

Churt Parish Council
Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

**Minutes of the 'Al fresco' meeting of Churt Parish Council
held on Wednesday 24 July 2019
outside the Churt Pavilion at 7.30 p.m.**

Present

Churt Councillors: David Crossley, Roger Rowe, Adrian Waller, Eunice Burch, Katy Law, Robert Cordell, Susan Ryland,

Surrey County Council: 1 (David Harmer)
Waverley Borough Council: 2 (Julia Potts and Brian Adams)
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public: 0

19/77 Chairman's welcome

Cllr Crossley welcomed all to the meeting (held outside due to temperature in the pavilion exceeding 90 degrees), and thanked all Councillors for their united approach in working together.

He invited Cllr Harmer (SCC) and Cllrs Adams and Potts (WBC) to speak.

Cllr Adams said that the East Bridge in Tilford, due to shut and undergo repairs, was still open as electrical cables had been discovered underneath the bridge and 2 new arches found where the Wey had moved over the years.

Cllr Harmer said it was very quiet at County Hall as many councillors were away during the school holidays.

SCC is to set up a task group to see how consultation about the future of libraries should be carried out. Cllr Harmer on this committee.

Next meeting of Western Villages will take place on 2 October, Churt PC needs to think what we would like to bid for.

We should hear by end Sept about whether we will get any more money from Member's Allocation for additional grass protector.

Cllr Potts stated that 15 minutes have been set aside at executive meetings at WBC for informal questions.

She has been to see the officers in WBC housing team re. Parkhurst Fields community centre and Crossways Close redevelopments.

Community centre - plans for 4 x 2 bed homes.

Crossways Close - mixed housing and apartments. Parking review very important, only meets with minimum standards at present plus 3 visitor bays. -WBC mindful of rural environment. Access via Hale House Lane came up at public consultation.

Planning applications have not been submitted yet. Aiming for end of August. Full environmental assessment and landscaping proposals still to be finalised.

Funding is in place and hoping for approval this side of Xmas.

New homes must be for local people or those with a strong local connection. WBC has had helpful conversations with current residents.

Andrew Smith, head of housing at WBC will come to a meeting at Churt.

Elstead PC Clerk has written to WBC about the imminent demise of the Compensatory Grant. Cllr Crossley to write to leader at WBC copying in Elstead, and Cllrs Potts and Adams.

19/78 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Petty and Martin

19/79 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

None

19/80 Minutes of the meeting of 19 June 2019

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2019 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Rowe, **seconded** by Cllr Ryland.

19/81 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) Monies (£1800) received from Members Allocation for noticeboards 26 June
- 2) Met with Chairman of village hall committee re noticeboards 18 July
- 3) Audit papers (AGAR Part 3) received by external auditor, awaiting response

19/82 Committee and portfolio responsibilities and reports

19/82.1 Community and Environment (SR)

Cllr Ryland has written a short article about climate change for the website. SCC formally declared a climate emergency motion on 9 July. 66% of members of SCC represent urban areas. Central Government has declared UK should plant 11 million trees by 2050 with 1.5 million being in Surrey. However it is estimated Surrey could lose 5 million trees by then.

Some local parishes allow vegetation to grow alongside pavements as it is felt this has a traffic calming effect. Other parishes are careful with the type of weedkiller used eg. Frensham is glyphosate free by edict of the parish council.

Cllr Crossley stated this is a topical and crucial issue and we must demonstrate to our parishioners we are making a commitment.

He suggested we form an environment committee of Cllrs Ryland (chair), Cordell and Petty in order to gather information and encourage input from villagers.

Fi Paterson from Frensham has requested a meeting with Steve Williams, the environment portfolio holder at WBC.

Could Western villages group together for various measures?

19/82.1.1 Village centre portfolio (RC)

Tree fallen across Barford Stream has now been cleared. Footpath alongside is unusable as it is so muddy (underground stream or broken pipe?) Hannah Gutteridge at SCC is aware.

Cllr Cordell to speak to Garden Machinery shop about tidying up their side alley.

