

Churcham Parish Council

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**The Minutes of the meeting of the
CHURCHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Churcham Primary School
On the 20th June 2017 at 7.30pm**

Those Present: - Councillors Francis, Baber, Freeman, Reeves, Brookes and Price along with their clerk Marilyn King. Also attending were District Councillor Jones and two members of the public.

1. To receive apologies for absence. Councillor Newbery tendered his 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 Price proposed that they be signed as a true record, this was seconded by Councillor Brookes and unanimously agreed.

4. To consider matters arising from those minutes.

The clerk reported that she had been in discussion with Highways England regarding the weather station recently sited on the A40.

Highways England stated the new weather station replaces the old one which had come to the end of its working life.

The CCTV camera is used for monitoring weather related road conditions, such as snow and flooding. Images are not accessible to the public and can only be viewed by Highways England staff and their contractors. The camera is fixed and will be pointing at the road at all times. It cannot be remotely controlled to point in a different direction.

The weather station is still being commissioned and is not yet live and the camera has not been switched on yet, so it is possible that the camera is not currently in its correct position.

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

5.1 Mr D Andrews, Tolcarne Main Road Churcham: - P0764/17/FUL. Proposed single storey extension to rear of property. Councillor Brookes proposed that this application be approved, this was seconded by Councillor Baber and unanimously approved.

5.2 Ms C Shepherd, The School of the Lion Main Road Churcham: - P0889/16/FUL. Erection of two retirement bungalows {demolition of existing buildings}. An appeal has been lodged in respect of this application and is to be determined by The Planning Inspectorate.

5.3 Mr D Cartwright, Fairhaven Lake Lane Churcham: - P0800/17/FUL.

Change of use of existing agricultural land to equine and additional equestrian arena. Councillor Price proposed that this application be approved, this was seconded by Councillor Reeves and unanimously approved.

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: - P0024/17/DISCON. Discharge of conditions {07} and {09} low carbon scheme of planning permission P1474/14/FUL.

Approval for partial discharge.

6.2 Mrs A Paul, Meadow Walk, Solomons Tump Huntley. P0349/17/FUL. Erection of a single storey front and side extension, Full permission was granted.

6.3 J Harper & Sons Ltd. Henry Hook Close Chapel Lane Churcham: - P0485/17/FUL Variation of conditions {02} approved plans, {04} hard and soft landscaping, {09} root protection and {10} approved protection to all amendments to footway crossing and landscaping/trees of planning permission P0247/16/FUL. Full permission was granted.

6.4 Smart Farms, Churcham Business Park Main Road Churcham: -P0502/17/FUL. Erection of a building for B1 use on existing business park site. Full permission was granted.

6.5 Mr & Mrs Freeman, New House Farm Oakle Street Churcham: - P0738/17/FUL. Proposed single storey extension to side of existing property to house hydro therapy pool for occupant and open sided porch to side elevation. Full permission was granted.

7. Clerk's Report.

7.1 The clerk reported that the building of the affordable housing at Henry Hook Close Chapel Lane Churcham is progressing well and is in fact two weeks ahead of schedule.

Roof trusses have been installed on plot two and plots 3 and 4 are due to have their roof trusses installed this week. Plots 5, 6 and 7 are nearing completion of their brickwork.

8. To receive Councillor's Reports

Councillor Freeman proposed that all parish council meetings including the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting should all start at 7.30pm, this was seconded by Councillor Brookes and unanimously agreed, the Standing Orders will be updated.

District Councillor Jones reported that the Boundary Commission have decided to add Blaisdon Parish with Huntley and Churcham as it reduces its councillors from 48 to 39.

Councillor Jones will get an update from the enforcement officer regarding the parking of a caravan in a field in Bulley, which is currently being lived in.

The clerk has been asked to find out the legality of the County Council sign by the bridle path stating that there is no vehicle access.

Councillor Brookes told the meeting that he had attended a meeting regarding faster broadband for this parish. He is awaiting a phone call from Paul Mc Cormac of Warwick Net.

Councillor Reeves reported that the vegetation along Church Lane and Sainthill Lane needs cutting back. The clerk was asked to find out when the job will be completed.

Councillor Price reported that the traffic lights allowing pedestrians to cross the A40 near Newent Lane needs rephrasing as they are only allowing 3 cars through before they stop traffic when no pedestrians need to cross.

Councillor Baber praised Highways England for the excellent tarmacking work done on the A40 through Birdwood to Huntley.

9. Financial Matters. 9.1 Councillor Francis proposed that a cheque for £2137.29 payable to Mrs M King for clerk's salary and office expenses be signed by two councillors, this was seconded by Councillor Baber and unanimously agreed.

To record the balance of the two bank accounts.

The balance will be £12313.42 after the above cheque is processed.

10. Correspondence received.

10.1 GRCC: - Neighbourhood Development Plan Event was discussed.

10.2 Gloucestershire Police: - Working together to prevent people from people being drawn into terrorism.

10.3 FODDC: - Applications invited for Community Safety Grants. Application packs are available to download from Community grants and funding page at www.fdean.gov.uk

10.4 FODDC reported that Councillor Jane Horne has been re-elected as Chairman.

10.5 Gloucestershire County Council are holding a consultation regarding the closure of Minsterworth C of E Primary School by 31st December 2017. A meeting will be held at Minsterworth School on the 28th June between 3pm and 6pm if anyone would like to air their views.

Currently only 26 pupils are on the register. The school has a capacity for 56 children.

11. Public Question Time.

No resident had any questions to ask.

12. Matters raised for discussion at next meeting.

The Parish Council offered a pledge of £50.00 towards the Forest wide Road Safety Campaign some time ago.

A cheque will be signed at the next meeting in July.

**The chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20pm
The date of the next meeting is to be held on the 18th July 2017.**

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