

MINUTES

CHURCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF CHURCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT CHURCHAM SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2023

Attendees: Councillors: J Francis (Chairman), B Brookes, R Newbery and D Reeves.

Present: B Jelf (Clerk), County Cllr. Phil Robinson (PR), 2 members of the public (MoP). The meeting started at 7.30pm.

1. APOLOGIES – Received from M. Freeman, K. Lewis, P. Thomas and District Cllr. Dave Tradgett

2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA – No Interests disclosed

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS – Members resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2023 form an accurate record of the events. These were signed by the chairman

4. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM - Members of the public, District and County councillors will be invited to address the council at this time. (i) **MoP discussed the planning application as set out in 6.1 (iii).** (ii) **PR delivered a verbal report on GCC matters, key points were:** 1. **GCC Adult Education has been graded as Good under the new inspection framework, Cabinet approved funding of £2.67m, helping 6,000 people (4,000 in 2022). Focus on English language skills;** 2. **Special Education sees a new unit being built in Abbeydale to open in 2026 to cater for 200 primary and secondary pupils. Expected to save £30,000 per pupil per year over existing provisions. New academy in Stroud opened today for 60 primary pupils;** 4. **The Tour of Britain visits the county on Saturday 9th Sept. Council** (iii) Concerns were raised again regarding the lack of Broadband (Gigaclear) connection within the parish **ACTION Clerk to email PR with concerns. PR then left the meeting.**

5. FINANCE

5.1 Accounts – Members accepted the statement of accounts (Proposed by BB Seconded by DR)

5.2 Payments – Members resolved to pay items as documented (Proposed by BB Seconded by RN)

(a)	Statement of Accounts as at 14th September 2023		
	Business Banking Account	£	18395.36
	Treasurers Account	£	539.80
(b)	Grant Applications - Section 137 of Local Government Act 1972		None
(c)	Adverse variance to budget (>£10)		No Report
(d)	To ratify payment made between meetings		None
(e)	BACS Payments for Approval		
	Clerk's Wages, July B Jelf	£	488.08
	B Jelf Expenses (Zoom Host)	£	15.59
(f)	Income Received – Since 18th July 2023	£	
	Bank Interest	£	30.95

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

6.1 Received: (i) P1154/23/FUL Barn at Pheasant Meadow, Birdwood, GL19 3EH. Change of use of agricultural barn to dwelling for rural workers accommodation with associated works. - **No objections**

(ii) P1008/23/FUL Churcham House, Main Road, Churcham, GL2 8BP. New farm road linking existing farm driveway to farmyard. - **No objections**

(iii) P0903/23/FUL Churcham Garage, Main Road, Churcham, GL2 8AA. Alterations to existing petrol station to include replacement below ground storage tank, EV charging bays, building extension and canopy alterations including extension and raising. – **Concerns were raised regarding the height of the canopy, which could result in light pollution to the RSPB nature reserve. The exit and entrance signs should be clearly marked and that there would be no change to the opening hours**

6.2 Dealt with Between Meetings: None.

6.3 Decided Since Last Meeting: None

6.4 Appeals: None.

6.5 Enforcement Issues: No updates received.

7. CHURCHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – To receive any progress updates regarding the NDP process and to agree any consequential resolutions. – **ACTION design leaflet, post on social media, and other platforms and organised 500 leaflets to be printed**

8. MEMBER'S REPORTS – In summary, (i) Nettles on Church Lane, mattress in layby, footpath near Smarts – **ACTION clerk to call street warden to establish who is responsible.** (ii) Concerns were raised about the whereabouts of the painting in the school and the lack of seats, with no access to the outside building. **ACTION Clerk to call School Trustees raising concerns of Parish**

9. CORRESPONDENCE – (i) FoDDC are conducting a Strategic Overview and have formed a Scrutiny Committee regarding their Development Management (Planning) Improvement Programme. An enquiry day will be held on Friday 6th

October 2023 and an indication as to whether members wish to be involved will be welcomed. – **Noted - Cllr Francis will attend**

10. NEXT MEETING –confirmed as 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th October 2023 at Churcham School. Meeting ended at 20.39pm.

Signed

Dated