

## Churt Parish Council

*Clerk to the Council*

Mrs Dawn Barrow

### Minutes of the annual meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 7.30 pm.

#### **Present**

Churt Councillors: Lisa Martin, Myra Johnson, Sally Shorthose, Stephen Wright

Surrey County Council: 1 (David Harmer - part)

Waverley Borough Council: 1 (David Munro - part)

Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow

Members of the Public: 2- Richard Nobbs, Richard Bourne

#### **23/47 Welcome and presentation to Eunice Burch**

Cllr Martin welcomed all to the meeting and presented Eunice Burch with a Francis Frith print in recognition of the many years of invaluable service she has given to the Parish Council.

Cllr Martin invited the guests to speak.

Cllr Munro said there has been a shake-up of the planning committees, with 2 now covering the whole of Waverley. Ward councillors on the planning committee will not be allowed to vote on applications in their ward.

Michael Gove has written to WBC. Planning stats have now improved but there is still a skills shortage. A new head of planning has now been appointed.

In the recent elections David Munro and James Staunton were elected as our borough councillors, they wish to implement a flexible and informal approach.

Cllr Johnson asked about dog permits at Frensham Little Pond where dogs entering the water is commonplace despite being restricted. There are notices up but not greatly in evidence.

Additionally visitors can only pay for parking at the Little Pond by way of a parking app although the Great Pond does accept credit cards.

Cllr Harmer confirmed that Thursley is now part of the Western Commons Ward.

He has had a conversation with the Honda Garage about narrowing their entrance. He is chasing for the pot holes at the junction of Jumps Road to be mended.

Steve Lindsey-Clark has been promoted so sadly is no longer overseeing Churt.

Cllr Johnson asked about the replacement of the footbridge on Barford Lane?

SCC has taken back maintenance of the verges. Will they implement 'No Mow May'?

Clerk to drop David Harmer a note about the speed counter along Green Lane.

Richard Nobbs confirmed that the PIR closed at the end of March, the airport reviewed all submissions by 15 May and have produced a 50 page report and 5 annexes. Stakeholders now have a further 42 day window to submit complaints.

He is having a meeting with Farnborough Airport next week and he will produce a comments template. David Munro is hoping to be re-elected to the WBC Consultative Committee for Farnborough.

**Cllrs Harmer and Munro left the meeting.**

#### **23/48 Election of Chairman and signing of Acceptance of Office forms**

Cllr Johnson **proposed** Cllr Martin remain as Chairman, **seconded** by Stephen Wright and **agreed** by all.

#### **23/49 Election of Vice Chairman and signing of Acceptance of Office forms**

Cllr Martin **proposed** Cllr Shorthose remain as vice chairman, **seconded** by Cllr Johnson and **agreed** by all.

#### **23/50 Councillor training and post-election protocol**

Cllr Wright said he would like to attend a new councillors course. Clerk to sort.

**No councillors had any election costs.**

#### **23/51 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were given from Cllrs Law, Raeside, Spence and Morgan. Cllr Rowe will be co-opted back onto the Council at June's meeting.

#### **23/52 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests**

None, pecuniary interest forms to follow.

#### **23/53 Portfolio responsibilities and sub committees.**

Portfolios to remain as before. Cllr Wright to decide where he could be most useful.

#### **23/54 Minutes of the meeting of 12 April 2023**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2023 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Shorthose, **seconded** by Cllr Johnson.

#### **23/55 Report of the Clerk to the Council**

- 1) Bunting purchased and put up for Coronation
- 2) A287 has been resurfaced between Pond Lane and Jumps Road
- 3) Application to be made for 2 x honours boards for pavilion
- 4) CIL in the sum of £8.16 received in relation to redevelopment of Green Cross Farm!!!
- 5) Plaque ordered for Coronation tree, Cllr Johnson to install.

#### **23/56 Report from the Environment Committee (JS)**

Report written by Cllr Spence but presented by Cllr Johnson.

#### **Earth Day**

MJ updated the website to promote Earth Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> April

#### **Spring edition of Churt News**

MJ has posted the quarterly news - some lovely pictures!

