

Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the Annual meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 18 May 2022 at 7.30 pm.

Present

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

Surrey County Council: 1 - Cllr Harmer
Waverley Borough Council: 0
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public: 3 (Ben Platfoot, Stephen Morgan, Richard Bourne)

22/37 Acting Chairman's welcome

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

Ben Platfoot would like to sell coffee from a van outside the church and pavilion during the football season. He needs agreement from the parish council as it is our land. He will use sustainable ingredients, will not be selling hot food but may require power. Agreed he will put his proposal in writing to the Clerk.

Stephen Morgan put his planning application in ref Lerryn in January. This relates to an annexe for his son who has special needs. The application was rejected by WBC. Stephen's architect has advised he can appeal but this may take 3 months. He is concerned as to how WBC came to object. The footprint of the property does not change although there may be a visual impact for the houses in Redhearn Fields which belong to WBC. There is a beech hedge which does however mask the extension.

Cllr Harmer stated that to go to committee he needs the support of 2 WBC councillors.

Stephen to contact Julia Potts and David Munro(WBC).

Richard Bourne advised that SCC are inviting comments about the parking issues surrounding the Sculpture Park until 9 June.

Next committee meeting will be on 8 July re publishing notices relating to proposed yellow lines.

Cllr Harmer asked us to consider what the PC position would be if we had to light any areas of road reduced to 20MPH.

His Member's Allocation pot is now open, totalling £5000. 50/50 funding for capital items.

Highways - powers are moving to local County Councils. Enforcement could be an issue going forward, currently any issues relating to moving vehicles are brought to the notice of the Sec of State.

22/38 Election of Chairman and Signing of Acceptance of Office forms.

Cllr Martin advised she was happy to stay on as Chairman for another year but will need to offload some of her portfolios. Cllr Burch said she would take over as chair of planning subcommittee.

Proposed by Cllr Burch, **Seconded** by Cllr Raeside and **agreed** by all.

22/39 Election of Vice Chairman and Councillors and Signing of Acceptance of Office forms.

Cllr Shorthose was **proposed as Vice Chairman** by Cllr Raeside, **seconded** by Cllr Burch and **agreed** by all.

All other Councillors were happy to remain in post.

It was noted that Cllr Petty has resigned after many years invaluable service to the PC.

Clerk to put up co-option notices.

22/40 Apologies for absence

Apologies were given from Cllrs Law (CPC), Munro and Potts (WBC)

22/41 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

None

22/42 Minutes of the meeting of 16 March 2022

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2022 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Johnson, **seconded** by Cllr Shorthose.

22/43 Portfolio and sub-committee responsibilities.

Cllr Johnson - Chair of CHEWG, playground inspection, Wicket Wood

Cllr Burch - Chair of Rec Ground committee, chair of planning sub-committee, finance

Cllr Shorthose - Vice Chair, finance, playground, user group liaison

Cllr Martin - Chair, planning sub-committee, roads and transport, finance

Cllr Rowe - village centre, planning, finance, emergency plan

Cllr Raeside - crime and disorder, Redhearn Green, emergency plan, rec ground

Cllr Spence - CHEWG, Wicket Wood

Cllr Law - roads and transport, parking issues, legal advice.

We need someone to head up IT issues.

Clerk to set up Cllr Shorthose as a further bank signatory

22/44 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) Grasstex have laid additional grass 'protecta' on Redhearn Green
- 2) Bat boxes, owl boxes, benches and fittings ordered and installed in Wicket Wood
- 3) All costings provided to WBC for Welcome Back Fund reimbursement
- 4) Nomination submitted to NALC for posthumous Star Council Award for David Crossley.
- 5) Precept received in sum of £52915.00
- 6) Audit completion due May 25 to be signed off at June's meeting

22/45.1 Community and Environment

22/45.1.1 Report from Environment Working Group (MJ)

All items installed in Wicket Wood. Earth Day 2022 to be reported on website. Children at the school have been learning about water conservation. Cubs have helped to clear some holly and bracken in Wicket Wood.

Cllrs Johnson and Spence attended the inter parish meeting. Suggestion is to ask '20 is Plenty' expert Alastair Bayliss to speak at their next meeting.

22/45.1.2 Village centre portfolio (RR)

Nothing to report.

