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## **Churt Parish Council Newsletter October 2023**

### **Playground News**

You may have noticed the popular tyre swing has been taken away. This follows our most recent RoSPA inspection, where a concern was flagged about the stability of the frame. The swing has been in place for 20 years and the frame is now in need of replacement. We are currently gathering quotes to replace the swing, alongside identifying opportunities for grant funding to reduce the cost to us. Do let us know if you have any suggestions about the replacement of the swing, or if there is any different equipment you'd like to see in the playground.

We have ordered a new replacement picnic table and seating which will be setup in the area outside of the playground soon.

### **Road Safety**

At our October meeting, two parents from the village school came along to share concerns with us about safe access to the village school. Concerns included vehicle speeds in the village, the narrow pavement outside the Honda garage and driver behaviour around the zebra crossing (they reported that many drivers do not stop). Surrey Cllr David Harmer was at the meeting and advised that Surrey is currently addressing safe travel to school across the County, and the Western Villages (of which Churt is one) is likely to be looked at in detail next calendar year. We have taken away an action to better understand what would be involved in either a replacement crossing (pelican crossing in place of a zebra crossing) or a reduced speed limit through the centre of the village. Further feedback around either of these ideas is welcome.

## **Land at Green Lane**

On 11<sup>th</sup> September the Parish Council was alerted by a resident to some tree felling and hedgerow destruction in a field fronting Green Lane. This was followed by a 'Permission in Principle' planning application to build detached homes on the field. Over ten residents attended our October meeting and shared their objections to the destruction and the development, and the Parish has subsequently provided our own objection to the development proposals. The site is in the Green Belt, the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and is in an Area of Great Landscape Value, and we consider that the development would cause real harm to the character of the area.

## **Surrey Police Feedback**

A series of 'Policing your Community' events will offer residents the opportunity to put their questions about local policing to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Lisa Townsend and Chief Constable Tim De Meyer. There will be a focus on Waverley on Monday 4 December at Farnham Maltings. You must register to attend on their website [www.surrey.police.uk](http://www.surrey.police.uk).

## **Village Cheer - save the date**

Our annual Village Cheer event will be held in the village hall on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December between 11am and 1pm. Everyone in the village is welcome to join us for some festive drinks and nibbles, and conversation with fellow residents. We particularly welcome those new to the village so please spread the word.

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The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust will take place in the pavilion on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.