

Our July Meeting - A first! (photo credit - the Clerk)

It was just a little warm for our meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> July. The temperature in the pavilion meeting room was in excess of 90 degrees, so we decided to hold our meeting 'Al Fresco' on the terrace outside. We believe that it was the first time that Churt Parish Council had held a meeting outdoors!

## Scope bin

We have agreed with the charity SCOPE to host a clothes recycling bin outside the pavilion at the recreation ground. It will be installed soon and we would encourage all residents to use the bin rather than sending their discarded clothing to landfill.

## **Our Environment**

We are keen that the Parish Council should take the lead locally with tackling climate change and all things affecting our environment. To that end we have

formed an Environment committee to be led by Councillor Susan Ryland. The other members of the committee are Councillors Bob Cordell and John Petty. All three have a passionate interest in the environment and we would be very pleased to hear of any issues or potential solutions you may have. An initial paper has been published on our website - <u>www.churt.org</u> - which explains the Council's thoughts and aim in more detail.

# Five Year Plan

Your Parish Council is in effect a small business. All successful businesses have a medium to long term plan. We have decided that we should develop a five year plan which will show our aims and objectives over that period. Some will have to happen anyway and will be non-negotiable but we would be very pleased to hear from residents of any issues that you feel should be included in the plan. Please email churt\_pc@btinternet.com.

# Playground RoSPA Inspection

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), recently carried out an inspection of the children's playground and equipment. We are pleased that the report was very positive with only a few relatively minor issues identified. My thanks to the Parish Councillors who carry out weekly safety inspections. It is a reflection on them and their dedication that we received such a positive report. My thanks go to all.

### Hedges – an annual plea

Could I please ask all owners of hedges adjoining and overhanging footpaths to ensure that they are cut back? We live in a wonderful village with many pretty and picturesque footpaths and it is a shame when they are obstructed by overgrown hedges. My apologies to all those who have already ensured that this has been done.

### August Meeting

There will be no Council meeting in August. The clerk and councillors, however, will continue to work on your behalf and we already have several important commitments in the diary.

#### David Crossley. Chairman

The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust will take place on **Weds 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019** in the pavilion at 7.30pm