#### **Farnborough Airport**

FAL will be submitting the post implementation review (PIR) on 15th May.

The CAA will then confirm the date in which the feedback window will open, and FAL will update their website and the FACC (Farnborough Airport Consultative Committee) website to reflect this information. They will also be providing a link directly to the [CAA portal](#) where stakeholders and public can input their comments.

Once published this will provide an opportunity and means for comments on the PIR report.

#### **Inter-Parish Climate Change Group**

Met on 18<sup>th</sup> April in Wonersh. MJ and JS represented Churt.

Wide concern in some parishes that trees were being cut down prior to planning applications. Andrew Shutes of Womersley to draft a joint letter to WBC.

Also concern that the SPD responses were being abused and not properly interrogated by planning officers.

Discussed transfer of verge cutting from WBC to SCC. SCC developing a low herbicide policy. Nora Stewart (SCC officer) observed Waverley pesticide policy was not very effective. All agreed to monitor performance

Presentation from Plantlife on how best to manage Green spaces and Road Verges. They favour twice a year cuts in April and August as too frequent cutting interrupts wild life and too infrequent allows certain species to overrun.

### **Sewage Incident**

JS has written to Thames Water to ask for a protocol for advising parish councils when incidents such as the one at Barford Lane at the end of March occur. No response to date.

### **Water Quality Testing**

We are looking to see if there is interest in Churt groups engaging with the River Wey Trust on riverfly monitoring and chemical testing on the various feeder streams running through the parish. MJ has been talking to the WI. Julia Deacon spearheading.

### **Surrey Hills AONB Extension**

Reminder that the consultation period closes on 13th June.

#### **23/56.1 Village centre**

Nothing further to report.

#### **23/56.2 Roads and Transport (LM)**

Nothing to report.

#### **23/56.3 Crime and Disorder**

Nothing to report

#### **23/57 Financial Matters**

##### **23/57.1 Payments for authorisation - April 2023**

April's accounts were **proposed** by Cllr Shorthose, **Seconded** by Cllr Johnson and **agreed** by all

##### **23/57.2 Budget Update and Income report - April 2023**

Noted

##### **23/57.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500**

13 April 2023 - £8000, transfer to RGT account

13 April 2023 - £1324.07, Dawn Barrow, March salary

13 April 2023 - £982.77, HMRC, employer tax and NI

24 April 2023 - £930.00, St John's School, transfer of SCC grant incorrectly paid into CPC account

**23/58.1 -To note and comment on current planning applications  
Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Shorthose.**

**WA/2023/01026 Coach House, Churt Rd,** conversion of garage to living accommodation, CPC would not want this to be sold as a separate entity in the future or used as a commercial venture.

**WA/2023/00850 Sundial House, Jumps Road,** Application to demolish house and replace with a more eco-friendly house, comments in by 10 June. No statutory consultation, a number of environmental and wildlife concerns. Stables now used as a school, do they have PP for this? Increased traffic and cars parked there as a result. Cllr Shorthose to propose a response.

**23/59 update on the future of the pre-school in Churt (SS)**

Couple are on board to run Dottie Tots from the village hall, some matters still to be finalised.

**23/60 Fete**

James Newman has asked for help with parking on the day. Cllr Raeside to assist?

Also requires storage for about 20 gazebos. Put out call for help in the newsletter. Also proposed that going forward there should be a representative from the CPC on the fete committee.

**Other matters**

The 'Copters and Cars event at Rotherwood caused upset. It was a charity event to raise funds for a mental health charity. CAA guidelines are that helicopters should not fly below 1000 feet over houses. Cllrs Shorthose and Johnson to find out other guidelines. Clerk to draft a letter to be sent to Robert Lewis asking for forward notice of upcoming events.

Cllr Johnson reported on the excellent OFSTED and SIAMS inspection reports for St John's School. CPC to send a letter of congratulations.

School bin is often left in the middle of Barford Lane after emptying, Clerk to advise WBC of this.

Viv Raeside has suggested an addition to the website of volunteering opportunities in and around Churt.

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.05pm . 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 21 June 2023 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.****