

Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council

Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 17 January 2024 at 7.30 pm.

Present

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

Surrey County Council: 0

Waverley Borough Council: 1 (David Munro, part)

Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow

Members of the Public: Richard Bourne, Richard Nobbs, Neil Baker, Rob Brian (Surrey Police)

24/01 Chairman's Welcome

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

David Munro reported that Cllr Harmer (SCC) has had a successful operation.

The consultation period regarding Farnborough has now ended with over 2200 objections. Cllr Munro sits on the FACC and Noise sub group. There is now noise monitoring equipment sited in Churt.

Safer Waverley Partnership being revamped. Cllr Munro will follow up on reports of vandalism on the Commons and anti- social behaviour. There is protected wildlife on the Commons. Lease has now expired on the Sailing Club at The Great Pond but being renewed with no issues.

Community Centre to be demolished in Parkhurst Fields. Residents at Crossways Close will be rehoused when this redevelopment starts. Looking at 10/12 affordable houses but parking an issue so revisiting proposals. The path from Hale House Lane to Parkhurst Fields will be maintained in the redevelopment.

SCC have opened up a consultation regarding their Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP), responses due by 10 March.

BOAT 520 in poor condition.

WBC finances are strained, £175 million of debt. Council rents will go up by 7%.

Neil Baker is a warden at Thursley Common and sits on the Surrey Countryside Access Forum. Recently suffered criminal damage to his car whilst parked at Sandy Lane, where there have been parking issues, especially in the summer and issues due to BOAT 520 use. Car damage reported to Police.

Also Bridleway 40 in Churt adjacent to Borrowstone in poor condition. Neil Baker will send his suggestions re improvements to Rights of Way (RoWIP) to Clerk but has already sent his response in to SCC. Wants Churt and Frensham PC's to work together on this.

Richard Nobbs reported there is a review concerning all air space in the South. A number of points have been drawn from the Farnborough consultation, mainly regarding overflying AONB's and National Parks. Under Government air navigation guidance, planes should avoid overflying AONB's. Farnborough appear to be ignoring this and are not putting in place any mitigating measures. Richard Nobbs to draft a response.

Gatwick's second runway up for public consultation. Churt PC to respond.

24/02 Apologies for absence

Cllr Morgan, Cllr Staunton (WBC)

24/03 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.

24/04 Presentation by Surrey Police

Rob Brian from Surrey Police covers the Waverley area. They now have 2 youth engagement officers aimed at school Years 4 and 7 and 7 police constables. Youth officers deal with schools and charities. All work with Waverley on statutory and non- statutory matters. Joint Action Groups set up for places and groups of people.

Beat officers do not exist anymore. Recruiting more PCSO's currently. Only 3 at the moment covering Cranleigh, Godalming and Farnham.

Waverley team have best outcome for solving crimes, Police officers try to get out to visit all crimes but more focus now on violence against women and shoplifting. They have a 60% solved outcome rate for shoplifting.

Cllr Harrison asked how we could feel more supported in rural communities? 101 system not brilliant. Can report crimes via Messenger but 50% of all crimes now behind closed doors or relate to cyber -crime.

Cllr Johnson asked about the tyre dumping incident in Churt. There are only 3 local dumps for tyres. Police looked into it and reported back to WBC but not to Churt. Footage from doorcams etc can now be uploaded to Safer Surrey website.

Rob Brian will send through a standard reporting form. Police do not come out for all thefts, eg from garden sheds, but do for break ins and burglaries. They look at vulnerability and solvability.

Our main Police points of contact are Kat Farmer, PCSO John Francis and Barry Baldwin.

24/05 Minutes of the meeting of 20 December 2023

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2023 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Wright, **seconded** by Cllr Harrison.

24/06 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) **Precept request submitted to WBC 20/12/2023 in sum of £61,418**
- 2) **Xmas lights taken down**
- 3) **Barford Lane issues eventually cleared up 8 January**
- 4) **Theft from Riverbank and Lindsey Clark just after Xmas**
- 5) **Defibrillator used on 9 Jan, SECAM to replace pads.**

24/07 Report from the Environment Committee (JS)

Cllr Spence will update the Emergency and Resilience Plan. He and Cllr Johnson are attending a SCC biodiversity duty webinar in February.

