

Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council

Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 18 January 2023 at 7.30 pm.

Present

Churt Councillors: Lisa Martin (Chair), Myra Johnson, Dominic Raeside, Roger Rowe, Julian Spence

Surrey County Council: 1 (David Harmer)
Waverley Borough Council: 1 (David Munro)
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public: 1 (Mike Shorthose)

23/01 Chairman's welcome

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

Mike Shorthose stated that the Churt nursery school had closed in July 2022 but the community want to start a new facility. An initial working group was set up comprising Mike, Viv Raeside, Pip Lloyd-Perk, Charles Eve and Debbie Smith, who has now left.

There is a need for wrap-around care to mirror parents' working hours.

Ideally they want 10-20 children at any one point.

Within a 5 mile radius there are c.1200 children at nursery schools.

Private schools are the main competition as they receive 30 hours of funding/week.

Mike wishes to speak to SCC about their protocols.

There are a number of possible locations; school house, pavilion, village hall, Quinettes, scout hut but it is felt that the village hall would be the best place to start. However there are some issues in that the WI for example have a once monthly booking.

Also need to consider governance/ownership? Does the current school have the capacity or the wish to take this on? Can it be licenced to a private provider? Can it be run under SCC guidelines with a manager? (as per nursery in Grayshott)

Need to look at financial considerations? Expected to cost £40,000—£60,000 to set up if using an existing building although investment would be needed to, for example, install low toilets.

Jan 2023, the Parish Clerk has now joined the working group as a conduit between them and SCC/WBC.

Next steps are to 1) Talk to others who have already set up such a nursery

2) Talk to SCC

3) Advertise for expressions of interest in running or managing a nursery. There are already 2 people who have said they are interested.

Cllr Martin asked how the PC could support? Mike Shorthose said just to voice support initially.

Cllr Raeside stated if nursery was linked to the school there would be a free-flow through to Reception class at the school. The School governors will reassess once a business plan is in place.

Mike stated the Surrey placement figures show a surplus of 15 places over 6 schools.

Cllr Munro said it was important to keep abreast of planning as permission might be required at some point along the line.

Cllr Martin asked if all councillors were in agreement with the principle of re-establishing a nursery in Churt? **All in agreement.**

Cllr Harmer stated he was strongly in favour of a Churt nursery and has requested an advice and guidance note. He suggested numbers might flatline initially. However predictions suggest the

birth rate will rise at the end of the decade. He also asked if we were clear what the Church's position would be?

Mike Shorthose mentioned that you receive funding for 3-4 year olds and the staff ratio is better.

Cllr Harmer further advised that SCC budgets would be set by 7 Feb. Objective is to keep council tax as restricted as possible.

Engineers have been to inspect the highways issues at Barford Lane/Kitts Lane. Cllr Rowe recently counted 23 potholes along Barford Lane.

Cllr Harmer will chase regarding replacement of the bollards at the zebra crossing and the Clerk will speak to Steve Lindsey-Clark.

Cllr Johnson asked if anyone knows who owns the bin outside the school? This is no longer being emptied. She will liaise with Mandy Jack at WBC.

Cllr Munro said he is now the rep on the Farnborough Airport Consultative Committee (FACC) so please forward any questions to him. There is a remote meeting with Jeremy Hunt on 17 March. Enforcement officer at WBC says all the conditions regarding the enforcement notice at the Sculpture Park have been met.

Regarding affordable homes there will be 4 dwellings to replace the community centre which now have planning permission.

Crossways Close, proposal for 10 dwellings, mix of flats and houses. Tenants in current homes have been kept informed and some will move into the redevelopment.

Borrow House Farm now has PP for 4 homes but with stringent conditions.

LPP1 being reviewed by WBC in Feb, is it fit for purpose?

LPP2 going through consultation but indications are it will be passed.

A workshop seminar is being set up following heathland fires in the summer, Feb 3rd at Guildford Fire Station 3.30pm to 6.30pm.

Council tax will not rise more than 3%.

Climate Change Strategy going to consultation.

Looking at ways to cope with crowds that descend on Frensham Ponds in the summer.

