The Minutes of the meeting of the  
CHURCHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
Held at Churcham Primary School  
On the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm**

**Those Present:** - Councillors Francis, Newbery, Baber, Brookes, Reeves and Price along with their clerk Marilyn King, District Councillor Jones, County Councillor Robinson and 4 members of the public.

**1. To receive apologies for absence.** Councillor Freeman.

**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 Baber proposed that they be signed as a true record, this was seconded by Councillor Reeves and unanimously agreed.

**4. To consider matters arising from those minutes.** Highways England/Amey have resurfaced part of the A40 by Leeways Packaging but this has not been completed to a very high standard.. They have not yet repaired the other pot holes on the A40 travelling towards Huntley.

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

5.1 Two Rivers Housing: - 3 Lake Close Churcham: P0093/17/TPO Crown Lift Oak Tree T1 of TPO220 in accordance with submitted plans. Councillor Reeves proposed that there was no objection to this application. This was seconded by Councillor Brookes and unanimously agreed.

5.2 Mr & Mrs Preece, Littlefield Lake Lane Churcham: - Erection of a side extension and rear dormer with roof alterations, conversion of loft area for additional living space. Erection of a detached garage. Councillor Price proposed approval for this application, which was seconded by Councillor Newbery and unanimously agreed.

5.3 Two Rivers Housing, Land off Chapel Lane Churcham: - P1600.16/FUL. Variation of conditions {02} approved plans and {11} construction activities in regard to trees: to amend the elevations and removal and replanting of trees. Discharge of conditions {03} external facing materials, [04] hard and soft landscaping, {05} foul and surface water drainage, {06} management of community orchard, {09} arboriculture method statement and {16} construction method statement of planning permission P0247/16/FUL.

This application had already been agreed by Councillors due to an early timescale on the decision.

5.4 Mrs C Shepherd, The School of the Lion, Main Road Churcham: - P0013/17/DISCON. Discharge of Conditions {04} foul and surface water drainage and {06} hard and soft landscaping of planning permission P1474/14/FUL. Councillor Brookes proposed that this application be approved, this was seconded by Councillor Price, with a 5 to 1 vote for approval

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

6.1 Mr K Gittings, Milton Cottage Bulley Lane Churcham: - Variation of condition {04} bat mitigation to provide higher quality compensatory roosts of planning permission P1144/16/FUL. Full permission was granted.

6.2 Two Rivers Housing, Land off Chapel Lane Churcham: - Variation of conditions {02} approved plans and {11} construction activities in regard to trees; to amend the elevations and removal and replanting of trees. Discharge of conditions {03} external facing materials, {04} hard and soft landscaping, {05} foul and surface water drainage, {06} management of community orchard, {09} arboriculture method statement and {16} construction method statement of planning permission P0247/16/FUL. Permission was granted.

## **7. Clerk's Report.**

The clerk reported that she has recently cleaned out the 9 bus shelters in the parish as well as litter picking the grass verge on the A40 from Chapel Lane to Lobstock bend, collecting 8 bin bags full of litter.

## **8. To receive Councillor's Reports.**

Councillors thanked Peter Tingle for litter picking Oakle Street recently.

The condition of the road below Pigeon House Farm in Bulley Lane was raised. A Highways representative has advised that this won't be able to be looked at until the start of the next financial year. A caravan was set on fire opposite New Cottages in Bulley Lane. The fire brigade attended and it was removed the next day.

The pot holes in Oakle Street are still causing concern. This has been assigned to the local Highways Representative.

County Councillor Robinson told the meeting that Gigaclear had won the contract to improve the broadband speeds in the Forest of Dean area and it was hoped that towards the end of this year speeds should improve for a great many properties.

The Chairman John Francis is in talks with Minsterworth Parish Council regarding broadband speeds, it is hoped that a two pronged approach from both parish councils will speed things up.

The chairman told the meeting that a memorial walk through the parish will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> May in memory of the fallen in two world wars. This is being organised by the My Churcham Group.

Also a village picnic will take place on Saturday afternoon on the 15<sup>th</sup> July. This is also being organised by the My Churcham Group. More information on these two events will be advertised at a later date.

District Councillor Jones is organising a meeting at Coleford to discuss the nuisance of the pig odour and noise emanating from Pigeon House Farm in Chapel Lane. A date is yet to be set for this. If residents would like to participate in this meeting they should fill out a nuisance log sheet available from the clerk.

## **9. Financial Matters.**

Cheques for approval: -

Churcham and Bulley National School Trustees £240.00 hire of school room for one year.

Councillor Baber proposed that this cheque be approved and signed, this was seconded by Councillor Newbery and unanimously agreed.

The balance of the two bank accounts after this cheque has been processed will be £7208.31.

## **10. Correspondence received.**

10.1 Forest of Dean District Council Electoral Services invited 2 representatives from the Parish Council to attend a meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> March held by the Local Government Boundary Commission. If any councillors are available they will attend.

10.2 Forest of Dean District Council details of Parish/Town Precepts and band D charges for 2017/18 was discussed.

10.3 Forest of Dean District Council Pride of the Forest Awards 2017. Councillors or residents can propose someone or a group that makes a difference in this community. Nominating is easy. Just email [prideoftheforest@fdean.gov.uk](mailto:prideoftheforest@fdean.gov.uk) nominations must be received by 5pm on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

10.4 Two Rivers Housing reported that work had started on clearing the affordable housing site in Chapel Lane on the 13<sup>th</sup> February.

10.5 Amey Customer Services report that the reflective barriers proposed for the grass verge in Chapel Lane just past Pigeon House farm will be looked at and considered in the new financial year.

**11. Public Question Time.** No residents took up this option.

**12. Matters raised for discussion at next meeting.** The chairman will discuss the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> April. All residents are invited. If there is a topic that residents would like to discuss please let the clerk know at least 10 days prior to the meeting and it will be put on the agenda.

**The chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40pm  
The date of the next meeting is the 21<sup>st</sup> March.**

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