

Churcham Annual Parish Meeting

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Minutes

9th April 2019

Thirteen people were present at the meeting.

1. To receive apologies for absence

There were none.

2. To present and sign the minutes of the last meeting

The parish council clerk reported that all previous minutes were unavailable and presumed to be lost.

3. To receive the Parish Council's Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported:

- The death of Martin Baber, in the latter part of 2018, who had served on the parish council for over twenty years. The Chairman also commended his service to the community.
- The parish council had a new clerk and Marilyn King had become a co-opted parish councillor.
- The parish council had responded to 18 planning consultations in the financial year ending 31 March 2019.
- The council had been liaising with Mark Harper MP and others with regards to improving broadband service in the parish and to create a shared cycle-path.
- The 2 May 2019 elections would be uncontested.
- That he aspired for the parish to have a parish plan and/or neighbourhood development plan

4. To be introduced to and hear from the Street Warden

Gary Evans, the local street-warden employed by the Forest of Dean District Council, introduced himself and spoke about his work in the area. He stated:

- That there had been an increase in fly-tipping generally in the Forest of Dean district.

- Residents should ask to see a waste carrier licence (and to take note of the reference number and/or to get a copy) from anyone who is disposing of rubbish on their behalf. Failure to do this could result in a fine if their rubbish is fly-tipped and it is traced back to them.
- Members of the public should report all instances of fly-tipping to the Forest of Dean District Council. Some waste may be dangerous and may need specialists to remove it.
- The lay-bys on the A40, in the parish, are due to be cleaned every fortnight.
- Leaving bags of recycling outside recycling points was classified as fly-tipping.

5. To receive a presentation by the Forest of Dean Dementia Action Alliance

Sarah Davies of the Forest of Dean Action Alliance reported that:

- Funding had been extended for the service for another year due to its success.
- The alliance model used in the Forest of Dean district was to be rolled out across the whole county.
- A dementia friendly evening, in partnership with the parish council and Churcham Primary School, was being aimed for. This would involve inviting neighbouring parishes.
- Services have been struggling with the demand for support from people with dementia and their carers.
- It is known that there is a high number of people living with dementia in the parish.

6. To receive questions from members of the public

As there were no questions from the public, Peter Ingram, from My Churcham, took the opportunity to state that money donated in 1948 for the parish to build a memorial hall was now to be used to purchase large forest stone benches on walks around the parish.

7. Closing remarks

The Chairman thanked all those who had attended and who had spoke at the meeting.

The meeting finished at 8.25pm