22/45.1.3 Crime and Disorder (DR)

Nothing to report.

22/45.2 Roads and Transport

22/45.2.1 Jumps Road Parking and Sculpture Park

Nothing to report, further to noting the date of June 9 to submit comments re parking issues.

22/45.2.2 Cycling and pedestrian matters (LM)

Cllr Martin has circulated a presentation about long term cycling routes, should funding arise. 2 routes 1) A3100 and 2) NE side of A287 to allow a route from Haslemere to Farnham without criss-crossing the A287.

22/45.2.3 '20 is Plenty' - (MJ)

Cllr Johnson attended a presentation regarding the above campaign. Enlisting support from town and parish councils to change Surrey's policy. Enthusiasm from other local parishes. The feeling is that Surrey is an outlier compared to the rest of the country on their road speed policies. Keen to get public engagement. Any 1MPH reduction in speed leads to a 6% reduction in accidents. Further discussion required as to whether it is appropriate to pass a motion for Churt suggesting reducing the speed through the village centre to 20MPH. Should the lanes then be reduced to 30MPH?

Cllr Spence commented that under current SCC policies it would be incredibly costly to put in traffic calming measures. SCC only look at lengths of road of 600m plus.

22/46 Financial Matters

22/46.1 Payments for authorisation - Mar and April 2022

Mar and April accounts **Proposed** by Cllr Burch , **Seconded** by Cllr Shorthose and **Agreed** by all.

Appendix 2 - Payments for Mar and April 2022 - circulated

22/46.2 Budget Update and Income report - Mar and April 2022

Noted and agreed.

Appendix 3 - Expenditure v Budget - circulated

22/46.3 Individual monthly costs exceeding £500 for Mar and April 2022

4/3/22 - £2675.76 - Clerk's pension Jun-Dec 2021

4/3/22 - £1243.99 - Clerk's salary Feb

23/3/22 - £1243.79 - Clerk's salary March

8/4/22 - £2106.96 - Grasstex - grass protecta Redhearn Green

14/4/22 - £1123.17 - Clerk's pension Jan-Mar 2022

27/4/22 - £1237.94 - Clerk's salary April

22/46.4 Authorisation to transfer £8000 of precept from Lloyds bank to CAF (RGT) bank

Proposed by Cllr Burch, **seconded** by Cllr Shorthose, **agreed** by all

22/47.1 -To note and comment on current planning applications (LM)

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Martin.

WA/2022/01026 Merlins, Hale House Lane - Single and double storey side extension following demolition of existing garage. Neither support nor object

WA/2022/01033 - Mereway, Crossways, proposing 2 new buildings in the garden following demolition of shed and greenhouse, one a home office, the other a utility room/garage. No neighbour objections, neither support nor object on planning grounds but add a caveat it cannot be used for habitable space.

WA/2022/01004 1-5 Quinnettes, construction of 6 new dwellings after demolition of 5 existing to provide more modern, sustainable accommodation. No increase in car park provision. Neither support nor object.

WA/2022/00321 Lerryn, Redhearn Fields, Applicant attended the meeting, see previous Minute 22/37, we see no reason to object and support the application to go to Waverley Planning committee.

WA/2022/01302 Land along Bacon Lane, application for erection of lean-to extension for ancillary storage. Neither support nor object.

22/48 Mobile coffee van on Redhearn Green/Rec.

See earlier Minute 22/37

22/49 Plans for Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June.

Clerk updated all. Jubilee Party in the Park to take place on the Rec Ground 1.30pm onwards on Fri June 3. Reasonable costs to be underwritten from legacy gift.

22/50 Ukrainian guests in Churt

Small problem getting visas, Jeremy Hunt very helpful. 9 families in Churt, conversational English lessons in Churt Club, pavilion available if they want it for social events etc.

22/51 Annual Assembly

Successful but long evening, suggestion is to start 30 minutes earlier next year, Clerk to book village hall.

Other matters

Clerk and Cllr Johnson to liaise with Adrian Waller about possibility of setting up an online village diary.

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.20pm . There then followed a meeting of the Churt Recreation Ground Trust (See separate Minutes).

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Signed:

Date:

Chairman

The next annual meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Churt Recreation Ground Trust will be held on **Wednesday 15 June 2022 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.**