

Churt Parish Council  
Clerk to the Council  
Mrs Dawn Barrow

**Minutes of the 'virtual' meeting of Churt Parish Council  
held on Wednesday 16 September 2020  
at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present**

Churt Councillors: David Crossley (Chair), Robert Cordell, Lisa Martin, Myra Johnson, Dominic Raeside, Eunice Burch, Katy Law, Roger Rowe

Surrey County Council: Cllr Harmer

Waverley Borough Council: 0

Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow

Members of the Public: 2 (Leslie Sharp and Richard Bourne)

**20/71 Chairman's welcome**

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

Cllr Harmer spoke first as he needed to then join Frensham's virtual meeting.

SCC are planning on closing County Hall and moving to Reigate although most people still working from home. More meetings are now taking place by virtual means including the Western Villages meeting toward the end of the month. 2 elements of funding will be discussed at this meeting 1) capital for putting in new facilities and 2) maintenance projects.

Ref cycleways there is a plan to link Haslemere and Farnham using existing bridleways and footpaths. Also to link Elstead and Witley to facilitate children cycling to Rodborough School. Cllr Johnson asked what would happen to surface of the ground eg deep sand near Frensham Pond not suitable for bikes. There is a mismatch between the surface required for horses and that for bikes. DH - some areas will be resurfaced.

Cllr Martin and Cllr Harmer spoke 3 weeks ago and have also contacted the Clerk at Frensham to provide a joined up approach.

Cllr Law said many Local Authorities were implementing this sort of scheme. Cllr Cordell mentioned that a number of bridleways were substandard. Cllr Crossley will put a request in his monthly newsletter for any ideas from the public regarding this matter.

Cllr Crossley also thanked Cllr Harmer for his kind grant of £400 from his Member's Allocation Fund towards the cedar bench carving.

Cllr Johnson asked for more information about the capital projects fund in relation to the scout hut roof.

**Cllr Harmer left the meeting.**

Cllr Crossley invited Leslie Sharp to speak about planning applications for Furze Hill Farm and Stud. LS stated 10-11 residents wish to voice their concerns as there are a number of issues that make people suspicious.

- 1) Initial planning application listed as Furze Hill, Symondstone Lane as opposed to Furze Hill Farm and Stud, Star Hill.
- 2) Local residents were not notified about the application by the planning authority
- 3) No notices were displayed.

General feeling is that this is a brown field site with old barns and stables. The planning application relates to development of the menage with a 20-25% overage clause. The developer who bought the site is part of ME Developers and Seymours estate agents and they have intimidated verbally that the eventual planning application will be for 3-4 properties.

The local residents would like Churt PC and WBC to include in the planning permission provisions to minimise development.

Leslie Sharp has provided Cllr Martin with his suggested wording.

Cllr Martin has spoken to WBC and they confirmed that they can only consider the application in hand.

Originally just one acre plus the owner's property was sold off, leaving a remaining 4 acres which is small for agricultural use but has latterly been used for equestrian purposes.

Cllr Law asked for some clarification regarding the overage clause. This was included in the estate agents' particulars to encourage the land to be developed and the developer will pay the original owner if they achieve an enhanced value.

Cllr Crossley invited Richard Bourne to speak.

He provided an update on the Sculpture Park with reference to the perceived unlawful use and the hardstanding. WBC has given a steer regarding the planning problems but have done little to help alleviate the parking issues.

Cllr Crossley suggested Richard Bourne continues to include Jeremy Hunt and County Hall in his discussions/correspondance .

**Richard Bourne left the meeting.**

#### **20/72 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were given and **ACCEPTED** from Cllrs Petty (CPC) and Potts (WBC).

#### **20/73 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests**

None

#### **20/74 Minutes of the virtual meeting of 15 July and the EM of 19 August 2020**

The Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 15 July 2020 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Martin, **seconded** by Cllr Cordell.

The Minutes of the EM held on 19 August 2020 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Rowe and **Seconded** by Cllr Johnson.

