

MINUTES

CHURCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
CHURCHAM SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 21st February 2023 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Councillors: J .Francis (Meeting Chairman), K. Lewis (Acting Clerk) Mrs D. Reeves, B. Brookes, P. Thomas. M. Freeman

The meeting started at 7.30pm.

1. **APOLOGIES** – Received and accepted from Cllrs. R. Newbery and L. Williams
2. **MEMBERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA AND WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION** – No interests disclosed.
3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – Members **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2023 form an accurate record of the events. These were signed by the chairman.
4. **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** – Mrs K Jefferies-Davis present, no matters raised prior to the meeting.
5. **FINANCE**

(a)	Statement of Accounts as at 16th February 2023		
	Business Banking Account	£	19,181.22
	Treasurers Account	£	162.85
(b)	Grant Applications, S137 Local Gov. Act 1972		None
(c)	Adverse Variance to Budget (>£10)		No Report
(d)	To Ratify Payments Made Between Meetings		None
	BACS Payments for Approval		
	Clerk's Wages , Jan – REL Williams	£	369.19
	HMRC Re above	£	92.20
	Clerk's wages, Jan – B-Jelf	£	19.51
	HMRC Re above	£	2.60
	B. Jelf (Printer Cartridge)	£	46.00
	REL Williams (Printer Cartridge)	£	4.79
	Income Received – Since 17th January 2023	£	
	Bank Interest	£	9.77

- 5.1 **Accounts** – Members accepted the statement of accounts. (Proposed by DR, Seconded by BB)
- 5.2 **Payments** – Members resolved to pay invoices as documented. (Proposed by DR, Seconded By BB) Pending payment of £275.00 to Accountant to be paid

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

6.1 Received: P0148/23/OUT land adjacent to The Kings Head Public House, Birdwood, GL19 3EF. Outline application for the erection of up to 4 dwellings with associated works. (Some matters reserved)

Following a lengthy discussion, consent was voted for, with 4 votes to 2 in favour of the application in principle, but with less housing density and sympathetic design

6.2 Dealt with Between Meetings: None.

6.3 Decided Since Last Meeting: P1616/22/FUL Brook farm, Lake Lane, Churcham, GL2 8 BG. Erection of a two-storey extension and erection of a single storey extension to replace the existing conservatory. Granted on 20th January 2023.

6.4 Appeals: None.

6.5 Enforcement Issues: No updates. Enquiries on going.

7. CORONATION – It was agreed that CPC would carry out a joint venture with Churcham School to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on Sunday 7th May. Details to be discussed and agreed during the March meeting.

8. COUNCILLOR'S VERBAL REPORTS –

(i) Cllr. Reeves reported that the hedge leading up to the bird sanctuary was overgrown and in need of cutting back. It is believed to be the responsibility of the RSPB. **Action** The clerk to contact the RSPB.

Cllr. Reeves also mentioned that there were several potholes appearing on the A40 around the Sainthill area approaching Huntley. **Action** The clerk to contact the Highways agency.

(II) Cllr Freeman reported that he was concerned about the elusiveness of FODC councillor Brian Jones, **Action**. It was reported that Brian Robinson would be at the March meeting and would be asked about the current situation with Brian Jones.

(III) Cllr Lewis enquired if there were any updates on the progress of Gigaclear, but apart from the company being seen to be working within the parish CPC had not received any official updates.

9. CORRESPONDENCE –

(i) GCC Local Transport Planning Team invite as many people as possible to engage in their consultation exercise on how to de-carbonise transport in the county. The closing date is 28th February 2023.

<https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagementhq.com/journey-to-net-zero> 

(ii) GAPTC report that a vacancy on their executive committee has become available for a Parish/Town councillor the Forest of Dean District. Deadline for nominations is 28th February,

(iii) GAPTC circulated information about tree inspections and maintenance. Although not relevant to CPC, this will be shared with key stakeholders

(iv) FoDDC advise that all district, city and borough councils have united for collective action to deliver Net Zero Transport

(v) FoDDC invited members, clerks and family (@ £45 per head) to the Chairman's Charity Dinner at Speech House, Friday 24th March 2023 at 7.30pm

10. NEXT MEETING – Confirmed as 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st March 2023 at Churcham School.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm.

Signed:

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