19/82.1.2 Crime and Disorder (RC)

Dumper truck stolen from Star Hill Drive.

PCSO Dave Boxall has now moved to Cranleigh, he has been replaced by PCSO Dan Burrill. Cllr Crossley has spoken to him on the phone.

Abandoned vehicle near zebra crossing is taxed and insured. Dan Burrill to contact owner.

19/82.2 Roads and Transport

19/82.2.1 Jumps Road parking (KL)

Meeting has been held at Frensham PC offices. The land directly outside the sculpture park belongs to them. We now know who owns the triangular piece of land opposite the Bel and Dragon. Cllr Harmer suggested a meeting in September with all parties. Put together a short paper with possible suggestions.

Cllr Law has emailed Sculpture Park re possible alternatives but heard nothing back. New manager at B and D awaiting lead from PC. Cllr Law has also spoken to ex manager at B and D.

Cllr Adams said he would try and find some monies to help implement parking measures.

Cllr Potts said the Rural Life Centre is looking to be more sustainable. Could these 2 tourist destinations collaborate?

19/82.2.2 and 19/88 Meeting with Adrian Selby (SCC Highways) (DC)

Cllr Crossley met with Adrian Selby and Peter Harris, a member of the road safety team, to discuss the possibility of a mobile VAS in Churt. Surveyed both suggested sites for VAS and felt not suitable, plus Churt already well provided for. Cllr Crossley asked Highways if they could replace anti-skid surface near pedestrian crossing - unlikely.

19/82.2.3 Abandoned vehicle near zebra crossing

See above, PCSO Dan Burrill to contact owner.

19/83 Financial Matters

19/83.1 Payments for authorisation - June 2019

Proposed by Cllr Burch, **seconded** by Cllr Waller and **AGREED** by all.

Appendix 2 - Payments for June 2019 - circulated

19/83.2 Budget Update and Income report - June 2019

Noted. Cllr Crossley **proposed** we move £8000 from Lloyds Bank to CAF bank.

Seconded by Cllr Rowe, **all in favour**

Appendix 3 - Expenditure v Budget - circulated

19/84 Planning

19/84.1 -To note and comment on current planning applications:

WA/2019/1083 Yeomans Honda, Crossways, Churt - application to demolish part of existing building and extend forecourt - support

WA/2019/1020 Crosswater Farm, Crosswater Lane, Churt - part of Millais Nurseries, previous applications have been turned down. Concern re traffic flow of heavy lorries.

Southdown Hous, Crossways - 2 applications for signage, ramp and landscaping, we have supported previous applications. Builders appointed for Sept.

2 The Chase - neither support nor object

Lea Meadow, Jumps Road - increasing size of garage - no comment.

Recent Applications:

WA/2019/0689 Green Farm, Green Lane, Churt - called in

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WA/2019/0697 Merlinwood, 7 Star Hill Drive, Churt - large extension to rear, within permitted development

19/85 5 year plan

Clerk to circulate Withyam PC 5 year plan. Agenda item for Sept.

19/86 War Memorial refurbishment grant and SSEN resilience fund grant (DC)

Applications in for war memorial and resilience fund grants. Awaiting response.

19/87 Area of green by Crossways Cottages

There is local concern that existing trees may be felled as part of development. These should be maintained wherever possible. Could a blanket TPO be put on all the major trees?

Cllr Potts has seen outline plans. To be discussed at meeting with Andrew Smith.

19/88 VAS

See above

19/89 Sharepoint update (AW)

There is a Microsoft application allowing 12 users for £4.56/user/month equalling £656 pa.

Is there a discount for parish councils as they have to abide by new GDPR regulations?

Other matters

Clerk confirmed next year's insurance premium will be £1938.04, year 2 of the Long Term Agreement.

Cllr Waller asked Clerk to contact Steve Lindsey Clerk to deduce ownership of road signs.

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.35pm. 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 18 September 2019 at 7.30pm in the pavilion.**

There will be no meetings in August.