

Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council

Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 15 February 2023 at 7.30 pm.

Present

Churt Councillors: Lisa Martin (Chair), Myra Johnson, Sally Shorthose, Roger Rowe,
Julian Spence, Stephen Morgan

Surrey County Council: 1 (David Harmer)
Waverley Borough Council: 1 (David Munro - part)
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public: 0

23/13 Chairman's welcome

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

Cllr Munro confirmed that WBC will put 3% on their Council tax plus they will benefit from an additional £1million from Central Government for a year. Other fees and charges will go up by inflation, (c10%) and car park charges will rise on a case by case basis.

WBC are now emptying the dog poo bins around the Rec. Ground.

Seminar held at Guildford Fire Station, hosted by SCC following the heathland fires of last summer. Both Police and Fire and Rescue Services attended. Underlines the importance of having an Emergency Plan. Crucial that informal networks of communication are maintained. It was confirmed that the MoD are not meant to use any pyrotechnics when fire warnings are in place.

Public Space Protection Review with reference to Frensham Great Pond, 1) relating to dog control and 2) relating to dog exclusion. Can this be extended to the Little Pond?

Meeting previous Thursday regarding Farnborough Airport. Colin Shearn (Farnborough Noise) quite vocal on behalf of local residents. Unlikely to achieve anything through FACC, as it is really just a consultative forum and has no statutory powers. How do they engage with PIR? Churt's issue relates mainly to noise. Comments regarding the change in airspace must be submitted by 31st March and the public as well as any organisation can comment. It will then be at least a month before the data that has been collected will be made available, after which there will be a 28 day window (likely to be at the beginning of May) when anyone can comment on it. It is important that people's perception of noise pollution is backed up by data.

Meeting to take place with Jeremy Hunt and Farnborough Noise on 17 March. CAA can make recommendations to Ministers.

WBC say they have inspected the Sculpture Park from an Enforcement Notice point of view but Jumps Road residents are contesting this.

Cllr Munro left the meeting.

Cllr Harmer confirmed that historically the Western Villages have used all the Member's Community Allocation monies but this year there is still some left. Cllr Shorthose suggested we look into buying 2 honours boards for the pavilion.

Cllr Harmer will speak to the portfolio holder for roads to see what monies are left in that pot. Some monies for roads can roll over into next year's budget. He will report back regarding the narrowing of the Honda garage entrance and the replacement of the broken bollard by the zebra crossing.

Inspections have been happening infrequently regarding potholes. Once they are inspected they are mended by sub-contractors on a colour coded basis. There is criticism that the works aren't inspected afterwards and that all adjacent potholes should be dealt with at the same time.

23/14 Apologies for absence

Apologies were given from Cllrs Law, Burch and Raeside (CPC) and Cllr Potts (WBC)
Cllr Burch had previously sent in a letter of resignation. Cllr Martin thanked her for her invaluable input and diligence over the years she was a councillor. She will be much missed.

23/15 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

None

23/16 Minutes of the meeting of 18 January 2023

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2023 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Johnson, **seconded** by Cllr Spence.

23/17 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) **Tree ordered and planted on Redhearn Green**
- 2) **Clerk contacted Steve Lindsey-Clerk re bollard replacement adjacent to zebra crossing**
- 3) **4 recipients notified re Freedom of the Parish awards**
- 4) **Replacement sets of Xmas lights ordered through original supplier**

23/18.1 Community and Environment

23/18.1.1 Report from the Environment Committee (JS)

Tree works completed at Wicket Wood at a cost of £1500, which leaves £300 out of the original budget. Cllr Spence asked if these monies could be used for bracken spraying. **Proposed** by Cllr Johnson, **seconded** by Cllr Spence and **agreed** by all. It was noted that we will need to use a registered sprayer.

Geoff Wood-Hill helped to take down the signage regarding the tree felling.

Lots of litter and dog poo bags were noted along Pond Lane.

Cllr Spence thanked Cllr Johnson, Brian Johnson and Bart Davis for all their help planting the coronation tree on Redhearn Green. A plaque will be ordered closer to the coronation.

Thursley hosted the inter parish meeting, discussions regarding the wish to see climate actions and sustainability in planning applications. WBC should be asked how parishes should use the Climate SBD now it has been adopted.

No Community Infrastructure Levy applicable for Churt currently.

National England are proposing an extension to AONB's. Cllr Spence will attend the forum.

23/18.1.2 Village centre (RR)

Some but not all potholes filled in along Barford Lane. Cars were parked where some of the potholes are.

Weeds need spraying adjacent to tennis courts. Clerk to ask George Woods to facilitate.

23/18.2 Roads and Transport (LM)

Stagecoach implementing a flat rate £2 bus fare.

23/19 Financial Matters

23/19.1 Payments for authorisation - January 2023

January's accounts were **proposed** by Cllr Rowe, **Seconded** by Cllr Spence and **agreed** by all

23/19.2 Budget Update and Income report - January 2023

Noted

23/19.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500

20 Jan 2023 - HMRC- £1000.85 - Employer's tax and NI

20 Jan 2023 - RGT - £2000 - transfer to RGT account

27 Jan 2023 - Dawn Barrow - £1324.07 - Clerk's Jan salary

23/20.1 -To note and comment on current planning applications (MJ)

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Johnson.

- 1) Bottom Barn, Green Cross Farm, WBC consent stipulated that the vets room could only be used by Green Cross Farm. No neighbour comments, application in joint names. Neither support nor object.
- 2) Gatesbury, Hale House Lane - corner of The Meadows. Had approval for extension. Variation to Certificate of Lawfulness to allow a smooth render. Many mature trees have been cut down. Could this be ground preparation for a tennis court? Case officer will ask home owner his intentions. Neither support nor object.
- 3) Glenmore House, Kitts Lane - looking to extend the house by 25%, no previous extensions. A second application is expected to demolish and replace single storey stables and garage. Responses due in to WBC by 9 March.

23/21 Updated emergency plan (JS)

Plan now with Anthony James at WBC for review. Should we set up additional Whatsapp groups in relation to the emergency plan?

23/22 The future of the pre-school in Churt

Initial lady who was interested has now gone a bit cold. Beacon Hill are also proposing to set up a nursery school which is going to consultation.

23/23 Councillors' email addresses and IT matters (SM)

Cllr Morgan has now set up a number of Churt.org email addresses for councillors.

Other matters

Looking to co-opt a further Councillor before the purdah period beginning 23 March (pre elections on 4 May)

Cllr Shorthose asked if Frensham PC could write a statement confirming Pond Lane is no longer theirs.

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.10pm . 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 15 March 2023 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.**