

Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 17 July 2024 at 7.30 pm.

Present

Churt Councillors: Stephen Wright, Myra Johnson, Stephen Morgan, Pippa Harrison,
Julian Spence

Surrey County Council: 1 - David Harmer (part)

Waverley Borough Council: 0

Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow

Members of the Public: 1 - Alex Johnson

24/95 Acting Chairman's Welcome

Cllr Wright welcomed all to the meeting and invited the guests to speak.

Cllr Harmer stated that SCC were slightly disorganised at the moment as many of the senior management were looking to move elsewhere. By September the new management team should be in place.

Tilford Road has been resurfaced, SCC have a machine that can tell what the ground is like under the surface.

Cllr Harrison asked who is responsible for weeds in the verges, these should be cleared twice a year and in places are obscuring sight lines. Cllr Spence agreed to speak to WBC rangers about the ragwort problem.

The Clerk thanked Cllr Harmer for the grant from his Member's Allocation fund which went towards the new recreation ground bollards.

24/96 Apologies for absence

Cllrs S Shorthose, M Shorthose, Raeside and Martin (CPC), Cllr D Munro (WBC)

24/97 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

Cllr Spence reminded the Parish Council that he sits on the WBC planning subcommittee and as such cannot comment on planning applications relating to Churt.

24/98 Minutes of the meeting of 19 June 2024

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2024 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Harrison, **seconded** by Cllr Wright.

24/99 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) **AGAR submitted to external auditors 28 June**
- 2) **Updated Financial Regulations uploaded to website**
- 3) **Revised Freedom certificate delivered to Jenny Silvester**

24/100 Report from the Environment Committee (JS)

Cllr Spence has been approached by Heathland Connections regarding an overarching policy to connect different animal habitats. Surrey Wildlife Trust have a zoom call with Cllrs Spence and Johnson which he will report on at a future meeting.

Cubs will not be doing holly pulling in September in Wicket Wood. Cllr Johnson will put together the Summer Edition of Nature in News.

24/101 Village strategy (MS)

Cllr M Shorthose has sent around notes relating to a recent meeting regarding electric chargers. Questions raised include where will the electricity come from? How will it be managed? How would users be charged? Cllr Harmer asked how local grids would be developed to support electric chargers? Cllr M Shorthose to follow up with Cllr Harmer.

24/102 Village centre and Honda parking issue (PH)

Honda parking at the Rec. a bit better. Wall still not fixed between Miscellanea and Pipasha.

24/103 Roads and Transport

A group of mothers at the school have been monitoring the level crossing and have witnessed a few near misses. Some of them are however guilty of rushing across the road from the pub to the school. The Police's position will only change sadly if a child is killed. Community Speedwatch in Churt now disbanded.

24/104 Crime and Disorder (DR)

Recent report of a car parking in the scout hut car park and the occupant then breaking into another car and stealing a handbag .

Cllr Harmer left the meeting.

24/105 Financial Matters

24/105.1 Payments for authorisation – June 2024

June's accounts were **proposed** by Cllr Spence, **Seconded** by Cllr Johnson and **agreed** by all.

24/105.2 Budget Update and Income report – June 2024

Noted.

24/105.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500

12 June – Dawn Barrow- £1532.99 Clerk's May salary

13 June- Internal transfer to RGT account of £5000

20 June – PWLB – £2038.74- loan repayment

24/106 -To note and comment on current planning applications

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Johnson.

WA/2024/00941 THE BARN, LAND SOUTH OF JUMPS ROAD

This does not lie within the parish of Churt but does adjoin our parish and shares an access driveway with a Churt property. Agreed that we should support the objections and comments raised by Frensham Parish Council, Churt residents and Surrey Hills AONB Adviser.

WA/2024/01158 COMMUNITY CENTRE 39 PARKHURST FIELDS FARNHAM. Related only to a variation of conditions. Any requirement to further prune the leylandii hedge should be agreed with the owners of that hedge. Concerns regarding main Thames sewer to be discussed with Thornborough owner and CPC concerns re parking to be restated.

WA/2024/01178 Woodbury House, Churt Rd. As a much higher profiled metal clad building, it would impact upon the openness of the Green Belt. Agreed we should object and request that the replacement building should be reduced in height and consideration given to a design more suited to the stabling of horses (i.e not an open area).

WA/2024/01206 CEDAR CROFT HALE HOUSE LANE No comments.

WA/2024/01205 was replaced by **WA/2024/01292 CEDAR CROFT HALE HOUSE LANE** No comments on revised application.

Decisions made since the June CPC meeting

WA/2024/00335 Tylney Wood . Application was refused on grounds that provision of 2 self-build plots does not outweigh harm to the openness of the Green Belt and significant ecological issues remain to be resolved. Any appeal will have to demonstrate that the width of access is sufficient for construction and emergency access without encroaching on the footpath.

WA/2023/01348 Tall Trees, Hale House Lane - retrospective application for erection of an outbuilding. The appeal was refused.

WA/2024/00887 Sundial House - revision of plans to include better provision of a replacement bat loft was granted.

WA/2021/0212- COMMUNITY CENTRE, 39 PARKHURST FIELDS, CHURT. Application under Regulation 3 for erection of 4 dwellings and associated works including parking following demolition of existing community hall was finally approved. Demolition is planned to start late summer.

Gillian Devine has suggested that planning applications go in the parish magazine but this would not work from a timing perspective. They are readily available from the WBC planning website and our parish agendas and Minutes.

Cllr Spence confirmed that at WBC planning they have developed a Statement of Community Involvement whereby letters are still sent to near neighbours.

24/107 Website rebuild, SM and Alex Johnson.

Alex Johnson gave an excellent presentation regarding the website rebuild. Bullet points below: Proposed rebuild of Churt Parish Council website, The Build Process: End date: • Get initial reaction to the outline design by 24/7 • Get initial feedback on the proposed content architecture by 24/7 • A single content conduit (MJ) • Build 20-30 pages • First review arranged by SM to check and feedback on design and content Mid August • Second review with sub-group Early Sept • Review at October meeting 16 /10 • Publish November. The Build Process for website of 85-100 pages - no cost to CPC. On going maintenance: • As is or train Clerk and additional councillors • Or agree a paid maintenance arrangement.

Other matters

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.15pm . There then followed a meeting of the Churt Recreation Ground Trust (See separate Minutes).

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Signed:

Date:

Acting Chairman

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