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

Those Present: - Councillors Francis, Newbery, Brookes, Reeves, Price and Freeman along with Shelly Ford Clerk. Also attending were County Councillor Robinson, District Councillor Jones and one member of the public.

1. To receive apologies for absence. Councillor Baber tended 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 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.

4.1 Discussions took place to identify which roads in the Parish were in need of repair, these are: - The whole length of Oakle Street, and Bulley Lane near Pigeon House Farm. The clerk will contact Councillor Robinson with the details.

4.2 Councillor Brookes discussed the flyer he had prepared Warwick Net and high speed broadband supply to Churcham. After considering several options the Parish Council unanimously agreed to proceed with Warwick Net, who will require 20 households or 5 business users to sign up to their services for 2 years before they agree to supply.

A flyer detailing the offer will be delivered to all households in the parish for residents to express an interest in signing up. The clerk will collate all responses and feedback to the Parish Council at the next meeting. All Parish Councillors will deliver the flyers.

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

5.1 Smart Farms, Stone End Farm Churcham. P0016/18/DISCON. Erection of extension to existing approved building {P0502/17/FUL} for B1 use on business park site. Discharge of conditions 07 {Foul and surface water} of planning permission P1673/17/FUL Councillor Reeves proposed the application be approved, this was seconded by Councillor Newbery and unanimously approved.

5.2 Smart Farms Stone End Farm Churcham. P0017/18/DISCON. Erection of a building for B1 use on existing Business Park. Discharge of condition 07 [Foul and surface Water drainage] of planning

permission P0502/17/FUL. Councillor Reeves proposed that this application be approved, this was seconded by Councillor Brookes and unanimously approved.

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

6.1 P0914/17/FUL. Land south west of Colliers Elm Farm, Churcham. Change of use of land for one gypsy/traveller pitch. This was rejected by Forest of Dean Planners.

7. Clerk's Report.

7.1 The mobile library will visit the lay-by to the right of the school from 2.30pm to 4pm every 4th Wednesday commencing the 4th April.

7.2 A neighbour planning workshop will be held at Highnam Community Centre on the 6th June from 10.30 am to 3.30pm at a cost of £20.00.

7.3 National Planning Policy Framework. GAPTC are holding a course on the 2nd of May to help clerks and councillors.

7.4 Campaign to Protect Rural England are asking for nominations of local projects. If there are any projects which people feel are deserving of an award contact Lisa Belfield at lisa.belfield@cpreglos.org.uk

7.5 GAPTC AGM will take place on 21st July at Highnam Community Centre 10.30 – 1.30pm.

A being a better Councillor training course on 8th May in Whitminster.

A Clerk's the Knowledge will take place on 19th April.

8. To receive Councillor's Reports.

Councillor Newberry told the meeting that everyone he had spoken to at Henry Hook Close are happy with the houses.

Councillor Reeves expressed concern over the mud on the footpath near Church Lane.

Concern was also expressed regarding the increase in traffic, particularly in Oakle Street, as a result of the traffic lights out of action at Highnam.

9. Financial Matters.

Cheques for approval.

Councillor Reeves proposed the three cheques below be approved, this was seconded by Councillor Brookes and unanimously approve

9.1 Shelly Ford £669.50 salary for 2 months.

10. Correspondence received.

10.1 GAPTC have a vacancy on their executive committee.

10.2 GAPTC will update councils when new information regarding the new General Data Protection Law becomes available.

10.3 Gloucestershire Constabulary alerted a suspicious van in the area. The registration is HG53 OFD. Please ring 101 if you see this vehicle.

10.4 National Association of Local Clerks are holding a lobby day on the 20th March in London.

11. Public Question Time.

A member of the public identified that Bulley Lane near Pigeon House farm needs repairing.

12. Matters raised for discussion at next meeting.

12.1 Broadband leaflet – discussion regarding responses received.

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 17th April.