

# Churcham Parish Council

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**The Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of  
CHURCHAM PARISH COUNCIL.  
Held at Churcham Primary School  
On the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 7.30pm**

**Those Present:-**

Councillors Francis, Newbery, Baber, Freeman, Reeves, Price and Brookes along with their clerk Marilyn King, and three members of the public.

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

County Councillor Robinson.

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

**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:-**

5.1 Mr K Arrowsmith, sunset View Oakle Street Churcham: - P1084/17/FUL. Erection of a two storey extension and minor alterations. Removal of conservatory. Councillor Freeman proposed this application be approved, this was seconded by Councillor Baber and unanimously agreed.

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

6.1 Mrs C Shepherd, The School of the Lion, Beauchamp House 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. Approval was granted.

6.2 Mr D Cartwright, Fairhaven Lake Lane Churcham : - P0800/17/FUL. Change of use of agricultural land to equine and additional equestrian arena. Full permission was granted.

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

### 7.1 Henry Hook Close.

Mr Russell Coleman a Project Manager for J Harper & Sons reported that work on the affordable housing site at Henry Hook Close in Chapel Lane is progressing well. All of the rendered properties have now been painted on the outside and with internal walls being built inside the properties.

Electrical and plumbing work is progressing well on sites 1 and 2, and this work on site 3 is just starting. Carpenters have installed the staircases in all of the properties, and the scaffolding removed from the site. Groundwork has started on the driveways and footpaths. Work is still ahead of schedule.

7.2 The curriculum vitae for Mr Roy Balgobin, who has applied for the vacancy of clerk was discussed.

7.3 The curriculum vitae for Mr David Crabbe, who has applied for the vacancy of clerk was discussed.

It was agreed that the two applicants be called in for an interview with as many of the Parish Councillors who are available to attend along with the clerk.

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

Councillors agreed that the resurfacing of Bulley Lane is looking good.

Councillors asked for an update from District Councillor Jones regarding the parking of a caravan in a field a field at Bulley.

The smell from the pig unit in Bulley Lane was discussed as it is still affecting some businesses and residents.

Faster Broadband was a topic of discussion once again. Councillor Brookes will contact Warwick Net and report back to the next meeting.

The clerk was asked to get an abandoned car removed from the grass verge opposite Sainthill.

The grass verges alongside the A40 and in the lanes need cutting back to give better visibility for drivers and residents.

The closure of Oakle Street is causing a lot of problems for residents and businesses. No date has been given as to when the culvert repair will be completed.

## **9. To record the balance of the two bank accounts.**

The balance of the accounts is £12089.46, with one cheque for £50.00 so far unrepresented.

## **10. Correspondence received.**

10.1 FODDC: - District Councillor Leader announces new cabinet.

10.2 FODDC: - Statement regarding the conduct of Councillor Gardiner stated that as the result of an investigation, the Council confirm that it is satisfied that at no time was Councillor Gardiner involved in the alleged criminal offences or handled any protected species and wholly exonerates him. The Council apologised to Councillor Gardiner.

10.3 FODDC: - Second round of community grant funding is open for applications who fit certain criteria.

10.4 Mr S Powers reported that he had reported fly tipping of green waste in Lake Lane to the District Council. The reply he got back stated that the Street Warden had visited the site and a decision was made that as the fly tipping was only branches and that they would rot down. Mr Powers asked the District Councillor to comment on this.

10.5 West Gloucestershire Neighbourhood Watch asked for a donation towards their work.

Councillor Francis proposed that a grant of £50.00 be given to them, this was seconded by Councillor Baber and after a vote four Councillors agreed and three were against. The voter was carried to give a grant.

10.6 Gloucestershire County Council formally announce the road closure of Oakle Street even though it has already been closed for many weeks. No date has been given when the work will start.

## **11. Public Question Time.**

No one took up this option.

## **12. Matters raised for discussion at next meeting.**

12.1 Parish Plan.

2. Cycle and shared pedestrian access from Highnam to Huntley.

3. Discuss where the tables, chairs and crockery belonging to the parish are stored.

4. Emergency Plan.

**The chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30pm  
The date of the next meeting is to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017.**