

Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 23 November 2022 at 7.30 pm.

Present

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

Surrey County Council: 1 (David Harmer)

Waverley Borough Council: 0

Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow

Members of the Public: 0

22/95 Chairman's welcome

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

Cllr Harmer has had a meeting with SCC Highways regarding the A287 from Jumps Road towards Pond Lane. Cyclists now unable to use it in part and riding on the pavement. SCC have confirmed it should be the top priority for the Western Villages plus the matter has been dragging on since 2015.

Objective of the leadership is to make specific councillors responsible for expenditure within their divisions. Will get a quote for the resurfacing works, will probably need to be done in 2 halves to facilitate traffic management.

There has been a debate at County Hall as to what to do with Council Tax, no referendum as long as it doesn't increase by more than 3%.

Big problem with roads caused by the weather County wide. Unable to put down yellow lines due to excess leaves and wet roads.

Steve Lindsey-Clark returning to the Western Villages and Stewart Copping (drains) is delaying his retirement.

SCC will replace rotten post next to zebra crossing.

22/96 Apologies for absence

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

22/97 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

None

22/98 Minutes of the meeting of 19 October 2022

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2022 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Johnson, **seconded** by Cllr Spence.

22/99 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) Village litter pick took place on Sun Oct 23. Should it be brought forward to Sept next year ahead of leaf fall?
- 2) Highways works given to Frensham Clerk prior to meeting of Western Villages
- 3) Interim audit took place on Nov 10th
- 4) Churt PC email account hacked 14 Nov
- 5) Budget meeting to take place early Dec, Cllr Spence to stand in for Cllr Law.

22/100.1 Community and Environment

22/100.1.1 Report from the Environment Committee (JS)

Churt hosted the inter parish environment group earlier in November, 7 parishes, 11 people.

More parishes are now passing motions supporting 20MPH zones and feel there is more sympathy now towards this on the part of SCC.

Discussed electric vehicle charging points.

Re 2030 vision surveys, Thursley is the most advanced locally and will share their report.

Most parishes have been planting trees for the Queen's Green Canopy initiative.

Royal Meteorological Society are holding climate change seminars online, Cllrs Spence, Johnson and Morgan already registered.

External contracts for maintaining verges have now ended. Cllr Harmer stated SCC feels they can exercise more control if kept inhouse. Churt to monitor state of its roadside verges.

Report now received from Jon Stringer re Wicket Wood, he has identified 21 trees which require attention of which 12 will need professional work, especially regarding one

decaying oak overhanging Pond Lane. His quote to do all the works is £1500, Cllr Spence has requested a breakdown of the costs as he suspects a large element of the cost will relate to the one oak. 5 large pines will also need professional work but he feels the quote is reasonable.

Our management plan for the wood refers to the safety of footpaths and we need to look at ongoing costs and budget accordingly.

The timber will be left in situ to decay.

As we are now aware of the dangerous oak we need to act responsibly and not ignore it, especially as the recent dry weather has caused branches to suddenly fall.

Clerk to look into possible grant sources for upkeep of woodland areas.

Local residents reported a 4x4 driving around the wood, but this seems to have been a one off.

Cllr Shorthose will speak to Gillian Devine to try and source a copy of the Frensham Enclosures Act as requested by the Land Registry.

22/100.1.2 Village centre portfolio (RR)

Cllr Rowe reported a 6 inch deep pothole along Barford Lane, Clerk to report to SCC.

Clerk also to check WBC planning portal to see if there have been any applications to change Southdown House into an estate agents.

22/100.1.3 Crime and Disorder (DR)

Keyless entry car stolen from outside village hall, Police are aware.

22/100.2 Roads and Transport

22/100.2.1 Jumps Road Parking and Sculpture Park

Unaware as to whether Sculpture Park have rectified the works to the left of the SP entrance, in accordance with the enforcement notice to take effect mid November.

22/100.2.2 Cycling and pedestrian matters (LM)

Nothing to report.

22/101 Financial Matters

22/101.1 Payments for authorisation - October 2022

October's accounts were **proposed** by Cllr Shorthose, **Seconded** by Cllr Raeside and **agreed** by all

22/101.2 Budget Update and Income report - October 2022

Noted, budget meeting to be held in December in order to set next year's precept.

22/101.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500

Dawn Barrow - 3/10/2022 - £1316.84, Clerk's Sept salary

HMRC - 10/10/2022 - £1148.82, employer's tax and NIC

Dawn Barrow - 24/10/2022 - £1316.84, clerk's Oct salary

22/101.4 Potential Coronation projects 2023

Cllr Martin will ask for ideas in this month's newsletter. Clerk to speak to Fresh Air Fitness re outdoor gym equipment similar to that at Frensham.

22/102.1 -To note and comment on current planning applications

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Burch.

WA/2022/02647, Woodleigh, Old Kiln Lane, Churt

Application to add one bedroom, bathroom and boot room, no neighbour complaints.

Neither support nor object

WA/2022/02632, Tall Trees, Hale House Lane, Churt

Relates to hedge cutting. Neither support nor object

WA/2022/02707 Silverbeck, Jumps Road, Churt

Erection of 2 storey extension and alterations to drive. Very large property, application only 3.8% increase in floor space of original dwelling. Neither support nor object

WA/2022/02854 Smiles Cottage, Jumps Road, Churt

Certificate of Lawfulness for erection of single storey extension, not overlooked by neighbours, cannot be seen from road. Neither support nor object

Bacon Lane, Cllr Burch attended meeting at WBC, supported by Cllrs Potts and Munro. Application overturned following enforcement notice, multiple neighbour objections.

22/103 Adoption of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk Assessments

Wicket Wood added to risk assessment and financial risk assessment.

Proposed by Cllr Shorthose, **Seconded** by Cllr Spence and **agreed** by all

22/104 Updated emergency plan (JS)

Small working group has been put together. Will meet and report further at December's meeting

22/105 Councillors' Christmas meal

To take place on Monday Dec 12th at Bel and the Dragon, 10 attending.

22/106 Village Cheer

Clerk has sent out invites electronically and by post, including new residents at Lloyd George Gardens (part of Churt ecclesiastical parish) and the Ukrainian families.

22/107 Centenary Celebrations 2023

Gillian Devine to head up, PC will support

Other matters

Cllr Rowe will put up the Xmas lights.

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 8.55pm . 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 December 2022 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.