

CHURCHDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

Cllr Jane Attwood	Cllr Haydn Pearl
Cllr Lt Col BJ Barton-Ancliffe (Chairman)	Cllr Alan Porter (Vice chairman)
Cllr Nick Dring	Cllr Richard Smith
Cllr Gill Blackwell	Cllr Stephen Wall
Cllr Leo Fletcher	Cllr Ian Yates
Cllr Mary Jordan	Cllr Mrs. Loraine Yates
Cllr Haydn Pearl	

Also, present: Miss Geraldine Connor, Clerk taking Minutes.
Mrs. Caroline Annfield, Assistant Clerk
County Councillor Ben Evans
1 Resident

853 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

853.1 Councillors Graham Bocking, Julie Evans, and Roy Nutting

854 TO STATE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

854.1 Councillors Gill Blackwell, Mary Jordan & Richard Smith– Planning Minute **856.1**

855 TO RECEIVE ANY QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS

855.1 None

856 PLANNING

856.1 [Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension. Removal of existing render and timber cladding to be replaced with silicone render.](#) Ref. No: 21/00100/FUL

10 Anne Hathaway Drive Churchdown Gloucester Gloucestershire GL3 2PX

No objection

856.2 Correspondence from TBC Planning Officer - Re: 20/01265/FUL – 8
Sandfield Road, Churchdown

Members maintain their objection to this application.

857 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 12th JANUARY 2021.

857.1 The Minutes of the virtual meeting of Full Council held on 12th January 2021 were confirmed as a true record and will be signed by the Chairman.

858 TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

858.1 County Councillor Ben Evans reported that elections are due to proceed in Ma - it is unclear what activities will be permitted during Purdah.

The application for funding for the Gloucester to Cheltenham cycle link has not been successful which is disappointing.

Councillor Evans is meeting the Local Highways Manager on Friday 12th February 2021. Current issues include flooding in Brookfield Road; flooding issues in Moselle Drive and Melville Road have been resolved.

Repairs have been carried out in Innsworth Lane.

Cllr Evans will ask the Local Highways Manager to reassess Station Road. (A Member reported that some repairs to the footpath in Station Road have been carried out.)

It was noted that the cycle path by the underpass is almost impassable due to rainfall.

858.2 Borough Councillor Mary Jordan tabled a written report – **(Appendix A)**

858.3 Borough Councillor Gill Blackwell reported that there will be a £5 increase to Council Tax on Band D properties for 2021/2022 due to escalating costs incurred by the Borough. The staff at TBC are working hard to overcome additional pressures due to the Covid Pandemic.

858.4 Borough Councillor Richard Smith reported that TBC financial resources are diminishing due to a reduction in government funding ('the homes scheme subsidy' and 'the standard rate support grant' are both being withdrawn/reduced).

859 TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES & REPORTS OF TRAINING/ATTENDANCE AT OTHER MEETINGS

859.1 CCA Executive

Councillor Alan Porter reported that a recent meeting took place which considered future building projects & possible funding from s106 /Community Infrastructure Levy.

859.2 GAPTC Executive

Councillor Lt Col Barton Ancliffe reported that a virtual meeting took place on 4TH February 2021.

859.3 Glos Airport Consultative Committee

Councillor Stephen Wall reported that no recent meeting has taken place. The Airport has recently published an electronic newsletter.

859.4 GL3 Hub

Councillor Mary Jordan tabled a written report **(Appendix B)**

The Hub has stated that a Parish Council representative for the Hub is no longer required. A Member asked if a representative should be retained should any financial assistance be sought by the Hub from the Parish Council? The

representative suggested this is unnecessary as not all recipients of grants have a Parish Councillor representative.

860 TO ANSWER ANY WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

860.1 None

861 TO NOTE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS: TO RECEIVE AND RESOLVE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN

861.1 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE 2nd FEBRUARY 2021

Councillor Alan Porter, Chairman of Finance and Administration presented the Minutes. There were 2 recommendations.

861.1.1 Payment of Accounts including additional, in the sum of **£ 8,080.27.** **(Appendix C)**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED that the payments for **February** in the sum of **£8,080.27** be approved.

861.1.2 To confirm appointment of Mr Iain Selkirk as Independent Internal Auditor for 2020/22021

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED that Mr Iain Selkirk be appointed as Independent Internal Auditor for 2020/22021

861.1.2 COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 19th JANUARY 2021

Councillor Gill Blackwell presented the Minutes.

There were no recommendations.

862 CLERK'S REPORT

862.1 The Clerk has commenced her Community Governance Training Course and has attended an induction training day and a study skills training day.
The Clerk will be attending the following sessions for the week commencing 8th February 2021:

Tuesday: 9th February 2021 am Community Governance.

Wednesday: 10th February 2021 am Community Planning.

Wednesday: 10th February 2021 pm The Planning System

Thursday: 11th February 2021 am Organisational Governance.

Thursday: 11th February 2021 pm Reflective Practice

Friday: 12th February 2021 am Finance for Local Councils

The Clerk will be in the office on Monday all day and Thursday afternoon (homeworking Tuesday – Friday 9th – 12th February 2021.)

863 CORRESPONDENCE

863.1 Letter from a Resident concerning the removal of the Pirton Fields hedgerow
A discussion ensued – an ancient hedge has been removed, absent permission, from the front of the Pirton Fields Development.
A Member observed that a wildlife corridor has been removed with a specific aim of creating an open vista.
A Member has written to TBC Planning Department regarding this issue on several occasions and has not received a satisfactory response.

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council write to TBC to endorse and support the letter written by the tree warden.

Further, the Parish Council ask TBC Planning Department to ensure that appropriate enforcement is taken as a matter of urgency, and that appropriate sanctions be imposed/ remedial actions ordered. The developer should plant a mixed nature hedge in order to replace the ancient hedge that was removed.

864 QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION

864.1 Councillor Jane Attwood thanked Caroline for attending the meeting.

864.2 A Member observed that the frequency of commercial signage on Residential properties is escalating. A Member asked what size of sign is permissible without planning permission? The Clerk has contacted TBC Planning regarding this issue but has not received a reply. A Member reported that it was agreed that Residents should be reminded to seek planning permission before signage is erected by the insertion of an article in the Pink Magazine.

It was agreed that this matter be discussed at the next meeting of Full Council.

864.3 The Chairman reminded Members that attendance at meetings is a statutory requirement. Councillors absent for more than 6 months will be disqualified (unless the reason for non-attendance is accepted by Council)
[section 85 Local Government Act 1972]

865 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS - PURSUANT TO S1 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT) 1960

At 8.48.pm the Chairman proposed, and it was agreed to move into Confidential Business pursuant to s1 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

CHAIRMAN