#### **20/75 Report of the Clerk to the Council**

- 1) 1st Call Trees commenced tree works early Sept
- 2) AGAR submitted to external auditor 26 Aug 2020
- 3) 'Exercise of Public Rights' notices put up on notice boards and website Aug 22
- 4) Cllr Johnson to attend online conference for Surrey Climate Action Day on Sept 30<sup>th</sup>
- 5) James Martin has completed 6 months of litter picks for his school silver DofE award
- 6) Works to memorial column and piers carried out late August

#### **20/76.1 Community and Environment**

##### **20/76.1.1 Report from Environment Working Group (MJ)**

Cllr Johnson to attend the online climate conference on 30 Sept.

##### **20/76.1.2 Village centre portfolio (RC)**

Shopkeepers all happy.

There is a sign obscured by vegetation as you approach Old Kiln Lane, Clerk to ask George Woods to clear but may be too difficult as adjacent to A287.

### **20/76.1.3 Crime and Disorder (RC)**

There have been changes to the Waverley Policing team.

Vandals have broken a window at the scout hut, important to report all these crimes.

### **20/76.2 Roads and Transport**

#### **20/76.2.1 Jumps Road Parking (DC)**

See earlier comments.

#### **20/76.2.2 Cycling and pedestrian matters (LM)**

See earlier re: Cllr Harmer's comments.

Cllr Martin has attended the Waverley Cycle Forum, emphasis on utility cycling. Important to work in tandem with Frensham.

#### **20/76.2.3 Speeding in the village (DC)**

Cllr Crossley has received an email from a concerned resident regarding speeding through the village. As discussed previously and advised by Cllr Harmer it is difficult to impose new restrictions on an A road. Safer Camera Partnership will put the speed van outside Quinnettes more frequently.

### **20/77 Financial Matters**

#### **20/77.1 Payments for authorisation - July and Aug 2020**

Cllr Crossley updated all on the Clerk's pension scheme and back payments.

July accounts **Proposed** by Cllr Martin , **seconded** by Cllr Cordell and **AGREED** by all.

August accounts **proposed** by Cllr Johnson, **seconded** by Cllr Cordell and **agreed** by all.

Appendix 2 - Payments for July and Aug 2020 - circulated

#### **20/77.2 Budget Update and Income report - July and Aug 2020**

Noted. Cllr Crossley **proposed** we transfer a further £5000 from the Churt PC Lloyds account to the RGT account , **seconded** by Cllr Rowe and **agreed** by all.

Appendix 3 - Expenditure v Budget - circulated

#### **20/77.3 Adoption of Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, Risk Assessments and Statement of Internal Control for 2020-21**

**Proposed** by Cllr Cordell, **seconded** by Cllr Johnson and **agreed** by all.

#### **20/77.4 3 year LTA for insurance Sept 2020 onwards at £1883.83pa**

**Proposed** by Cllr Martin, **seconded** by Cllr Rowe and **agreed** by all

### **20/78.1 -To note and comment on current planning applications (LM)**

Report circulated in advance of meeting.

**NMA/2020/0120 Old Kiln Farm, Jumps Road, Churt** - relates to change of roofing material, no comment.

**Furze Hill Farm, Star Hill, Churt**

Churt PC understands the concerns of the residents regarding a possible phase 2 of the planning application process. Cllr Cordell believes there is an agricultural restriction on the cottage where the original owners lived.

Cllr Martin to compose a suitable response to WBC on the basis of 1 dwelling only on the site. Will also check EHDC planning portal re Furze Hill address in Symondstone Lane.

A local resident has voiced concerns over the road access at the proposed development at Crossways Close and has been referred to the WBC planning portal.

**20/79 Churt Community Support Group (MJ)**

CCSG now on a footing where there are 4 duty officers. The parish phone moves between them. People can phone in and get a response within 24 hours. Amended procedures on the website. New dedicated phone number has been advertised online, FB page, Jeremy Hunt, WBC.

**20/80 War Memorial and Piers**

We have a 50% grant from WMT. We were displeased with original repointing but the War Memorial Restoration Company came back and have made good.

**Other matters**

There being no other business the virtual meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.10pm. There then followed a virtual meeting of the Churt Recreation Ground Trust (See separate Minutes).

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Signed:

Date:

Chairman

**The next 'virtual' meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Churt Recreation Ground Trust will be held on **Wednesday 21 October at 7.30pm. Agenda and access codes to follow.****