



Churt Parish Council Newsletter July 2020

Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday 17th June

Churt Parish Council held its second virtual Council meeting on Wednesday 17th June, using the Webex video conferencing platform. It was a long meeting but again the technology worked reasonably well and all business was completed. We are advised that we must continue with virtual meetings until further notice, but it is our intention to revert back to physical meetings in the pavilion as soon as government guidance allows.

Churt Covid-19 Community Support Group

Demand has tailed off somewhat in recent weeks. This is actually good news as we now feel that we must gently try and encourage residents to begin reverting back to a normal lifestyle and it already looks as though this may be happening, Rest assured, however, that the group will not abandon you and there is no intention of disbanding it now or in the future. In fact the group has been so successful that we hope it will remain active in some form once this crisis is over.

The group continues to do wonderful things, whether it be shopping, collecting prescriptions, delivering Farnham Herald newspapers, a small number of which are provided free, or just providing telephone support to those who need it.

Our Parish clerk, Dawn Barrow has started a new initiative in providing dog therapy visits with her 12 year old yellow Labrador, Monty. The visits have been greatly appreciated.

Village Communications

Councillor Lisa Martin has been leading a small working group looking at village communications. Whilst we have an excellent website, Parish magazine, email network to all village organisations, village notice boards and this monthly newsletter, we recognised that we needed to extend our reach to all generations and by all available means. To that end we now have 2 Facebook pages for the village, "Churt Parish Council and Village Life" for more formal matters and "Churt Community" for more discussion related topics and local advertising. There is also an excellent Twitter page entitled "Churt Life". My

thanks to Lisa, the working group and Dawn Barrow for all their hard work in bringing this project to a swift conclusion.

Churt Children's Playground

Easing of government restrictions allow us to re-open the playground on Saturday 4th July. By the time you read this, it may already be open. A full risk assessment has taken place and there are new rules which must be complied with. They are included at the end of this newsletter and notices will be displayed in the playground itself. They will also be published on the village website www.churt.org and on the village Facebook pages. Before use, all parents/adults supervising children must read them.

Frensham Great Pond

I think enough has been said and circulated recently about the vast numbers of visitors to the area during the recent hot weather, so I shall not repeat myself here. Please rest assured that Churt and Frensham Parish Councils, Waverley Borough Council, Surrey County Council, Surrey Police, East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council and Hampshire Police are all working together to manage this situation and endeavour to come up with a final solution.

Churt Pavilion

As I write this newsletter work is carrying on apace to retile the pavilion roof and works should be completed around July 9th. We are very impressed with how hard the contractors are working and look forward to seeing our shiny new roof!

The future?

With the further relaxation of lockdown restrictions we must not become complacent. Please remain alert, observe social distancing and keep regularly washing your hands. Even with the further lockdown at Leicester the current reductions in infections are encouraging. I am sure that if we continue to follow the guidelines we shall beat this monster.

David Crossley. Chairman

The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust will be held by virtual means on Wednesday 15th July 2020 at 7.30pm.



Churt Playground

Reopening Rules

July 4th 2020

We are delighted that we are now allowed to reopen our playground. We very much hope that you will enjoy using the playground again but we must emphasise that you do so **AT YOUR OWN RISK**. However, to comply with current Government regulations, we need to make it a COVID-19 secure site.

As a Parish Council, we will do what we can to minimise the risk of infection, but we must emphasise that, with the limited resources that we have, the responsibility for ensuring that children can enjoy our playground safely rests with the adults that must accompany them at all times. We are therefore introducing the following rules with immediate effect to ensure that as many people as possible can enjoy our playground safely:

- Only children of 12 and under are allowed on the playground equipment
- A maximum of 6 children are allowed in the playground at any one time and swings must only be used by members of the same family at the same time.
- All children using the playground must be accompanied by an adult
- A maximum of one adult is allowed to accompany each child
- **Current Government health guidance must be followed at all times**
- All visitors must use hand sanitiser before entering the playground and maintain hand washing measures when back home.

Consumption of food and drink within the playground is strictly prohibited and please also ensure all rubbish is put in the bin provided.

We will continue to monitor the situation carefully and will be carrying out frequent inspections and hope that we will be able to relax some of these new rules in due course. However, should the Covid 19 situation deteriorate, or there is evidence of these rules not being adhered to, we will have to close the playground again.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Churt Parish Council and Churt Recreation Ground Trust
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