

Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 15 September 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Churt pavilion.

Present

Churt Councillors: David Crossley (Chair), Myra Johnson, Sally Shorthose, Lisa Martin, Dominic Raeside, Katy Law, Eunice Burch

Surrey County Council: Cllr Harmer
Waverley Borough Council: 0
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public: 1 (Richard Bourne)

21/84 Chairman's welcome

Cllr Crossley welcomed all to the meeting and invited Cllr Harmer to speak.

He reported some disruption to the Highways Dept at County Hall as they are being reorganised plus Hannah Gutteridge is off on compassionate leave.

Trying to resolve issues with the BOAT that runs between Sandy Lane and Frensham Little Pond but new provisos make it difficult to get things done. Majority of Surrey's population is town based so need to get a policy in place they will accept.

21/85 Apologies for absence

Apologies were given from Cllrs Rowe and Petty.

21/86 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

None

21/87 Minutes of the meeting of 28 July 2021

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2021 were **AGREED** by all following 2 very small amendments. **Proposed** by Cllr Raeside, **seconded** by Cllr Martin.

21/88 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) **Grasstex** asked to quote for adding paving stones to bus stop nr Hop House
- 2) **Insurance** renewed 10 Sept 2021 in sum of £1938.84
- 3) **Litter pick** to take place 10 October morning
- 4) **James Gray** has felled dead elm tree on corner of Redhearn Green
- 5) **Internal audit** concluded
- 6) **Safety work** carried out to a few trees at Pond Lane

21/89.1 Community and Environment

21/89.1.1 Report from Environment Working Group (MJ)

SWT have now visited Pond Lane and their report has been circulated to councillors and neighbours. Cllr Johnson will put together a management plan. The scouts will do some volunteering there in early Oct and will tackle bracken and pile up dead wood. Following the report minor tree works were carried out, mainly taking down dangerous overhanging branches and a few leaning standing trees.

SWT recommendations:

More specialist surveys need to be carried out
Encourage diverse lowland heath layers and glades
Get bracken under control

Reduce height of some standing deadwood

Remove non-native invasive species

Leave bare ground and areas of gorse

Install bat and bird boxes

Put down reptile tins which SARG (Surrey Amphibian and Reptile Group) will monitor.

Cllr Johnson has attended a further inter parish meeting and amongst other things discussed how other parishes review planning applications from an environmental perspective.

The Centre for Environment and Sustainability have asked if Churt have a project which we would like done by their students relating to sustainability.

'Plant a tree for the Jubilee' a great success at the recent Churt Picnic on Sept 11. Our thanks to Carbon Footprint who generously provided 40 saplings in 4 varieties which were given to villagers to plant. Additional saplings were brought along by CHEWG and by village residents. Leaflets were available on planting instructions as well as on the Churt Net Zero programme. Cllr Johnson has asked those who took a sapling to take a photo of it once planted.

21/89.1.2 Village centre portfolio (RR)

Generally felt that the new lighting at the Honda garage is inappropriate. 360 degree lights, very distracting. Lights go off at 11pm. Cllr Adams will look into planning permission relating to the lights. Spar light also very bright.

21/89.1.3 Crime and Disorder (DR)

Anti vax graffiti on the road along Hale House Lane and by Bel and Dragon. Jeremy Hunt's office also suffered with graffiti but perpetrator caught on CCTV.

21/89.2 Roads and Transport

21/89.2.1 Jumps Road Parking and Sculpture Park (KL)

Nov date still not been confirmed re planning appeal. Double yellow lines now installed on one side. Coaches park across 6 bays in front of SP. Fire engine recently got stuck as cars parked on both sides but no photographic evidence. People are now parking directly in front of Bel and Dragon. Specialist report has some updates. Richard Bourne said imperative we keep Frensham PC informed.

Parking team will report on Nov 12.

21/89.2.2 Cycling and pedestrian matters

Nothing to report.

21/90 Financial Matters

21/90.1 Payments for authorisation - July and Aug 2021

July accounts **Proposed** by Cllr Shorthose , **Seconded** by Cllr Burch and **Agreed** by all.

Aug accounts **Proposed** by Cllr Johnson, **Seconded** by Cllr Law and **Agreed** by all

Appendix 2 - Payments for July and Aug 2021 - circulated

21/90.2 Budget Update and Income report - July and Aug 2021

Noted and agreed.
Appendix 3 - Expenditure v Budget - circulated

21/90.3 Individual monthly costs exceeding £500 for July and Aug 2021

30 July - Dawn Barrow - £1459.77- Clerk's salary and backdated increase

7 Aug - Jati - £910 - 2 x benches and anchor systems

28 Aug - Dawn Barrow - £1243.99 - Clerk's salary

21/91 -To note and comment on current planning applications

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Martin.

WA/2021/01919 Heath Cottage Symondstone Lane, new home office, no neighbour comments, neither support nor object

WA/2021/02050 Crosswater Holdings, Crosswater Lane, construction of 6m x 12m swimming pool, no neighbour comments

NMA/2021/02079 Green Cross Farm Cottage, Green Cross Lane, Reduction in size of barn, original owners of barn sold half to new owners, no comment

WA/2021/01881 - 1-4 Crossways Close, demolition of existing 4 cottages and construction of 12 affordable dwellings. 20-25 car park spaces, many neighbourhood objections relating to over development, problem with increased traffic and difficult access. Public consultation back in 2019. Still awaiting outcome of application for 4 new dwellings on community centre site from 2019. Should we support with proviso of inclusion of double yellow lines up Hale House Lane? Agreed there is a need for affordable homes and the design is tasteful. Cllr Martin **proposed** we support the proposal, **seconded** by Cllr Law, all in **agreement** subject to inclusion of yellow lines proviso.

21/92 Pond Lane

Application now lodged with the Land Registry, acknowledged back in June, heard nothing more.

21/93 Review of the 'Party in the Park' 11 September 2021

Felt to be a huge success, large cross section of generations. Lord Lieutenant and Jeremy Hunt both enjoyed themselves. Need a mop up meeting. Churt Bar and Meadow Farm ice cream both did well. Many newcomers to the village attended.

Cllrs Harmer and Richard Bourne left the meeting.

Other matters

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 8.55pm. There then followed a virtual 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 20 October 2021 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.**