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The Minutes an Extra Ordinary Meeting of the
CHURCHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Churcham Primary School
On the 21st August 2018 at 7.30pm

Those Present: - Councillors Francis, Newbery, Freeman, Brookes, Reeves and Price along with their clerk Marilyn King. Also attending were three members 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 Brookes 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.
The clerk reported that she had obtained the extra recycling bags asked for by Councillor Freeman.

5. To consider planning applications notified by the Forest of Dean District Council:-
5.1 Mr C Keeling, The Apple Shed, Bulley Lane Churcham: - P1122/18/PQ3PA. Prior approval for the change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling. Councillor Newbery proposed this application be approved, this was seconded by Councillor Reeves and unanimously agreed.

6. To confirm planning decisions by Forest of Dean District Council/Gloucestershire County Council.
6.1 Mr S Hayward, Pigeon House Farm Chapel Lane Churcham.P0749/18/AG. Erection of a hay barn. This application was approved.
6.2 Mr B Hopkins, Oak View Barn Bulley. P0601/18/FUL. Erection of a replacement agricultural building with associated works. Demolition of part of existing barn. This application was refused.
Mr Hopkins told the meeting he would be putting in another planning application.

7. Clerk's Report.
The clerk reported that she has inspected all of the bus shelters and cleaned them. The inside of 5 of the bus shelters will be re-painted under the Lengths-Man Scheme on the 17th September, with the parish Council supplying the paint.
Lake Lane and Lake Close will be surface dressed on the 29th August. These roads will be closed while the work takes place.

The clerk also reported that a new road sign has been erected at Henry Hook VC Close by Two Rivers Housing after the original sign was incorrect.
The clerk had organised a litter pick of two lay-bys in Churcham and also got a carpet removed from the footpath by the defibrillator that has been illegally dumped.

8. To receive Councillor's Reports.

Councillor Newbery reported that there is no smell from the pig unit in Chapel Lane at present as all the pigs have been sold.
Councillor Brookes gave an update on faster Broadband for the Parish.
Warwick Net/Glide propose to install their own fast fibre cabinet at the Churcham end of Oakle Street in September.
Councillor Brookes will give a further update at the next meeting.
The Chairman reported that he had been contacted by Mr John Bellwood who put his opinions on Parish Council procedures, which will be looked into.
Councillor Reeves asked if Highways England could be contacted regarding a problem with the traffic lights at Horseshoe Drive Highnam, as they are holding up traffic travelling towards Gloucester unnecessarily.
She also asked that the large pot hole on the A40 at Highnam Roundabout be reported.
Councillor Price also asked for the pot hole on the A40 just below Oakle Street at the bottom of the dual carriageway be reported.

9. Matters raised for discussion from previous meeting.

The speed limit of 60mph in the lanes around the parish was discussed.
These lanes are derestricted so technically have a maximum speed of 60mph. This status does not suggest that they are suitable for travel at that speed it simply means that in general speed would not be enforced by the Police. In many cases safe speed is less than 30mph.
As an alternative to a lower compulsory speed limit it may be possible to introduce advisory speed limit signs which have been installed in Oakle Street such as the 20 is plenty.
These cannot be enforced by the Police but might remind drivers to slow down.

10. Financial Matters.

10.1 Mrs M King. Clerk's stipend, office expenses and paint for the bus shelters £517.51.
Councillor Reeves proposed this cheque be signed, this was seconded by Councillor Price and unanimously agreed.
10.2 The clerk obtained 3 insurance quotes through Came and Co an insurance broker dealing with County and Parish Councils.
They recommended Inspire Insurance, with a premium of £457.70, reduced to £437.32 for a 3 year long term agreement as the best value for money.
Councillor Newbery proposed that the 3 year long term agreement should be accepted, this was seconded by Councillor Reeves and unanimously agreed.
The balance of the two bank accounts after the above cheque is processed will be £11389.64p

11. Correspondence received.

11.1 Councillors discussed the application by Jennifer King for the vacancy of Clerk/RFO.
Councillors agreed to interview the two applicants for the vacancy on the 4th September if the applicants are available on that date.

11.2 Community Heartbeat Trust stated that a press release by the British Heart Foundation failed to verify the information prior to broadcast.
All defibrillators acquired, adopted or registered are not only fully registered by Community Heartbeat Trust with the Ambulance Service but are also available to the public by the National Defibrillator Data Base {www.nddb.uk}
11.3 FODDC report that a new refuse and garden waste fleet of vehicles has arrived as part of Biffa waste services.
The vehicles display key messages to remind residents of everyday items that can be recycled.
11.4 FODDC informed that new registration legislation for animal businesses comes into effect on 1st October 2018.
All dog day boarders, keepers of exhibition animals and some dog breeders will need to apply to the Forest of Dean District Council and obtain a licence from 1st October.
11.5 Forest of Dean District Council announced that it had established a Council owned company to deliver services.
Publica is a company created and wholly owned by four councils. Forest of Dean, West Oxfordshire, Cotswold District Councils and Cheltenham Borough Council.
So although staff are now employed by Publica, they are still working for the Forest of Dean District Council in this area.
Residents should not be concerned if they are contacted by people with a @publicagroup.uk email address or are dealt with by someone wearing a Publica Identity Badge.

12. Public Question Time.

No one took up this option.

13. Matters raised for discussion at next meeting.

The Chairman asked Mr Bellwood to raise a definitive report at the next meeting on the proposed cycle path he has been working towards along the A40.
This will update every one of the progress so far and provide a benchmark for future action.

The chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15pm
The date of the next meeting is to be held on the 18th September.