

CHURCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 20th October 2020 at 7.30 pm via
Zoom

In attendance:

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

District Councillor: Cllr. Brian Jones County
Councillor. Cllr. Brian Robinson Clerk: Beverley
Jelf There were seventeen members of the public
present.

1. To receive apologies for absence

1.1 Apologies received from Cllr Newbery who may
be a few minutes late (cllr Newbury arrived at 7.42
pm)

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 There were none

4. Public Open Forum* *Members of the public wishing to speak will each be given the opportunity to address the council for 5 minutes. Questions should be sent in writing to the clerk at least three days prior to the meeting.

5. Planning
5.1 To consider the following planning application:-

5.1.2 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.

5.1.2.1 The application was SUPPORTED

5.2 To receive a report of planning decisions by the Forest of Dean District Council and the Planning Inspectorate from March 18th 2020 up until and

including 20th October 2020

5.2.1 P0993/20/FUL – Birdwood Farm, Birdwood, Gloucester, Demolition of existing building and replace with single dwelling house with double car port.

5.2.1.1 This application was GRANTED 5.2.2 P0986/20/FUL Kites Nest Cottage, Kites Nest Lane,

Churcham, Gloucester, Demolition of existing cottage and erection of replacement dwelling

5.2.2.1 This application was GRANTED

5.2.3 P1286/20/AG – Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for further details. Drews Farm, Bulley Lane, Churcham. Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural building for machinery storage.

5.2.3.1 This application was APPROVED 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 Treasurers

account stood at £1459.59 CR and the Business Banking account stood at £14,184.71 in credit.

6.2 To consider and approving the following for payment:

- . 6.3.1 Clerk's salary £306.50 6.3.1.1 It was AGREED to pay the clerks wages
- . 6.3.2 community heartbeat invoice number 6350 -£50.40 6.3.2.1 It was AGREED to pay this invoice
- . 6.3.3 Community heartbeat invoice number 6351 - £46.80 6.3.3.1 It was AGREED to pay this invoice

7. To receive a report from the clerk

7.1 The clerk reported that a member of public had complained about an agricultural erection in Lake Lane, it was agreed that this be put on next months agenda.

8. To discuss the proposal of 4000 houses to be built in Churcham

8.1 A discussion took place. The Chairman gave a briefing to the council and members of public,

explaining that we knew nothing about the proposal, members of the public expressed their concerns over the development. Cllr. Robinson was invited to speak and stated that he had raised concerns about last year. It was suggested that a separate Communication Group be formed. It was stated that the only things which would carry any weight would be opposition for individuals. The council looking into ways in which this can be achieved. Cllr Freeman proposed that the consultation should be delayed because of the Covid-19 pandemic and the lack of wifi in the Churcham area. This was unanimously agreed by Cllr. Cllr Francis asked Cllr Robinson and Cllr Jones to take this proposal back to the FODDC.

9. To discuss the proposal in favour of the launch of a community grant in place of the existing scheme which was being offered

9.1 Cllr Robinson has written to the county council asking that that the scheme be fully funded by them.

10 To receive verbal reports from Councillors 10.1 Cllr Robinson reported that the county council are

taking steps so that we don't fall into a higher lockdown area.

11. To consider the date of the next meeting

11.1 The date of the next Parish Meeting will be Tuesday 17th November at 7.30 pm via zoom