Churcham
Parish Council

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The Minutes of the meeting of the
CHURCHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Churcham Primary School
On the 17th October 2017 at 7.30pm

Those Present: - Councillors Francis, Freeman, Price, Reeves and Brookes, Baber and Freeman along with the retiring clerk Marilyn King, new clerk Shelly Ford, District Councillor Jones, County Councillor Robinson and 8 members of the public.

1. To receive apologies for absence. Councillors 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 Reeves proposed that the minutes were approved; this was seconded by Councillor Freeman and unanimously agreed.

4. To consider matters arising from those minutes.
Mr D Richards, Land South West of Colliers Elm Farm Bulley Lane Churcham: - P0914/17/FUL Change of use of land to one gypsy/traveller pitch. Parish Councillors continue to strongly object, Councillor Jones advised that if the proposal is accepted by the FOD Planners then it will go to committee for further discussion. Should the planning officer decide to reject the application then that will be the decision and it will not be decided by committee.

5. To consider planning applications notified by the Forest of Dean District Council: -
5.1 J Harper & Sons Leominster Ltd, Henry Hook Close, Chapel Lane Churcham: - P0081/17/DISCON. Discharge of Condition 08 {external lighting} of planning permission P0247/16/FUL.
5.2 J Harper & Sons Leominster Ltd: - Henry Hook Close Chapel Lane Churcham. P1565/17/FUL. Variation of Condition 02 {approved plans}.04 {hard & soft landscaping; 09 {root protection}, 10 {approved protection} of planning permission P024/16/FUL.
Councillor Reeves proposed these two applications be approved, this was seconded by Councillor Price and unanimously approved.

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

6.1 Note Machine UK Ltd, Petrol Filling Station Main Road Churcham: - P1283/17/ADV. Advertisement consent for internally illuminated "Free Cash Withdrawals" out of a black background. Blue LED halo illuminated ATM surround {Retrospective} Consent Granted.
6.2 Note Machine UK Ltd, Petrol Filling Station Main Road Churcham: - P1282/17/FUL. Installation of a new ATM machine in purpose built secure room with steel floor plate. {Retrospective}. Full permission was granted.

7. Retiring Clerk's Report.

The clerk thanked Councillors and residents for their support during the past 11 years she had been employed by the Parish Council, and was thanked in turn by the Chairman for all her efforts on behalf of the Parish
She reported that work in on schedule at Henry Hook Close in Chapel Lane ready for completion in early December.
Internal decorating is taking place in all the properties also the landscaping of the gardens, will result in an excellent place to live in the countryside close to Gloucester.

8. To receive Councillor's Reports.

8.1 Councillors discussed Warwick Net Broadband and their lack of response to letters from the Parish Council and residents. County Councillor Robinson will raise the matter at a County Council Meeting and report back at the next Parish Council Meeting.
8.2 Councillor Francis discussed the proposed Parish Plan and asked for seven residents to form a steering committee to take this forward. He will chair any meetings held.
This will be an opportunity for residents to get involved and decide how they would like their Parish of the future to look.
Please could residents contact Councillor Francis direct on 01452 750040.

Councillor Baber agreed that the contractors who replaced the damaged culvert in Oakle Street had done a good job and asked the clerk to contact Neil Goodland at Amey to thank him.

Councillor Francis told the meeting that the My Churcham Group will be holding a 'Jacket Potato and Cake' event at the Fairview Gardener in Chapel Lane on the 22nd November at 6.30pm. Bring your own wine. Spaces are limited, tickets can be obtained from Councillor Francis Tickets on 01452 750040.

Councillor Jones told the meeting that the Boundary Commission had created a larger ward with Churcham, Huntley and Longhope. Two District Councillors will be responsible for the larger area.
Councillor Robinson discussed Children's Services in the County stating that after three months Ofsted reported improvements even with the increasing number of children deemed at risk.
£10 million will be made available in this year alone for Children's Services with £150 million being spent over the next five years on adult services in an attempt to keep older people in their own homes with support.

It was reported that in 2018 five different companies will be responsible for the highways in the county, each having their own area of expertise.

Councillor Robinson also discussed a Road Safety Campaign, with new signs available. He said that key rings and car stickers are available for distribution as part of the campaign, and asked the clerk to contact the school to ask if they would like any.

The proposed cycle path along the A40 from Highnam to Churcham was discussed with Councillor Robinson. The Chairman will ask Mr Bellwood to get involved as well in getting evidence that if installed it would be used. He will also contact the landowner for his support.

9. Financial Matters.

Councillor Freeman proposed that a cheque for £842.24 in favour of Mrs M King be signed; this was seconded by Councillor Baber and unanimously approved.
The balance of the two bank accounts will be £8390.20 after the above cheque is processed.

10. Correspondence received.

10.1 Veronica Parker & Jasmine Ellicott of Two Rivers Housing reported that they are selling a pair of semi-detached houses currently being built at Henry Hook Close Churcham under the Shared Ownership Scheme.
Residents interested in either of these properties should look on the Help to Buy Website www.helptobuysouth.co.uk/property or contact Two Rivers Housing on 01531 829226 or email jasmine.ellicott@2rh.org.uk for further details.

10.2 Forest of Dean District Council confirmed that at their meeting on the 23rd February 2017, Full Council approved the underwriting of all costs associated with by-elections for those town and parish councils whose council tax requirements is less than £100,000.00 as detailed in Section7 of the budget report.

10.3 Forest of Dean District Council report that over the past couple of years they have been working with Cotswold, West Oxford District Council and Cheltenham Borough to create a new public-sector company, 'Publica', that will employ staff from all of these councils.
The purpose is to meet cost saving requirements for each council but protect the services they provide. Employees will transfer to 'Publica on 1st November 2017.

10.4 Chrissie Parkes of Gloucestershire Police reported that 6 incidents regarding thefts from farms in the Newent area took place in late September early October, with quad bikes and chain saws being the main items stolen.

10.5 Forest of Dean District Council report that their Street Warden Service has been awarded a Gold Footprint award for the fourth year, as part of the RSPC Community Animal Welfare Footprints Scheme, for their part in ensuring the welfare of stray dogs.

10.6 Sarah Davies the Dementia Friendly Community Enabler for this area is trying to raise awareness surrounding dementia and is offering free training in this area.
Any resident or councillor interested should contact her on 07914 538616 or email her at sarah.davies@fdean.gov.uk for further details.

10.7 A resident asked the Parish Council to get a street light repaired at the junction of Solomons Tump Road and the A40 as it has not been working for some time.
The clerk was asked by Councillors to contact Highways England on their behalf.
Councillor Robinson will also contact Highways England regarding this matter.

11. Public Question Time.

No one took up this option.

12. Matters raised for discussion at next meeting.

12.1 Putting up the Highways signs supplied by County Councillor Robertson.
12.2 Churcham Parish Plan

The chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.
The date of the next meeting is to be held on the 21st November 2017.

Post meeting note

Councillors presented the retiring clerk with a bouquet of flowers, a carriage clock and a cake and wished her well in her retirement.
Residents and Councillors shared refreshments supplied by Councillors and their partners.