

Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 15 March 2023 at 7.30 pm.

Present

Churt Councillors: Lisa Martin, Myra Johnson, Sally Shorthose (acting Chair), Julian Spence, Stephen Morgan, Katy Law, 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- Huw Radley, Stephen Wright, Richard Bourne

23/24 Acting Chairman's welcome

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

Huw Radley has lived for many years in Churt and recently has been working closely with Richard Nobbs on the Churt Farnborough Working Group in relation to Farnborough Airport.

He confirmed 2 matters:

- 1) CAA airspace change. Allied to this Farnborough has been allowed to increase its air movements from 28,000 to 55,000 pa. This proposal went through on appeal. There is a restriction on weekend flying and it relates mainly to smaller jets, however there is an allowance of 1500 movements of larger aircraft per annum, usually amounting to 1-2 flights over Churt per week.
- 2) CAA changes came into effect in 2020 but then everything slowed down due to Covid which has meant the PIR has been delayed. This is a process whereby the CAA examines what has happened in the preceding 12 months. This ends on 31 March 2023 with all objections needing to be filed by then. This is followed by a 28 day review period. The risk is the CAA will say everything is compliant.

The CAA need to monitor existing noise measurements but this was never done before so there is no benchmark.

The original permission granted by Rushmoor BC said noise measurements must be carried out.

Jeremy Hunt has suggested that such measurements need to cover up to a 20 mile radius.

Currently the level is 60-75 decibels whilst overflying Churt. The measurements are carried out over a 16 hour period and then averaged. They are meant to be for business aviation only.

There are 2 narrow corridors over Churt with 2 approaches from the South.

Huw is asking that the Parish Council file a response to the PIR incorporating 6 points he has put into a draft letter.

Cllr Johnson confirmed that we had previously written to Jeremy Hunt and Damian Hinds.

We will advertise the link for responses in the upcoming newsletter.

David Harmer confirmed the potholes team are mending 30 per day across Surrey.

The Boundary Commission are looking at countywide boundary changes, the recommendation for around Churt is 'no change'.

The Clerk thanked SCC for removing the dangerous bollard near the zebra crossing plus the monies for a new bin.

Cllr Harmer left the meeting.

Cllr Munro confirmed he had had a meeting with Farnborough Noise and Colin Shearn. We need to be very clear on what we ask for. Jeremy Hunt must take account of voices from rural areas. At this meeting Farnborough gave a commitment that the noise measuring machinery will be utilised to give actual date.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Johnson and **seconded** by Cllr Raeside that the Clerk will formally write to Farnborough on headed paper. Cllr Law will check the contents of the letter before it is sent.

23/25 Apologies for absence

Apologies were given from Cllr Rowe (CPC) and Cllr Potts (WBC)

23/26 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

Cllr Spence advised he now sits on the Waverley planning committee. Cllr Shorthose advised that she and her husband submitted one of the planning applications to be considered later in the meeting.

23/27 Minutes of the meeting of 15 February 2023

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2023 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Johnson, **seconded** by Cllr Martin.

23/28 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) 2 x new strings of Xmas lights delivered
- 2) Extensive litter pick carried out by Symondstone Lane residents weekend of March 5/6
- 3) Member's Allocation funding confirmed and received (£95) for new Rec. ground bin.

23/29.1 Community and Environment

23/29.1.1 Report from the Environment Committee (JS)

Cllr Spence thanked Cllr Johnson for the St John's net zero project, an article about which appeared in The Herald.

Surrey Climate Commission have a small budget for grants for eco activities, up to £1000. Cllr Johnson to submit an application.

Scouts will continue to help with clearance works at Wicket Wood. Bracken spraying will take place in July/Aug.

Inter parish climate meeting to be held at Wonersh on 18 April.

Consultation has begun to extend A'sONB by 25%, but this will have little impact on Churt. Dockenfield and Moor Park will be affected. Consultation will continue until June 13th. Did not look at Local Authority boundaries when proposing changes.

There is a 'Great Green Get Together' at Hasleway in Haslemere on Fri 17th March.

23/29.1.2 Village centre (RR)

Nothing to report.

23/29.2 Roads and Transport (LM)

SCC are softening their view towards the 20's Plenty campaign.

Cllr Raeside noted that Neighbourhood Watch are looking for volunteers in relation to bystander awareness day and carrying out surveys about antisocial behaviour.

23/30 Financial Matters

23/30.1 Payments for authorisation - February 2023

February's accounts were **proposed** by Cllr Martin, **Seconded** by Cllr Johnson and **agreed** by all

23/30.2 Budget Update and Income report - February 2023

Noted

23/30.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500

15 Feb 2023, Assured Tree Care, £1500, works at Wicket Wood

27 Feb 2023, Dawn Barrow, £1324.07, Clerk's salary Feb.

23/30.4 Approval to transfer £8000 to RGT account once precept has been received.

Proposed by Cllr Morgan, **Seconded** by Cllr Martin and **agreed** by all

Cllr Martin mentioned that @churtlife twitter had tweeted about the % hike in precept. She will clarify in this month's newsletter.

23/31.1 -To note and comment on current planning applications (MJ)

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Johnson.

WA/2023/00416 Glenmore House, Kitts Lane, Churt - Further reports have come in from ecologists and arboriculturists, these reports are supported by the PC.

WA/2023/00365 Churt House, Churt, application for ground mounted solar panels. PC supports this application as long as it is not visible to neighbours.

WA/2023/00476, Brettwood, Green Lane, proposal to erect a car port and ancillary storage for agricultural maintenance vehicles plus install an EV charging point. No comments by neighbours. PC neither supports nor objects.

WA/2021/03162 Land adjacent to Tylney Wood, Churt Rd, Application for 2 more houses in the garden behind was refused. They are appealing this decision. Cllr Johnson will respond saying they have some of their facts wrong in relation to proximity to village centre and development area.

23/32 Approval of updated emergency plan (JS)

Very minor changes suggested by WBC. **Proposed** adoption of the plan by Cllr Raeside, seconded by Cllr Morgan and **agreed** by all. A printed copy should be held by the Clerk.

23/33 The future of the pre-school in Churt (SS/Clerk)

A couple already running nurseries in Kingsley and Binsted are very interested in the village hall. Want to provide full time wrap-around care.

23/34 Councillors' email addresses and IT matters (SM)

All councillors now have a churt.org email address. Cllr Morgan will help anyone still struggling. Cllr Martin asked if there was an 'out of office' facility.

23/35 Wicket Wood/Pond Lane registration update (SS)

Surrey Commons have been very helpful and land should now be registered in Churt PC's name.

23/36 Councillor co-option/elections

All councillors must get their nomination papers in to WBC offices by 4 April. Clerk cannot be responsible for delivering papers. Clerk will chase WBC to send the nomination packages to be forwarded to councillors.

Other matters

Clerk asked if everyone was happy we pay £10 as an annual subscription to Surrey Playing Fields Association? All in agreement.

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.25pm . 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 12 April 2023 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.**