

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 December at 7.30pm**

Those Present: - Councillors Francis, Newbery, Baber, Reeves and Brookes along with their clerk Marilyn and two members of the public.

1. Apologies. Councillors Freeman and Price.

2. To record any Declarations of Interest by members in items to be discussed.
Councillor Brookes declared an interest in item 5.4 and did not take part in the planning decision.

3. To approve the minutes of previous Meetings.

3.1 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.

There were no matters arising.

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

5.1 Mr Kibble, Yew Tree Cottage Oakle Street Churcham: -P1571/16/FUL. Single storey extension to front of dwelling to provide porch and family room. Councillor Brookes proposed this application be approved, this was seconded by Councillor Baber and unanimously approved.

5.2 Two Rivers Housing, Land off Chapel Lane Churcham; _ P1600/16/FUL. Variation of condition {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 of statement of planning P0247/16/FUL. Councillors would like to see the surface water drainage be discharged into the ditch on the opposite side of the land to the site instead of the lane being dug up and the new pipe installed down the centre of the lane, this would then run into the culvert alongside the A40.

Councillors would like to see the ditches that used to run surface water in front of the garden centre past the affordable housing site and into a culvert in the grass verge by the affordable housing site re-instated this would stop the flooding in Chapel Lane, which causes black ice to form in bad weather.

Councillor Baber proposed that with these conditions installed the application be approved, this was seconded by Councillor Newbery.

5.3 Mr K Gittings, Milton Cottage Bulley Lane Churcham: -P0089/16/DISCON discharge of condition {06} sample of stonework and brickwork of planning permission P1144/16/FUL. Councillor Reeves proposed this application be approved, this was seconded by Councillor Brookes and unanimously approved provided that the colour of the bricks are similar to the nearby properties.

5.4 Mr K Gittings Milton Cottage Bulley Lane Churcham; - P1710/16/FUL Variation of condition {04} bat mitigation to provide higher quality compensatory roosts for planning permission P1144/16/FUL. Councillor Reeves proposed this application be approved, this was seconded by Councillor Newbery 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: - P0889/16/FUL Erection of two bungalows {demolition of existing buildings}. Permission was refused for this application.

6.2 Tree Preservation Order for Oak Tree in Lake Close TG/DFTPO220 was approved.

6.3 Trustees of Churcham and Bulley National School: - P1357/16/FUL New vehicular access to existing School House. Full permission was granted.

7. Clerk's Report.

7.1 Two Rivers Housing invited the clerk and Councillors to a site meeting at the start of work on the affordable housing site in Chapel Lane. The date of which is yet to be agreed.

7.2 The parish council thanked Sam Hall and Robert Watkins for re-installing the Bulley Lane sign below Skinners Hill.

The clerk was asked to contact Gloucestershire Highways to ask for the Lake sign that was demolished and removed to be re-instated.

8.1 Councillors Reports.

Councillor Reeves discussed the approval of a 2% increase agreed in the Clerk's salary at the November meeting, this was discussed once again and a 5% increase was thought to be more appropriate. Councillor Reeves proposed that this be approved to start on 1st April, this was seconded by Councillor Baber and unanimously agreed.

The Clerk was asked to contact County Councillor Robinson to ask if the rotting leaves at the bottom of Church Lane could be removed under the Lengths man Scheme.

The Clerk was asked to contact Gloucestershire Highways to find out if and when they will be installing bollards in Chapel Lane by the deep ditch opposite Pigeon House Farm.

The Clerk was asked to contact Gloucestershire Highways regarding the flattened "Give Way Sign in Oakle Street where it joins the A40. Also to re-seat a damaged kerb in Lake Lane.

The clerk was asked to contact the previous owner of the affordable housing site in Chapel Lane to thank her for selling the site to Two Rivers Housing so that we can have affordable housing in the parish.

9. Financial Matters.

Councillor Newbery proposed a final figure of 2% increase in the precept which was agreed at the November meeting, this was seconded by Councillor Baber and unanimously agreed.

Councillor Reeves proposed that the following cheques were approved for payment, this was seconded by Councillor Baber and unanimously approved.

9.1 Mr R Newbery £4.80 Light bulbs for defibrillator kiosk.

9.2 Mrs M King £1631.84 Clerk's salary & office expenses.

The balance of the two bank accounts after the above cheques are processed will be £7447.67.

10. Correspondence received.

10.1 Two Rivers Housing: - Parish Councillors were asked to suggest two names to be considered for the new road at the affordable housing site in Chapel Lane Churcham they chose Henry Hook Close, because he was born at Birdwood House Farm, and the second suggestion was Birdwood Close. Two Rivers Housing will also put a name forward to the Post Office who will make the final decision.

10.2 Dawn Morgan Flood Risk Engineer reminded residents that if their properties border a watercourse they are responsible for keeping it clear to stop flooding.

10.3 FODDC reminded residents to check their household oil tanks for damage.

10.4 FODDC. District Council offices will close at 4pm on the 23rd December and re-open at 9am on the 3rd January.

10.5 Two Rivers Housing will start work on the affordable housing site in the New Year. Councillors were asked if they would like street lighting on the site. They decide that they would suggest lighting with movement sensors, and to be low level with a minimum lux to light up the footpaths.

10.6 Amey Highways gave the clerk reference numbers for the blocked drain in Bulley Lane and also the damaged road sign.

10.7 Mr Ray Bell comments that he has not had a reply for FODDC regarding a letter he wrote complaining about the pig odour in Chapel Lane Churcham. The clerk was asked to contact the planner and also the environmental department to ask for a meeting to discuss residents' concerns.

10.8 GAPTC. Three audit firms have been appointed for the next five years.

10.9 FODDC. District Council prepares for a difficult financial year and a five week consultation will take place.

11. Public Question Time.

No residents took up this option.

12. It was suggested that the problems of pig odour and noise emanating from the pig unit in Chapel Lane should be discussed at the next meeting.

**The chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.25pm
The date of the next meeting is to be held on the 17th January 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