

Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 12 January 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Churt pavilion.

Present

Churt Councillors: Lisa Martin (Acting Chair), Myra Johnson, Dominic Raeside,
Eunice Burch, Roger Rowe, Sally Shorthose, Katy Law

Surrey County Council: 1
Waverley Borough Council: 0
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public: 3 (Richard Nobbs, Gillian Devine, Richard Bourne)
Joined virtually: 0

22/01 Chairman's welcome

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

Gillian Devine said she would like to apply for some of David Harmer's Members Allocation to help build a website for Churt Heritage. Unfortunately there is only £400 left in the pot for the current year. In 3 weeks' time David Harmer will know the allocation (if any) for next year. Gillian Devine stressed the importance of having a website for the village. Clerk suggested she approached WBC to see if they had any funding available.

David Harmer confirmed that SCC is making up to 100 trees/whips available to each parish. Myra Johnson has already signed the contract for 60 for Churt, most of which will be planted in the Pond Lane wood as they have to be planted on Parish Council owned land.

David Harmer urged Churt to respond to public consultations regarding towns and parishes issued by WBC, both as a PC and as individuals.

SCC are putting out a consultation regarding highways. Sadly Stuart Copping is likely to be retiring in 5 months' time. David Harmer also advised that BT may be shutting the A287 to reinstate a telegraph pole.

MJ confirmed we had received a letter from SCC regarding community energy projects.

DH confirmed that Hannah Gutteridge is leaving SCC to manage Thames Path. She is the Rights of Way guru at SCC and has a great knowledge of bridleways, BOATS etc.

Sandy Lane group have been in touch with Jeremy Hunt, the National Trust and WBC and some barriers have been installed to stop 4WD vehicles entering.

22/02 Apologies for absence

Apologies were given from Cllrs Petty (CPC) and Potts (WBC)

22/03 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

None

22/04 Minutes of the meeting of 17 November 2021

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2021 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Burch, **seconded** by Cllr Johnson.

22/05 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) Issues along Barford Lane reported online to SCC, who have now visited and spoken to developers
- 2) 4 signs along A287 cleaned by WBC
- 3) Finance sub-committee met to agree budget for 2022/23
- 4) PWLB payment of £2038.74 paid by DD on 20/12/2021
- 5) Budget and precept requirement for 2022/23 signed off and ratified at Extraordinary Finance Meeting on 20 December 2021
- 6) Precept request form returned to Waverley BC 23 Dec 2021

22/06.1 Community and Environment

22/06.1.1 Report from Environment Working Group (MJ)

Pond Lane Woodland. Cllr Johnson has sent around an outline management plan which aligns closely to the recommendations from Surrey Wildlife Trust.

Monies from WBC's Welcome Back Fund must be spent by the end of March 2022 which precludes bracken spraying but means more monies can be spent on tree works.

3 options:

- 1) Tom Lock suggested an option of reduction in the canopy by 30%, with him taking the wood as payment.
- 2) Full clearance and reinstate lowland heath or else regrow as broadleaf - a non-starter.
- 3) Right approach is to continue managing the land as we are with some safety work being carried out end of Feb. Cllr Johnson suggested we allow c£500 in future budgets for essential tree works. These works will be notified to the neighbours as a matter of courtesy.

WBC have published numerous policies re trees and woodland and looking for potential sites for new planting. Greenhanger?

Surrey Hills AONB boundary review requires input by the end of January. There is a proposal to extend the boundary to include Dockenfield.

Myra Johnson has been contacted by Bill Tate who is concerned about the Borrow House Farm planning application. Richard Nobbs is liaising with him.

The inter parish group has met recently and all are very concerned about speeding in the villages. This group is holding a half day meeting on 24 March with a climate change bias and will invite people from all parishes.

22/06.1.2 Village centre portfolio (RR)

Xmas lights have been taken down and stored back in the pavilion.

22/06.1.3 Crime and Disorder (DR)

Ongoing concern with online fraud.

22/06.2 Roads and Transport

22/06.2.1 Jumps Road Parking and Sculpture Park (KL)

Appeal against the enforcement notice was a 4 day hearing. No outcome yet.

Appeal became very technical and Sculpture Park stated the area to the left of the entrance had always been used for storage.

No decision yet about further double yellow lines along Jumps Road. Next meeting should be in March.

22/06.2.2 Cycling and pedestrian matters (LM)

Article in earlier magazine asking for ideas re cycling and pedestrian routes. Only one response. Cllr Martin will meet with Thomas Lankester at WBC to discuss core walking

zone and walking routes linking to hubs from up to 2KM away. We have plenty of footpaths radiating out from the centre of Churt. However the pavement stops up the A287 and is not satisfactory for school children walking to school via the front of the Honda garage or making their way to the Recreation Ground or to Forest School. Hoping to establish a strategy for a cycling route from Haslemere to Farnham using existing footpaths and bridleways.

Any bridleways in a poor state of repair should be reported to SCC.

22/07 Financial Matters

22/07.1 Payments for authorisation - December 2021

Dec accounts **Proposed** by Cllr Raeside , **Seconded** by Cllr Rowe and **Agreed** by all.
Appendix 2 - Payments for December 2021 - circulated

22/07.2 Budget Update and Income report - December 2021

Noted and agreed.

Appendix 3 - Expenditure v Budget - circulated

22/07.3 Individual monthly costs exceeding £500 for December 2021

17/12/2021 HMRC - £974.86 - Employer's tax and NI

19/12/2021 Dawn Barrow - £1243.79 - Clerk's salary November

20/12/2021 PWLB - £2038.74 - Repayment to PWLB

22/08 -To note and comment on current planning applications (LM)

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Martin.

Borrowstone - relocation of gym, all in favour

Ashby House - new circular pool house, no neighbour comments but Churt PC should add a comment saying not to be used for residential purposes.

Cllr Martin has been approached regarding the lack of provision for parking at the new proposed development in Parkhurst Fields. WBC to follow up.

Tylney Wood - application seen on Next Door Churt for 2 dwellings on land behind.

Clerks have a upcoming meeting with WBC planning department. Need to raise factors such as sustainability guidelines, energy, continuity and method of reporting back to parishes.

22/09 Farnborough PIR.

Richard Nobbs drafted some technical questions for Mike Shorthose, however not his specialist area.

Richard would like something in the Churt magazine and will provide Gillian with some editorial.

Cllr Johnson has drafted a letter to be sent to Jeremy Hunt and Damian Hinds which has been reviewed by Colin Shearn and the Farnborough group. Clerk to send on formal headed paper.

22/10 Memorial for David Crossley

Clerk will organise a brass plaque for the cedar bench and a posthumous Freedom of the Parish certificate.

22/11 Co-option of Councillor

Cllr Martin will continue as acting chair until March. Clerk has approached Hugh Trotter who declined to join the Council but said he would happily sit on a working group for organising events such as the Picnic in the Park.

22/12 Application by Churt Heritage for funds from SCC Member's Allocation.

See earlier Minutes, funds not available. Cllr Martin **proposed** that as with last year, we waive their rent of £200 to help towards website costs. **Seconded** by Cllr Raeside and **agreed** by all.

Other matters

Gillian Devine asked for a short report on the village cheer event for the magazine.

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:
Chairman

Date:

The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Churt Recreation Ground Trust will be held on **Wednesday 23 February 2022 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.**