Churcham
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Minutes of the meeting of the
CHURCHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Churcham Primary School
On 16th January 2018 at 7.30pm

1. Attendance and Apologies.

Those Present: - Councillors Francis, Baber, Freeman, Brookes, Price, Reeves and their relief clerk Marilyn King, and two members of the public.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Newbery.

2. Declarations of Interest by members in items to be discussed.

There were no declarations.

3. Approve the minutes of previous meeting.

Councillor Reeves proposed that the minutes be approved, this was seconded by Councillor Price and Unanimously approved.

4. Matters arising.

4.1 The Parish Plan.

The chairman asked for more residents to join a steering committee to prepare a Parish Plan. Three residents have already volunteered their services, but a few more are required. If residents are interested and require more information they can contact John Francis direct on 01452 750040, the plan cannot proceed without more people on the steering committee.

4.2 2018 precept was decided under item 9.1.

4.3 Warwick Net has agreed to send out leaflets to Councillor Brookes regarding supplying faster Broadband in the near future. The Councillor is also looking into other companies to see if there Are any other options to provide faster broadband in the parish, and will report his progress at a future meeting.

4.4 John Bellwood stated that he is disappointed with the response he has had regarding a shared Space cycle/footpath from Highnam roundabout to Churcham Garage. He is asking Highnam Parish Council for their support, and will report back at a future meeting.

4.5 On the 12th January Mrs Shirley Fowler, great niece, and Mr Peter Collins a great great nephew of Henry Hook VC, along with Mr Robert Bernays, Vice Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire officially unveiled the new street sign at the long awaited development comprising of 7 homes, a mix of flats, houses and a bungalow.in Chapel Lane.

Two Rivers Housing thanked everyone involved for their support in getting this affordable housing site up and running.

5. Planning Applications

5.1 Mr Cornish, Beldevere, Oakle Street Churcham. P1908/17/FUL. Erection of a conservatory. Councillor Freeman proposed approval, this was seconded by Councillor Price and unanimously agreed.

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, Bulley Lane Churcham: - Change of use of land to one gypsy/traveller pitch.
The planner Mark Stringer has deferred making a decision until the 23rd February to allow the applicant more time to submit the extra information required.
6.2 Mr & Mrs Chandler, Churcham Lodge, Main Road, Churcham. P1779/17/FUL. Alterations and single storey extension. Consent was granted.
6.3 Birdwood Valeting Centre, Main Road Birdwood.P1795/17/FUL. Erection of a building for the servicing of motor vehicles B1 use on a site that has a mix of vehicle related issues. Pending decision.
6.4 Mr Jackson, Whitlow Farm Churcham. P1819/17/FUL. Erection of a single storey extension {wet room}. Consent was granted.

7. To receive Councillor's Reports

Parents that park at the entrance to Bulley Lane where it joins the A40 when dropping their children off at school are still causing problems with visibility for other residents. The clerk was asked to contact both District and County Councillors for their support in getting this dangerous parking sorted out before someone is injured.
Councillor Reeves thanked her husband and son for laying salt in Church Lane during the bad weather and removing leaves on the lane and footpath.
It is reported that Wendy Lewis is to organise a community litter pick day. More information will be supplied at a later date.
Councillor Freeman's daughter Grace will litter pick Oakle Street as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.
Councillor Reeves complained that Highways England have not removed warning triangles on the A40 by Highnam roundabout, and left traffic lights on the A40 at Lobstock working for 2 weeks unnecessarily after a water leak was repaired.
The clerk was asked to get an illegally dumped mattress removed from the bus shelter at Churcham by the defibrillator.

8. Clerk's Report

The official clerk Miss Shelly Ford, who is on sick leave for two months thanked Marilyn King for standing in for her, she was also thanked by the Parish Councillors.
Shelly stated that the training courses she was due to attend has been postponed until April.
She reported that the street lighting on the A40 at Solomons Tump is now working.
Mrs King thanked the Street Warden Rob Carpenter for organising a litter pick along the A40 through the parish.

9 Financial Matters

The precept requirement was discussed. Councillor Francis proposed an increase in line with inflation of 3% which equates to £270.00, making a precept requirement of £9270.00, this was seconded by Councillor Reeves and unanimously agreed.

10 Correspondence received: -

10.1 GAPTC: - Invitation to a webinar on the 23rd January at 11am – 12.30pm on the changes to the external audit. Councillor Francis will look into the matter.

11. Public question time.

Faster Broadband was discussed.
Mr Bellwood suggested asking Minsterworth Parish Council and Highnam Parish Council for support for a neighbour development plan for the parish, and also asked for residents support.

Any other business

No other matters were raised.

The chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.51pm.
The date of the next meeting is the 20th February 2018.

The clerk's working hours are 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