Churcham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

16th July 2019 at 7.30pm in Churcham Primary School

In attendance:

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

District & County: Cllr. Brian Robinson and Cllr. Brian Jones

Clerk: Christian Horton

There was three members of the public present.

1. To receive apologies for absence

   1.1. There were none.

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 raised concerns over appeal APP/P1615/W/19/3230628 regarding Churcham Garage.

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 has been REFUSED.

Cllr. Brian Robinson entered the meeting at this point.

   5.2. To consider: Planning Inspectorate ref: APP/P1615/W/19/3230628. Appeal by: Euro Garages Limited. Site: Churcham Garage, Main Road, Churcham, Gloucester Gloucestershire GL2 8AA. Development: Hours of opening of petrol station to be 24 hours, 7 days a week including public holidays.

      5.2.1. It was RESOLVED that a consultation response will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. This that will repeat the Parish Council's previous concerns and include the concerns of residents.

6. Finance & Audit

6.1.1. To receive and consider approving a financial report from the RFO

6.1.1.1. A report updating the Parish Council on its financial activity in this financial year was considered, in addition to the monthly bank reconciliation. It was RESOLVED that the reports were an accurate reflection of the state of the Council's finances and complied with internal financial control policies.

6.2. To consider approving the following for payment:

6.2.1. Clerk's salary and expenses - £502.81

6.2.1.1. It was RESOLVED to pay this amount.

7. To consider having a new contact form on the website at a cost of up to £100 exc. VAT.

7.1. It was RESOLVED to commission a new contact form for the website.

8. To consider applying for grant funding to undertake a Neighbourhood Development Plan

8.1. It was decided to delay this until the Parish Council had met with Nigel Gibbons of the Forest of Dean District Council.

9. To receive verbal reports from Councillors

9.1. Cllr. Brookes reported issues with overgrown verges.

9.2. Cllr. Reeves reported:

- issues with overgrown verges.
- concerns that agricultural land was being purchased for building development.

9.3. Cllr. King stated that she had reported potholes on Bulley lane.

9.4. Cllr. Newbery reported concerns with containers appearing on the site of the old chapel.

9.5. Cllr. Price raised concerns about potholes.

9.6. Cllr. Francis raised the issue of the bus stops requiring maintenance work. The Clerk was asked to approach builders for estimates.

9.7. Cllr. Robinson stated:

- Highways England had offered to meet with his to discuss the proposed shared footpath/cycle-path. He will contact the Council to arrange dates.
- The waste incinerator is now operational.

10. To consider the date of the next meeting

10.1. The next meeting will be held on 17th September 2019 at 7.30pm in Churcham School.

The meeting finished at 8.35pm.

Signed:…….. Date:……