WBC are reviewing their public space protection orders and dog fouling rules.

Home owners must apply for PP if they wish to put up camouflage type netting on fences to screen their homes.

23/02 Apologies for absence

Apologies were given from Cllrs Law, Burch, Shorthose and Morgan (CPC) and Cllr Potts (WBC). Cllr Burch has sent in a letter of resignation but her input is so invaluable we have persuaded her to take a 3 month sabbatical and then reconsider.

23/03 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

None

23/04 Minutes of the meeting of 21 December 2022

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 December 2022 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Raeside, **seconded** by Cllr Johnson.

23/05 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) 2 x wooden posts adjacent to zebra crossing to be replaced by SCC
- 2) Potholes and footbridge on Barford Lane reported to SCC, no action yet
- 3) Xmas lights went up Dec 3, taken down 14 Jan, thanks to Cllr Rowe
- 4) Precept request in sum of £57,942 submitted to WBC 22 Dec

- 5) **Recruitment of new councillors and portfolio responsibilities, Cllr Johnson will stand in as caretaker for the planning sub-committee whilst Cllr Burch is away. Planning sub-committee now comprises Cllrs Johnson, Law, Martin and Rowe.**

23/06.1 Community and Environment

23/06.1.1 Report from the Environment Committee (JS)

CHEWG meeting was held the previous week, various topics covered:

- 1) Let's Go Zero project at St Johns and consideration of a potential EcoChurch Scheme
- 2) Food waste action week to be held in March
- 3) Consideration being given to invite Biffa to have a recycling stall at village fete in June.

John Stringer will start maintenance works in Wicket Wood late Jan/early Feb.

Need to select a tree to commemorate the Coronation, to be planted adjacent to the war memorial. Cllr Spence reported that CHEWG's recommendation is for a Liquidamber styraciflua 'Worplesdon' which has been developed locally by Merrist Wood and gives good Autumn colour. Cllr Rowe stated a preference for a native species. Cllr Johnson to take forward.

23/06.1.2 Village centre (RR)

Cllr Rowe has serviced the generator. Needs a replacement string of Xmas lights. He thanked Gary at Churt Garden Machinery for footing the electricity bill for the Xmas lights.

23/06.1.3 Crime and Disorder (DR)

Nothing to report.

23/06.2 Roads and Transport

23/06.2.1 Jumps Road Parking and Sculpture Park

Conditions have been met re: enforcement notice at Sculpture Park.

Still waiting for painting of yellow lines.

23/06.2.2 Cycling and pedestrian matters (LM)

Nothing to report.

23/07 Financial Matters

23/07.1 Payments for authorisation - December 2022

December's accounts were **proposed** by Cllr Spence, **Seconded** by Cllr Rowe and **agreed** by all

23/07.2 Budget Update and Income report - December 2022

Noted

23/07.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500

20/12/2022 PWLB - £2038.74, biannual payment to Public Works Loan Board

22/12/2022 - Surrey Pension Fund -£1574.16 - Churt PC pension contribution

Sept-Dec incl.

31/12/2022 - Dawn Barrow - £1324.07 - Clerk's salary December

23/08.1 -To note and comment on current planning applications (MJ)

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Martin.

Outmoor - Want to demolish at back and replace with a new timber framed structure, smaller footprint than before, neither support nor object
Green Cross Farm - defer till Feb.

23/09 Updated emergency plan (JS)

Cllr Spence will finesse further, Clerk and others made some additional suggestions including reporting any emergencies immediately to our insurance company. The plan will eventually be lodged with WBC.

23/10 The future of the nursery school in Churt

See Minutes above.

23/11 New date for Councillors' Christmas meal

To be held at 7.30pm on Fri Jan 20th at Bel and Dragon

23/12 Councillors' email addresses

Cllr Morgan to speak to individual councillors regarding setting up personal churt.org email addresses.

Other matters

Clerk said she would like to arrange a number of Freedom of the Parish presentations, possibly at the village fete in June.

4 new recipients this year to be announced separately.

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.09pm . 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 15 February 2023 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.**