

## CHURCHILL AND BLAKEDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015, in the Pavilion, Blakedown Sports Centre, Birmingham Road, Blakedown.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Cllr R Shade, Vice Chair Cllr Mrs. P Hayward, Cllrs. Mrs. S Fowler, B Hession, J W Long, J Lorton and P Mellor.

In attendance: Angela Preece - Clerk to the Parish Council, Cllr I Hardiman and one member of the public.

**1. Chairman's Opening Remarks:** Chairman advised that he had attended the meeting at which Cllr Hayward had been bestowed with the title of Honorary Alderman. The Parish Council recorded its congratulations to Cllr Hayward on her achievement.

Regarding the casual vacancy that has arisen due to the resignation of Cllr R Keys, the Chairman advised that the 'notice of vacancy' period expires on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015. If an election is not called for, the vacancy will be filled by co-option

**2. Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs. A Lindop, Cllr M Hart, Cllr S Williams, Mark Jones (Lengthsman) and Kidderminster East and Rural Policing Team.

**3. Declarations of Interest:** No other interests were declared by Councillors other than those previously declared.

**4. Community Policing:** Police report circulated with agenda apologies given for non-attendance at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned for **Public Question Time**, notes of which are appended to these minutes

**5. Dispensations:** No new requests for dispensations received, previously granted dispensations still in place.

**6. District and County Council Matters:** Cllr Hardiman delivered his report which covered the Honorary Alderman title bestowed on Cllr Mrs. Hayward. Recycling - Cllr Hardiman (with Cllr Hart and Cllr Williams) is planning to distribute literature with information on recycling to promote good practices and prevent contamination of wheelie bins. Cllr Hardiman will also arrange for the supply of stickers to be fixed to wheelie bins displaying which items are suitable for recycling. Cllr Hardiman drew the Councils attention to the Emergency Services Hub Consultation and to the roadshow taking place the following day.

**7. Minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2015 were approved.

Cllr Hardiman left the meeting at 8.00 p.m.

**8. Neighbourhood Plan:** The Steering Group had met Claire Parker from Kirkwells Planning Consultants earlier that day. Claire had gone through the amended version of the Neighbourhood Plan previously circulated and the comments forwarded by Maria Dunn. Claire is now going to include those modifications in the draft plan, which will be returned to the Parish Council by the end of September. The draft needs to be approved at the Parish Council meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 ready to forward to Wyre Forest District Council. The draft consultation period will commence on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015 and continue until the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015. A specific website is being put together for consultation purposes.

**9. Wyre Forest and District Local Plan Review:** Following the Extraordinary meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015, Members continued their discussion of the Local Development Plan Issues and Options

Paper and formulated their response to questions 23 – 61 of the document (recorded as a separate document entitled Local Plan Review Issues and Options Paper Consultation Responses Final Version 20151012).

**10. Financial Report and Payment of Accounts:**

- a) Members approved payments as per the list with the addition of a payment to Mark Jones of £605
- b) Members ratified the payment of £15,000 to transfer funds to the Unity Trust bank account chq 001231 dated 19.8.15.

**11. Correspondence for Information:** Correspondence report issued with the Agenda was noted.

**12. Councillor’s Reports and items for future agendas:** Cllr Hession requested that ‘Tourism’ be added as an agenda item for the next meeting. Cllr Mrs. Fowler advised that a press release regarding the Heritage Lottery Funding for the signal box had been circulated. Cllr Lorton advised that he had been asked about the payment for the ROSPA inspection report for the play area.

**13. Date of Next Meeting:** – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion, Blakedown Sports Centre, Birmingham Road, Blakedown

The meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 .....

Chairman to Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council

Notes of Public Question Time

One Member of the public in attendance, the following issue was raised

1. Zig zags on the road outside school missing following the resurfacing of the road.
2. Drains – 4 drains blocked in Birmingham Road and 3 in Brookside Way.
3. Gate at bottom of Gladstone Place plus fence extended to the rear of one property onto to the Millennium Green