24/08 Village centre (MS)

Cllr M Shorthose has spoken to the Honda garage about the banner attached to the railings opposite the school. They have agreed to remove it. Will speak to Property Partnership about their signage. Cllr M Shorthose will also look into the possibility and requirements of electric chargers in the village.

24/09 Roads and Transport including road safety and RoW (PH)

Bridleway leading from top of Crosswater Lane is very dangerous but some bridleways are very hard to maintain.

Nicola Perkin has sent an email regarding various road and safety matters around the village centre including cutting back vegetation, maintaining pavements and upgrading the zebra crossing. Cllrs M Shorthose and Harrison to visit areas of suggestion.

Cllr Johnson to upload survey for Rights of Way on Churt Zero and Churt Village FB page.

Cllr Johnson to promote SCC Road Safety Survey (Vision Zero) on Churt Zero and Churt PC websites and Churt Village FB page. The SCC public survey on Rights of Way has already been promoted. Cllrs Johnson and Harrison to draft a CPC response to RoWIP to be discussed at February's meeting. CPC has received an email from Thomas Lankaster WBC relating to 20MPH zones, asking if we want them and where? CPC has previously discussed the desirability of a 20MPH speed limit in the centre of the village due to the location of the school but we need public support to emphasise this.

Cllr Johnson will write a holding response to Thomas Lankaster and Cllr Martin will put together an online survey for residents suggesting various options, to go in the monthly newsletter, parish magazine, websites and FB page, plus paper copies in the village shop.

24/10 Crime and Disorder

Clerk reported theft of heavy machinery from Lindsey Clark's over Xmas period.

24/11 Financial Matters

24/11.1 Payments for authorisation - December 2023

December's accounts were **proposed** by Cllr S Shorthose, **Seconded** by Cllr Wright and **agreed** by all.

24/11.2 Budget Update and Income report - December 2023

Noted.

24/11.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500

1 December - Dawn Barrow - £3142.99, Nov salary plus national Clerk's bonus

20 December - PWLB - £2038.74, biannual repayment of loan

22 December - Surrey Pension Fund - £4172.91, Pension Apr-Nov

22 December- Dawn Barrow- £1479.12, Clerk's Dec salary.

24/12 -To note and comment on current planning applications

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Johnson.

1) WA/2023/02780 Millais Nurseries, Crosswater Lane, Churt

Prior notification of permitted development for a pole barn. 'No comments' response submitted.

2) Borrow House, Jumps Road, swimming pool, Application received on 16 Jan, not yet reviewed.

Decisions - Steephanger, approval for changing garage space into habitable accommodation.

Frensham Meadows appeal still outstanding.

WBC have issued a call for sites as part of their new Local Plan, closing date end of March. Mainly looking at possible sites for 5 or more additional homes. Should we encourage more housing in the village? Future agenda item.

24/13 Farnborough

See Minute 24/01 above. Plus there is a demonstration planned for Saturday 27 January which national environmental groups will attend as well as Farnborough Noise.

24/14 Gigaclear (MJ)

Cllr Johnson has canvassed Hale House Close and Old Kiln Close and Cllr Morgan has canvassed Redhearn Fields. Gigaclear have come up with various routing options which will be sent to their design team to cost, hopefully by the end of January. The pavilion should be included in the new routing options even if others are unviable. It appears to have been a commercial decision based on cost to exclude a spur of Parkhurst Fields. PC to send a formal letter expressing disappointment. Viability looks at number of properties to be served plus the existing infrastructure and type of surface to be dug through e.g. road surfaces very expensive due to requirement to retarmac.

24/15 Sandy Lane issues

See Minute 24/01 above.

Other matters

Cllr Martin asked for us to think of suggestions for recipients of Freedom of the Parish awards 2024.

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:

Date:

Chairman

The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Churt Recreation Ground Trust will be held on **Wednesday 14 February 2024 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.**