

Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council

Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 10 April 2024 at 7.30 pm.

Present

Churt Councillors: Lisa Martin, Julian Spence, Stephen Wright, Myra Johnson, Mike Shorthose, Dominic Raeside, Sally Shorthose, Pippa Harrison

Surrey County Council: 1 - David Harmer (part)

Waverley Borough Council: 1 - David Munro (part)

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Members of the Public: 0

24/49 Chairman's Welcome

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

Cllr David Harmer updated us on the situation at Tylney Wood where the SCC Countryside Officer is unsure if emergency vehicles could access the proposed 2 houses to be built on the tennis court. Cllr Johnson confirmed we had already responded to WBC reiterating this point. Chief Exec at SCC now appointed as Chief Exec of Local Government Organisation. Patrick Giles, in charge of roads, has also left to go to Hampshire CC.

We confirmed the residents of Crosswater Lane were unimpressed with the notices they received about the proposed works.

Avalon Nurseries on the Tilford Road suggest they have lost £20,000 in revenue due to road closures recently. Matt Furness is our contact for highways matters. Clerk to contact SCC complaints department regarding the mess left once Crosswater Lane works were completed. Barriers and a portaloos were left and scalplings dumped in a house owner's driveway.

Cllr Harmer confirmed that the end of Crosswater Lane was not included in the contract and the resurfacing was always going to stop at Crosswater House. The unmade track beyond there leads to Harolds Hill as well as the Common. Cllr Martin to meet the owner of Harolds Hill.

Member's Allocation now open. Cllr Harmer will support an application for new bollards at the Rec Ground.

Cllr David Munro advised the joint chief exec now with Waverley and Guildford but finances are still separate. WBC finances tight but stable.

He has been speaking to Peter Scott about the noise monitoring of planes going into Farnborough. The levels are legal but not desirable. All responses now in and awaiting longer term plans from CAA. Cllr M Shorthose stated it was important that the operators work with NATS (service provider)

24/50 Apologies for absence

Cllr Morgan

24/51 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.

24/52 Minutes of the meeting of 20 March 2024

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2024 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr S Shorthose, **seconded** by Cllr Johnson.

24/53 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) Arbor Cultural instructed 21/3 to carry out tree survey, completed 2 April
- 2) Crosswater Lane resurfacing commenced 2 April
- 3) Precept received in sum of £61,418. £50,000 transferred to deposit account.

24/54 Report from the Environment Committee (JS)

The scouts will be working in Wicket Wood on 20 April pulling holly and bracken, all local residents notified. Cllrs Spence and Johnson will complete a Surrey biodiversity questionnaire by 19 April.

We have had an offer from SCC to plant free trees but there are limited public places. SALC resilience forum to take place on 24 April and Surrey Climate Forum on 30 April. Our tree warden has identified an opportunity to apply for fruit trees from the Tree Council and the school has applied and received 5 golden fruit trees which they have planted in the school sports field on the Recreation Ground.

Rivers Trust 2023 sewage map showed 8 hours of sewer storm overflows for a total of 12.2 hours discharging from the Churt pumping station into the Barford Stream.

24/55 Village strategy/vision and WBC Economic Development Plan (MS)

Cllr M Shorthose to contact the subcommittee and have as an agenda item in May. Economic Development Strategy comments now available. Transport and housing picked out as main areas of interest. Urban settlements dominated response with rural features further down the list. Only 3 out of 27 local parishes responded.

24/56 Village centre and fete (PH)

Cllr Harrison has visited the shops and Honda Garage. They have now removed their recruitment sign from the railings outside.

Avalon may provide some hanging baskets. Could CHAPS perhaps maintain?

Attended the fete committee meeting. Could the PC be in charge of manning the parking? Cllr Raeside already liaising with committee about this.

Fete committee will speak at annual assembly. They would like to donate £750 to some aspect of the village.

24/57 Roads and Transport

Cllr Martin to meet the owner of Harolds Hill regarding the resurfacing of Crosswater Lane.

New bus stop signs are now up.

24/58 Crime and Disorder (DR)

Surrey Police want someone to join a LGBGT+ group. Any resident can join.

24/59 Financial Matters

24/59.1 Payments for authorisation - March 2024

March's accounts were **proposed** by Cllr M Shorthose, **Seconded** by Cllr Johnson and **agreed** by all.

24/59.2 Budget Update and Income report - March 2024

Noted.

24/59.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500

4 March - Dawn Barrow - £1496.20 - Clerk's Feb salary

27 March - Dawn Barrow - £1496.20 - Clerk's March salary

24/59.4 Signing off final interim internal audit report

Sent in advance of meeting. **Proposed** by Cllr Spence, **seconded** by Cllr S Shorthose and **agreed** by all

24/60 -To note and comment on current planning applications

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Johnson.

TM/2024/00478 Threeways, Farnham Road, Churt, application for works to and removal of dead tree subject to a TPO. No objection.

WA/2024/00518 Green Cross Manor, Green Lane, Churt. 4th application for a swimming pool, as other permissions have expired. PC will ask WBC if a condition is appropriate to limit the outbuilding to only that associated with a swimming pool i.e. it cannot become a self-contained dwelling.

24/61 Website update (SM)

Councillors asked to look at website and provide Cllr Morgan with improvement ideas. May agenda item.

24/62 Annual assembly 17 April

Clerk to order sandwiches and wine. Request that village organisations speak for 3 minutes max. Village Hall Committee have kindly agreed to waive the hire charge for the annual assembly and village cheer event.

24/63 Freedom of the Parish recipients 2024

Cllr Shorthose has drawn up a template guiding the PC in how to request and assess nominations for Freedom awards. Will include a request in newsletter asking for nominations by the end of the month.

Other matters

None

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 8.50pm . There then followed a meeting of the Churt Recreation Ground Trust (See separate Minutes).

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Signed:

Date:

Chairman

The next annual meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Churt Recreation Ground Trust will be held on **Wednesday 17 May 2024 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.**