

Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 20 November 2024 at 7.30 pm.

Present

Churt Councillors: Sally Shorthose, Mike Shorthose, Stephen Wright, Julian Spence, Lisa Martin, Dominic Raeside

Surrey County Council: 1 - David Harmer (part)
Waverley Borough Council: 1 - David Munro (part)
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public: 3 - Oli Plaistowe (CHCC), John and Anne Cheese (Cedar Croft)

24/136 Chairman's Welcome

Cllr S Shorthose welcomed all to the meeting and invited the guests to speak.
Oli Plaistowe spoke on behalf of CHCC, they now have 120+ juniors and CJFC have 600-700 members. 150 year anniversary of Churt cricket club in 2025. They are introducing walking cricket and building up girls and women's cricket.
They and CJFC wish to carry out some redevelopment of the pavilion to add a girls changing room, extend the kitchen and bar area and generally modernise the look and create multi use space. This would benefit all other users, Dottie Tots etc.
Constraints are CPC approval, money and planning.
Have drawn up a financial plan, many grants available for girls sports. They are not requesting any funds from CPC/RGT and are aware of match funding requirements.
Time line- wish to submit plans ASAP.

Cllr Harmer confirmed funds available from SCC for sports projects plus some funds available from Members Allocation for smaller capital items.
Harolds Hill owner has laid tarmac and fenced in part of the verge. Whose land is this? Felt to be SCC Highways.

Cllr Munro confirmed WBC council tax going up by 3%, SCC council tax by 5%. He is attending the Surrey Hills Management Plan consultation on 21 Nov.

24/137 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Johnson, Harrison and Morgan (resigned).

24/138 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

Cllr Spencer confirmed he must stay neutral when discussing planning applications.
Cllr Raeside noted his conflict of interest ref agenda item 24/152.

24/139 Minutes of the meeting of 16 October 2024

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2024 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Raeside, **seconded** by Cllr M Shorthose.

24/140 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) £10,000 transferred to CAF bank as ratified at October's meeting
- 2) Ex Cllr John Petty sadly passed away 18 October, at home, aged 99, funeral 12 November

- 3) No CIL monies received for developments during 2024
- 4) £5000 transferred internally from Lloyds deposit to Lloyds current account 31 Oct
- 5) First interim audit 2024/5 took place Nov 6th
- 6) Village hall booked for annual assembly and village cheer 2025
- 7) WBC approached re new litter bin outside Spar shop, no joy.

24/141 Report from the Environment Committee (JS)

Thanks to the Clerk and Cllr Raeside for coordinating the litter pick and cutting back the overhanging branches near the bus stop.

Emergency Plan – Cllr Spence will print out a top copy following amends. Adoption of Plan **proposed** by Cllr Martin, **seconded** by Cllr S Shorthose and **agreed** by all.

Ben Habgood SWT wants to meet at Wicket Wood regarding Heathland Connection project.

Parishes being invited to comment on 2025-35 Surrey ROWIP. Cllrs Spence and Johnson to take forward.

Should Churt PC respond to the proposed extension of Whitmore Vale into Surrey Hills?

24/142 Village strategy 2035 (MS)

Cllr M Shorthose has written to all village societies. Cllr Harrison has given forms to village businesses. Cllr M Shorthose to set up an initial meeting date to analyse feedback to date.

24/143 Village centre

Cllr Harrison to ask Spar if they would empty a new bin outside the shop if CPC were to buy one (with MA funding?)

24/144 Roads and Transport (LM)

Cllr Martin commented on the lack of lighting at the bus stops.

24/145 Crime and Disorder (DR)

Nothing to report.

24/146 Financial Matters

24/146.1 Payments for authorisation – Oct 2024

Oct's accounts were **proposed** by Cllr Wright, **Seconded** by Cllr S Shorthose and **agreed** by all.

24/146.2 Budget Update and Income report – Oct 2024

Noted.

24/146.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500

12/10/2024 – HMRC- £1249.51 employer tax and NI

21/10/2024 – Churt RGT – £10000, transfer to RGT CAF account

25/10/2024 – Dawn Barrow – £1532.88, Clerk's Oct salary

24/146.4 Clerk's salary review following NALC guidelines backdated to 1 April 2024

Proposed acceptance by Cllr Raeside, **seconded** by Cllr M Shorthose and **agreed** by all. Cllr S Shorthose to write to payroll provider.

24/146.5 Sign off budget for 2025/26

Cllr M Shorthose **proposed** we should raise the precept by 6%, **seconded** by Cllr Wright and **agreed** by all. We should engage with the clubs re future user group increases.

24/146.6 Approve and accept interim internal audit report for Apr-Sept 2024

Proposed by Cllr S Shorthose, **seconded** by Cllr M Shorthose and **agreed** by all

24/147 -To note and comment on current planning applications (SW)
Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Johnson.

Cedar Croft - Replacement of old bungalow of no significance. 1 objection re angle of property, Cheeses have self-build exemption. Have commissioned all necessary environmental and ecological reports. Nearby trees on Rec need to be protected during construction.

Green Lane PIP dismissed

Woodbury House stables - occupier appealing against WBC comments. CPC to reiterate our previous comments

Green Cross Farm - application re large extension on rear of property and new gates. Comments due in by 8 Dec.

The Chase - planning application withdrawn. Cllr Munro confirmed if another application is submitted he will call it in.

24/148 Adoption of standing orders, financial regulations, scheme of delegation and risk assessments for Nov 2024/2025 as being fit for purpose (sent in advance of meeting)
Proposed adoption by Cllr Martin, **seconded** by Cllr M Shorthose. Agreed by all

24/149 Website update

Steven Morgan will continue as webmaster for the next 3 months then we should advertise for a replacement.

24/150 Remote meetings and proxy voting consultation.
Clerk to write to SALC saying we agree in principle.

24/151 Christmas festivities

4 December - Councillors' Xmas meal

7 December - Village Cheer 11am-1pm village hall

17 December 6.30pm - Carols on the Green

24/152 Permission to use Redhearn Green for a wedding marquee in 2026

The Raesides have asked for permission to erect a marquee at the far end of the Green in front of their house for their daughter's upcoming wedding. They are the only house on the Green and have rights of access to the far end, plus they voluntarily help with the maintenance of the Green when required.

Agreed in principle.

Other matters

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.40pm . There then followed a meeting of the Churt Recreation Ground Trust (See separate Minutes).

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Signed:

Date:

Chairman

The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Churt Recreation Ground Trust will be held on **Wednesday 18 December 2024 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.**