

Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council

Mrs Dawn Barrow

**Minutes of the annual meeting of Churt Parish Council
held on Wednesday 15 May 2024
at 7.30 pm.**

Present

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

Surrey County Council: 1 - David Harmer (part)
Waverley Borough Council: 1 - James Staunton (part)
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public: 0

24/64 Chairman's Welcome

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

Cllr Harmer advised that a meeting had be called of all power providers in Surrey. Discussion as to where the power would come from for electric vehicles if a lot of people suddenly had one. Would hydrogen powered become the vehicle of choice? Gas companies already putting an insert into trunking in anticipation of this.

Where does the excess power go from people who generate their own power?

The Boundary Commission have said we do not have enough electors in the Western Commons and are therefore proposing to add another village, Wormley, although this is not geographically linked to us.

The owner of Harolds Hill wishes to make road repairs up to his property. These need to be up to SCC standards which makes them too expensive. Discussion as to whether he can lay a hard surface on a designated bridleway. Post 1904 Red Flag Act there was a demand for 10,000 miles of road and the concept of Highway Land was then introduced. This continues on Crosswater Lane as far as Harolds Hill and emergency services access the common via this route. The boundary of Frensham and Churt goes up the middle of this track.

At the recent Western Commins meeting the local parishes put forward projects for capital and maintenance works. The zebra crossing in Churt was the favoured project but was eventually outbid by a town centre project. It was felt that the smaller villages could never win a bid from the same pot of funds against the larger towns.

Cllr Staunton will look into egress from Green Lane and the recreation ground in terms of cutting back vegetation and ensuring sight lines are clear.

Cllr Martin will report the broken glass at the bus stop near Hop House.

Cllr Johnson stated the call for sites under the Local Plan ended at the end of March but we have heard nothing from WBC yet.

Cllrs Harmer and Staunton left the meeting.

24/65 Election of Chairman

Cllr S Shorthose was voted in as the new Chairman, she recorded a vote of thanks to Cllr Martin for all she had done over the past few years. Cllr Martin stated she is happy to stay on the Council until a replacement councillor is found.

24/66 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Wright was voted in as vice chairman.

24/67 Apologies for absence

Cllr Munro (WBC)

24/68 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.

24/69 Minutes of the meeting of 10 April 2024

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2024 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Spence, **seconded** by Cllr Harrison.

It was felt that a flyer outlining what the Annual Assembly is about would be useful.

24/70 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) Frances Frith print presented to George Woods
- 2) End of year audit to take place 16 May

24/71 Report from the Environment Committee (JS)

Cllr Spence reported that children were getting ill after paddling in the River Wey. The Environment Agency has tested the water.

Farnborough hosted an Aviation Sustainability Summit on 15 May. Striving for sustainable fuel to achieve net zero targets.

Cllr Johnson reported that Gigaclear have now given approval to include the pavilion, Old Kiln Close, Redhearn Fields, The Meadows and 7-17 Parkhurst Fields in scope which means 78 additional premises in Churt's settlement area have been added.

Barriers went up 15 May to install across the Rec. and behind the pavilion.

Added value for Churt is statutory payments have to be made so CPC will receive £2090 into the RGT account.

The Church have remarked that the new cabinet on the A287 near Lampards Lane is silver and therefore highly visible. Could it be replaced with a green one? Sadly it can't so Cllr Johnson has planted some holly along the edge of Redhearn Green and some plants adjacent to the cabinet which will eventually give some screening over time.

Cllr Spence confirmed that Gigaclear has installed cabling in Star Hill Drive. Once the infrastructure is in place there is an option to partner with other companies such as Grayshott Gigabit.

24/72 Village strategy (MS)

Cllr M Shorthose has circulated a template.

- 1) We need input by people as to important issues and suggestions
- 2) Engagement
- 3) Use the fete as initial point of contact.

Cllr Harrison will confirm to the fete committee that this year CPC will therefore use their stand.

Sub- committee meeting to take place at Churt House 7pm to 8.30pm on 21 May. Will draw up a flyer to be used at the fete.

24/73 Village centre and Honda parking issue (PH)

Cllr Harrison reported that the fete planning was going ahead smoothly.

Hanging baskets unlikely to be ready in time for the fete. Cllr Wright asked who would maintain them? CHAPS?

Report of rubbish behind the Spar shop.

Cllr Harrison went into Honda to ask them to remove the many cars they are parking at the Rec Ground. Met with a negative response. Tennis club and other pavilion users are complaining. Cllr S Shorthose will write a formal letter to Honda.

24/74 Roads and Transport (LM) and update from Western Commons meeting (Clerk)

Cllr Martin to write to the owner at Harold's Hill.

Clerk provided an update ref Western Commons meeting and its disappointing outcome (see 24/64)

24/75 Crime and Disorder (DR)

West Surrey Police have alerted us to courier fraud taking place.

24/76 Financial Matters

24/76.1 Payments for authorisation - April 2024

April's accounts were **proposed** by Cllr Wright, **Seconded** by Cllr Raeside and **agreed** by all, subject to amendment of incorrect bank interest figure.

24/76.2 Budget Update and Income report - April 2024

Noted.

24/76.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500

Dawn Barrow - 29 April, £1533.08, Clerk's salary

HMRC - 17 April, £1359.75, PAYE and NI

24/77 -To note and comment on current planning applications

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Johnson.

WA/2024/00777 West Pines, Green Lane, Churt. Application for a single storey rear and side extension. No comments from neighbours. CPC response is no comment providing the extension conforms to normal planning regulations.

WA/2024/02570 Frensham Meadows stables planning appeal

Development proposed is part change of use/conversion of equestrian building to form an independent self-contained dwelling.

Appeal was allowed and planning permission granted for the above. Partial award of costs also allowed.

WA/2024/00694 Green Cross Farm Cottage, Green Lane, Churt. Application to remove agricultural occupancy. We responded that the removal of agricultural occupancy deviates from the spirit and intent of the planning system in a rural area and would question what will happen to the Bottom Barn if the agricultural condition is removed.

Borrow House Farm - following submission of planning applications for 3 residences and extension of Borrow House Cottage, appeals were allowed.

Neighbour has advised the developer has blocked off access to the turning circle for the bin lorry. Furthermore 85 trees have been earmarked for felling. Cllr Munro of WBC arranged a site visit from the WBC Tree Department to see if there was a way any of the trees could be preserved.

Taylor's Cottage, Churt Road - Erection of outbuilding attached to existing car port, permission granted.

24/78 Website update (SM)

Cllr Morgan has circulated a report on existing website, works but is clunky and needs updating. Further discussion needed as to possibility of outsourcing rebuild/update. Cllr Johnson asked if we should include more Council based content? How do we promote the village? Could a volunteer maintain the website?

Clerk to speak to other local clerks as to how they maintain their websites.

24/79 Freedom of the Parish recipients 2024

3 recipients chosen from feedback. Certificates drawn up and will be presented at the fete.

Clerk to ask Rob Douglas DL if he would present them.

24/80 Storage of original documents

Should we put all the original Trust documents in the Surrey History Centre now they have been scanned? Original documents to be shown to Council at June's meeting.

24/81 Triennial tree survey

Nothing of concern highlighted.

Other matters

Cllr Spence advised there were a number of WBC grants available.

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.30pm . 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 19 June 2024 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.**