

Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 17 November 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Churt pavilion.

Present

Churt Councillors: Lisa Martin (Acting Chair), Myra Johnson, Dominic Raeside,
Eunice Burch, Roger Rowe

Surrey County Council: 0
Waverley Borough Council: 0
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public: 1 (Richard Nobbs)
Joined virtually: 0

21/107 Chairman's welcome

Cllr Martin welcomed all to the meeting.

Richard Nobbs has reached out to other parishes in relation to Farnborough airport noise. He will ask David Gay, who is a retired pilot, to put some questions together relating to air space control.

Cllr Johnson stated she has had a meeting with 5 other parishes in her inter-parish climate change group to discuss issues at Farnborough. The post implementation review (PIR) has now been delayed until Feb 2022. This needs to look at the impact on local communities. Colin Shearn has launched a public petition which Cllr Johnson will circulate and upload to the website and FB page. Churt and Tilford are most affected by the current flight paths. The next inter parish meeting is scheduled for 8 December to be hosted by Churt. Colin Shearn will attend.

Cllr Potts sent in a report advising that Tom Horwood has been appointed as the joint CEO of Waverley and Guildford BCs effective 1 December 2021.

Local Plan Part 2 remains on track to come before full Council in mid December for debate and consideration prior to submission to the Inspectorate.

Cllr Johnson will resend her email to Julia Potts relating to light pollution in the centre of Churt.

21/108 Apologies for absence

Apologies were given from Cllrs Crossley, Law, Shorthose, Petty (CPC) and Potts (WBC)

21/109 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

None

21/110 Minutes of the meeting of 20 October 2021

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2021 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Johnson, **seconded** by Cllr Burch.

21/111 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) DC has spoken to fete committee re Platinum celebration 2022, they cannot unfortunately change the date of the Churt fete as it dovetails in with the dates of surrounding village fetes.

- 2) Monies claimed back from WBF re Pond Lane ecology survey, to be paid Jan 2022.
- 3) Sign replaced in Old Kiln Lane and fly tipping removed.
- 4) 4 signs highlighted to WBC to be cleaned.
- 5) 110 trees (100 whips and 10 standards) to be donated to each parish by SCC following successful Forestry Commission Treescapes funding bid (see 21/112.1).
- 6) Interim audit successfully took place 11 Nov.

21/112.1 Community and Environment

21/112.1.1 Report from Environment Working Group (MJ)

Pond Lane Woodland:

MJ has started work on the Management Plan for the Pond Lane woodland. CHEWG is giving serious consideration to using a selective spray for bracken control (anticipated at control of 10-20% each year) because research indicates that spraying is much more effective when compared to repeated pulling or cutting methods and reduces the risk from carcinogens if pulling or cutting in August.

David Harmer has planted a tree in the wood which will add to biodiversity and as an initial action in implementation of SCC's new tree strategy.

Surrey County Council:

SCC has published its Climate and Biodiversity Action Plan and as part of the tree strategy, are offering 100 whips and 10 standard native trees to parishes. Churt PC has responded that we would like to claim our allocation and plant them on public access land such as on the Recreation Ground, Redhearn Green and Pond Lane woodland. The 100 whips will be planted as a hedgerow which would be approx. 20m long in double row planting formation.

MJ attended the SCC event in Farnham recently which was live-streamed to COP26, where useful contacts were made, including Louise Morton, a SCC Communications Officer. MJ will promote the SCC climate change action plan and newsletter via the websites.

Interparish Climate Change Meeting:

MJ attended the Interparish Environment meeting on 11/11 where they briefly discussed the Farnborough Airport issues. Of the parishes represented in the group, only Tilford and Churt are badly affected by the noise, but the other members (Wonersh, Witley, Thursley) are all supportive of any appropriate action in the interests of the parishes affected and on environmental grounds.

The meeting discussed again how best to influence improvements to the planning process to better support sustainability, biodiversity and climate change mitigation measures.

Wonersh PC are drafting a letter to promote a sustainability checklist they have developed via SALC. Discussion will continue in future meetings with a view to creating a positive framework to recommend to Waverley, which views things through the lens of climate change and biodiversity.

Thursley are proposing to go ahead to engage one of the students offered for projects by the Surrey University Centre for Environment and Sustainability to develop a questionnaire for a "Vision 2030" project similar to that which Steyning did. Churt has the opportunity to engage with this project or to propose a different project.

A couple of things in relation to active travel also came out of the Interparish meeting. Wonersh mentioned that they had met with Thomas Lankester from Waverley to collect local data and develop active travel across the Borough and followed up the meeting with an introductory email to Thomas in case other parishes wanted to add data. Witley sent an email pointing out that one of their councillors attends Waverley Cycle Forum which is a group that links cyclists to Surrey CC. There is a website which has an

interesting (albeit slightly out of date) map showing cycle routes being worked on or proposed.

Surrey Hills Symposium on Climate and Biodiversity:

MJ will attend virtually on 24/11.

Old Kiln Close road sign:

This has now been repaired by Waverley Technical Services.

Communications:

Churt News in Nature for November has been published on both Churt PC websites and on the Facebook page. Several other updates have been carried out to the website, including the addition of a Projects zone. An article has been submitted for publication in Churt magazine's December edition which goes out free to all households.

21/112.1.2 Village centre portfolio (RR)

Developers of Jacobson House at the top of Barford Lane have been hosing lots of water along the Lane, plus their heavy lorries could cause damage to the road surface. Clerk to report to SCC Highways Dept.

21/112.1.3 Crime and Disorder (DR)

Nothing to report.

21/112.2 Roads and Transport

21/112.2.1 Jumps Road Parking and Sculpture Park

Cllr Law provided a report which stated that local residents have submitted a paper to Surrey Highways supporting the proposed new yellow lines but mentioning the parking situation in general needs to be resolved. The proposal has now gone out for consultation for 28 days from 28 November.

SP planning enforcement appeal scheduled for Nov 23-26. Resident group's barrister briefing the witnesses.

21/112.2.2 Cycling and pedestrian matters (LM)

Nothing to report.

21/113 Financial Matters

21/113.1 Payments for authorisation - November 2021

Nov accounts **Proposed** by Cllr Johnson , **Seconded** by Cllr Burch and **Agreed** by all.
Appendix 2 - Payments for November 2021 - circulated

21/113.2 Budget Update and Income report - November 2021

Noted and agreed.

Appendix 3 - Expenditure v Budget - circulated

21/113.3 Individual monthly costs exceeding £500 for November 2021

3/11/2021 Dawn Barrow - £1243.99 - Clerk's salary October

21/113.4 Adoption of Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, Risk Assessments and Statement of Internal Control for November 2021-22

These were all sent to the Council for consideration before the meeting. **Proposed** by Cllr Rowe, **Seconded** by Cllr Burch and **agreed** by all.

21/114 -To note and comment on current planning applications (LM)

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Martin.

Borrow House, Jumps Rd - Certificate of lawfulness under S192 for alterations to elevations and fenestrations and creation of new dormer windows, no neighbour comments. Neither support nor object.

Lands at Diane's Meadow, Old Barn Lane - 3 parcels of land, erection of stable block adjoining existing field shelter. Can find nothing on WBC portal. Have asked WBC to send info direct.

21/115 Pond Lane (MJ/SS)

See Minutes above. Nothing further from the Land Registry since June.

21/116 Increased aircraft noise from Farnborough.

See earlier notes.

Other matters

Cllr Burch asked for village hall access from 9.30am on Sat Dec 11th for village cheer event and asked that the heating is turned on in advance.

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 8.34pm . There then followed a 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 15 December 2021 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.**