

Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 12 April 2023 at 7.30 pm.

Present

Churt Councillors: Lisa Martin, Myra Johnson, Sally Shorthose, Julian Spence,

Surrey County Council: 1 (David Harmer)
Waverley Borough Council: 1 (David Munro - part)
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public: 3- James Staunton, Stephen Wright (Cllr from May 2023) ,
Richard Nobbs

23/37 Chairman's welcome

Cllr Martin welcomed all to the meeting and invited the guests to speak.
James Staunton confirmed he was standing as a Conservative in the upcoming elections for the Western Commons Ward, the old Western Villages but now including Thursley.
Cllr Martin introduced all other attendees to him.

Cllr Munro confirmed the most pressing village-wide issue is Farnborough. All submissions commenting on the PIR needed to be received by 1 April. Data from these will be submitted to CAA in next few weeks, who will then produce recommendations. Churt PC, Farnborough Noise and WBC all wrote to Farnborough.

Those impacted by planes are quite badly affected. Churt is at a higher elevation so impact of noise is greater.

Richard Nobbs confirmed he had met with Farnborough on 12 April. They will prepare a report by 15 May. Stakeholder feedback dates extended from 28 to 42 days after 15 May. At this point Richard Nobbs would like to engage further with Churt PC, WBC and SCC.

One suggestion is could the flight corridor move over the A3 where there are less houses?

Cllr Spence thanked Cllr Munro for his help with the recent sewage leak and asked if other parishes had put representations in to Farnborough?

Cllr Munro left the meeting.

Cllr Harmer stated the terms of the Transport Act need changing to make the CAA more responsive to complaints.

There has been further consultation with the Boundary Commission and the Western Villages will be renamed the Western Commons.

It was felt that 81 members was the right amount for an area with a mix of urban and rural parishes but any individual can make representations if they feel differently.

Potholes continue to be a major issue, there are 3 times as many pothole gangs but they are being hindered by the weather as excess rainfall causes larger problems. Steve Lindsey Clark inspects all reported potholes and scores them. They are then colour coded to reflect how urgent it is to mend them.

Cllr Harmer has been asked to nominate 2 roads for repair. The A287 from Jumps Road to Pond Lane is one of these and works will commence shortly.

Further up the A287 towards Beacon Hill the electrical works are progressing, however the contractors will not put sealant down on the new tarmac as it causes motorcyclists to skid.

Members Community Allocation fund now open for applications, £5000 in the pot.

Your Fund Surrey also open for applications, Cllr Harmer not sure if match funding is required.

23/38 Apologies for absence

Apologies were given from Cllr Rowe, Law and Morgan (CPC). It was noted that due to personal reasons Cllr Morgan will be taking a 3 month sabbatical.

23/39 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

Cllr Spence advised he sits on the Waverley BC planning committee.

23/40 Minutes of the meeting of 15 March 2023 and the EGM of 30 March 2023

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2023 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Johnson, **seconded** by Cllr Shorthose. The Minutes of the EGM of 30 March 2023 were **AGREED** by all, **Proposed** by Cllr Spence and **seconded** by Cllr Martin.

23/41 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) VAT reclaim submitted 20 March in sum of £8231.98, received 27 March.
- 2) Second interim audit carried out 23 March (see 23/43.4 below)
- 3) SCC have removed broken bollard by zebra crossing
- 4) Annual Assembly cancelled as scheduled to take place during pre-election period
- 5) Letter sent to Farnborough 20 March on behalf of Churt PC commenting on PIR
- 6) Notices of election posted on noticeboards and website 23 March 2023
- 7) Cllr Johnson has ordered items using Sustainability Grant (£337.79) from SCC (Surrey Climate Commission)

23/42 Report from the Environment Committee (JS)

The main issue has been the recent sewage leak on 30 March. Thames Water allocated 12 tankers to the pumping station on Barford Lane. CPC only heard about it when Surrey Wildlife Trust informed Cllr Johnson. Cllr Spence then informed WBC. We believe Churt PC should have been informed early on, need a change in protocol.

Pumping station overflowed 12 times last year, thanks to Julia Deacon who is very vigilant and reports problems.

Cllr Johnson confirmed the grant of £337.79 from the Surrey Climate Commission for new litter picks, high vis vests, gloves and tools; these can be used by scouts and other volunteers when helping out at Wicket Wood.

St John's School also put in a successful bid for raised planters.

23/42.1 Village centre

Nothing to report.

23/42.2 Roads and Transport (LM)

Nothing to report.

23/42.3 Crime and Disorder

Catalytic converter stolen from Old Kiln Close and another from Hindhead Golf Club.

23/43 Financial Matters

23/43.1 Payments for authorisation - March 2023

March's accounts were **proposed** by Cllr Shorthose, **Seconded** by Cllr Spence and **agreed** by all

23/43.2 Budget Update and Income report - March 2023

Noted

23/43.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500
None.

23/43.4 Approval of final interim audit report Oct 2022-Feb 2023 (sent in advance of meeting)
Proposed by Cllr Shorthose, **Seconded** by Cllr Johnson and **AGREED** by all.

23/44.1 -To note and comment on current planning applications (SS)
Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Shorthose.

WA/2023/00701 Furze Hill Farm, Star hill, Churt - Erection of a detached garage and workshop. No neighbour objections, neither support nor object.

WA/2023/00680 Orchard Cottage, Green Lane, Churt - Extensions and alterations to roof to provide habitable accommodation. Have carried out a bat survey. Neither support nor object.

WA/2023/00698 Crosswater Holdings, Crosswater Lane, Churt - Replacement of fence and posts, neither support nor object.

23/45 update on the future of the pre-school in Churt (SS)
Moving forward positively, couple looking to provide wraparound care 8am-6pm. Cllr Spence mentioned the proposed nursery up at Beacon Hill has been put on hold for a year.

23/46 Elections

Cllr Martin welcomed Stephen Wright as a new councillor (from May 2023). Cllr Morgan taking a 3 month sabbatical due to personal reasons. Cllr Rowe did not submit his nomination papers. Roles and responsibilities will be discussed at May's annual meeting.

Other matters

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 8.33pm . There then followed a meeting of the Churt Recreation Ground Trust (See separate Minutes).

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Signed:

Date:

Chairman

The next annual meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Churt Recreation Ground Trust will be held on **Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.**