CHURCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
17th November 2020 via Zoom

In attendance:

Cllr. Francis, Cllr. Reeves, Cllr. King, Cllr. Newbery, Cllr. Freeman
County Councillor. Cllr. Brian Robinson
Clerk B Jelf
There were 10 members 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 Cllr King declared her interest in item 5.1.2

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 No members of the public spoke at this point

5. Planning
5.1 To consider the following planning application:-
5.1.2 P1779/20/AG - Agricultural and Forestry Development.
Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for further details.
Drews Farm Bulley Lane Churcham
Prior Notification for the erection of a steel frame agriculture building.
5.1.2.1 It was unanimously AGREED to support this application

5.2 To receive a report of planning decisions by the Forest of Dean District Council and the Planning Inspectorate
P1640/20/FUL - Songlines, Lake Lane, Churcham, Gloucester. Erection of a single storey rear extension and a single storey front
extension. Raising of ridge height to create first floor accommodation.
5.2.1 This application is still PENDING

6. Finance and Audit

6.1 To receive and consider approving a financial report from the RFO

6.1.1 The clerk reported that the bank accounts stood at :-

Treasurers Account £1459.00

Business Banking Account £14984.71

6.2 To consider and approving the following for payment:

6.2.1 Clerk's salary £306.50

6.2.1.2 It was RESOLVED to pay this amount

6.2.2. Came and Company £450.17

6.2.2.1 It was RESOLVED to pay this amount

6.3 Approve contribution to part fund planning consultant in preparing response to FODDC 'Preferred option' consultation.

6.3.1 Cllr Francis gave an update on the Cross Parish Communications Group and a discussion took place regarding the contribution forwards the consultant. Cllr Newbery proposed that £1000 be earmarked for the Parish contribution towards the consultant. This was seconded by Cllr King and unanimously agreed by all remaining Cllrs.

7. To receive a report from the clerk

7.1 The clerk reported that she was waiting a response from FODDC regarding the agenda item from Octobers meeting.

8. To received update re the New Development/Preferred Option proposal

8.1 A discussion took place and members of the public contributed to the discussion:

- Cllr Francis wished the communication group well
- It was stated that £2000 had been raised to date from the crowd funding
- Leaflets and banners are in the proceed of being printed and a media campaign is to be launched
- Cllr Freeman commented on the surveying at Beauchamp pitch
- Cllr Robinson suggested that when communicating with District Council an agenda should be followed and any points should be agreed at the end of the meeting
- Cllr Francis made the point that it is Government policy to build on Brownfield sites

9. To receive verbal reports from Councillors

9.1 Parish councilors made no comments

9.2 Cllr Robinson made the points:-

- There is a new grant scheme for lockdown businesses
- The Five Acres Leisure development decision has been pushed into 2021
- There has been a decline in the streams of income for the district council, eg car parking
- The point was raised regarding the council staffing levels. We are in challenging times, but this is being looked at.
- Covid infections are on the rise.
- Cllr Robinson has written to the Leader of the Council regarding Churchams broadband issue and is awaiting a response, Cllr Robinson to supply clerk with email details so that the Parish council can make their own direct request.

10. To consider the date of the next meeting

10.1 The next meeting will be Tuesday 8th December via zoom