Churcham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

18th June 2019 at 7.30pm in Churcham Primary School

In attendance:

Parish Councillors: Cllr. Francis, Cllr. Reeves, Cllr. Brookes, Cllr. King, Cllr. Newbery, Cllr. Freeman

District & County: Cllr. Brian Robinson

Clerk: Christian Horton

There was one member of the public present.

1. To receive apologies for absence
   1.1. Cllr. Price sent apologies.
2. To receive and consider declarations of interest & written requests for dispensation
   2.1. There were none.
3. To consider and sign the minutes of the last meeting
   3.1. It was RESOLVED to sign the minutes.
4. Public Open Forum
   4.1. A member of the public stated that they were having 4G Wi-Fi installed at their home.
5. Planning
   5.1. To receive a report of planning decisions by the Forest of Dean District Council
      5.1.1. P0195/19/FUL - Churcham Garage, Main Road, Churcham, Gloucester. This application is ongoing.
6. Finance & Audit
   6.1. To receive and consider approving a financial report from the RFO
      6.1.1. It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation and the financial report.
   6.2. To consider approving the following for payment:
      6.2.1. Clerk's salary and expenses - £390.20
         6.2.1.1. It was RESOLVED to approve this payment.
7. To discuss arrangements for the Neighbourhood Development Plan

7.1. The consensus amongst Councillors was that they felt it was important for the residents of Churcham to have a greater say in how the parish develops in the future i.e. identifying sites for development and the type of development. It was agreed that an agenda item would be added to the next meeting to apply for funding to undertake the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Cllr. Robinson entered the meeting at this point.

8. To receive verbal reports from Councillors

8.1. Cllr. Newbery raised his previous concerns of potholes on the lanes as a result of over-taking. He did not meet Cllr. Robinson as planned, but Cllr. Robinson did assess the issues with a Highway's manager.

8.2. Cllr. Reeves reported concerns of overgrown verges on Church Lane.

A general discussion concerning road surfaces ensued and the Clerk was asked to write to Highways England to ask that any resurfacing on the A40 should use the quieter tarmac to reduce noise pollution.

8.3. Cllr. Francis reported that:

- He and Cllr. Newbery attended an affordable housing event.
- The village picnic is to be held on 6th July.

8.3. Cllr. Robinson gave an update of issues on a district and county level. He also stated that his previous correspondence with Highways England regarding road safety, footpaths and cycleways had not been addressed due to the recipient being away on sick leave since February 2019. Therefore, he has had to start the process again.

9. To consider the date of the next meeting

9.1. The next meeting will be held on 16th July 2019 at 7.30pm in Churcham School.

The meeting finished at 8.25pm.

Signed:…….

Date:……