

Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council

Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 20 September 2023 at 7.30 pm.

Present

Churt Councillors: Lisa Martin, Julian Spence, Stephen Wright, Mike Shorthose, Myra Johnson, Stephen Morgan, Dominic Raeside, Pippa Harrison

Surrey County Council: 1 (David Harmer)
Waverley Borough Council: 1 (David Munro part)
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public: 4 (Richard Bourne, Richard Nobbs, Huw Radley, Geoff Pierson)

23/83 Welcome

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

Richard Nobbs provided an update on the consultation ref Farnborough. This takes place pre planning application to Rushmoor BC. They are proposing increasing the current limit on flights from 50,000 to 70,000. It currently stands at 32,000 with weekend flights increasing from 8,900 to 18,900 pa. Current operating hours are proposed to be extended to 7 am to 9 pm at weekends and holidays. Planning application proposed for November, then have a statutory 16 week consultation period, with a decision likely to be in March 2024.

Parish Council should submit a response (objection) as part of the consultation. Helpful also to copy in MP's and engage with SCC and WBC.

There are drop in consultation events taking place, including 21 Sept 4-8pm at Farnham Maltings.

Cllr Munro said the decision likely to be later than March 2024 as Rushmoor BC will initially refuse planning permission so the Sec of State will become involved and a final decision therefore likely to be 2026/7. WBC have already put in their submission in response to the consultation.

There are 2 glimmers of hope. Mobile noise measuring equipment has now been deployed and the FACC have agreed to appoint a noise sub group.

Cllr Spence said important to raise awareness so others in the village can object. It might be difficult to mobilise others.

Geoff Pierson stated that Farnborough have created a route focussed over Churt. This is causing environmental and pollution issues.

David Harmer said SCC were also objecting although much of the area affected lies outside Surrey's boundaries.

Cllr Spence will attend Haslemere's Parish meeting on 21 Sept.

Other matters - David Munro will chase WBC re the bus stop near Green Lane.

Residents near the Sculpture Park are concerned about enforcement of the new parking as they believe the extension of the yellow lines has made matters worse. David Harmer will speak to Jack Roberts. They will also form a JAG concerning the crossroads at the Bel and Dragon. Frensham PC will be kept advised.

J Spence is inviting Claire Upton Brown to next inter parish climate change/environment meeting, she is the new head of planning at WBC and a Churt resident.

WBC Environmental Health department were informed about the burning of tyres at Furze Hill Stud (as was), leading to toxic fumes.

David Harmer has received complaints from a resident at the top of Crosswater Lane about mud coming down onto the road surface. This is a D road and therefore not obligatory to be a hard surface. Would the PC consider it important enough to apply for it to become a hard surface? This needs to be reported via the Clerk to John Baker.

Cllr Johnson reported that the bridleway from Star Hill to Wicket Wood was also in a very poor state.

23/84 Apologies for absence

Apologies were given from Cllr S Shorthose and Cllr Staunton (WBC)

23/85 Co-option of Pippa Harrison as Councillor and agreement of portfolio responsibilities. Proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Spence and all in favour. Pippa will take on bridleways and assist with road safety and safety around the school.

23/86 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

Cllr Spence reminded the Parish Council that he sits on the WBC planning subcommittee and as such cannot comment on planning applications relating to Churt.

23/87 Minutes of the meeting of 19 July 2023

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2023 were **AGREED** by all. Proposed by Cllr Wright, seconded by Cllr Johnson.

23/88 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) 2 x honours boards ordered, to be delivered mid October
- 2) Repairs to flagstones around war memorial completed
- 3) Posthumous Freedom of the Parish for Tom Viveash sent to his widow.
- 4) Insurance renewal in sum of £2282.34 with Hiscox from 30 Sept 2023
- 5) Clerk to attend SALC AGM on 19 October

Cllr Munro left the meeting.

23/89 Report from the Environment Committee (JS)

A biodiversity improvement/ holly pulling evening was held with the cubs at Wicket Wood. Surrey Climate Commission, who previously have given us a grant, sent a representative.

Churt will host the next inter parish climate meeting on 8 November. Verges and roads among areas for discussion.

23/89.1 Village centre

Gigaclear are hoping to install their infrastructure using current BT cable ducts. A meeting will be scheduled for councillors to hear their plans.

Some of the potholes have been filled in along Green Lane and Green Cross Lane

23/89.2 Roads and Transport (LM)

WBC to follow up re bus stop near Green Lane, very untidy and poorly signed.

23/89.3 Crime and Disorder

Dumping of tyres at Churt and Thursley reported to Police. Hoping they will attend one of our parish meetings before year end.

23/90 Financial Matters

23/90.1 Payments for authorisation – July and Aug 2023

July and Aug's accounts were proposed by Cllr Wright, Seconded by Cllr Raeside and agreed by all

23/90.2 Budget Update and Income report – July and Aug 2023

Noted, plus Cllr Johnson **proposed** that we transfer £7000 to Churt RGT account, **seconded** by Cllr Raeside and **agreed** by all.

23/90.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500

10 July - £1021.77 HMRC - employer tax and NI

31 July - £2457.71 Dawn Barrow - July salary plus backdated uplift from April 2023

30 Aug - £1419.88 Dawn Barrow- Aug salary

23/90.4 Completion of external audit notice received, clean audit.

23/91.1 -To note and comment on current planning applications

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Johnson.

WA/2023/01683 Heatherling, Jumps Rd, Churt

Erection of extensions and alterations to dwelling following demolition of existing elements; alterations to detached garage to provide a pool room and gym.

No objections. The applicant offers to agree to a condition pertaining to biodiversity net gain and we would ask that if minded to approve, then Waverley should make approval subject to some biodiversity net gain. Report and recommendations made by Surrey Wildlife Trust and the response from Surrey Hills AONB noted and supported.

WA/2023/01695 Corries, Green Lane, Churt

Construction of a swimming pool and associated works

No grounds for objection. As located in the Surrey Hills AONB dark skies area in an area frequented by foraging bats, we would ask that there is a condition restricting any use of lights to be for safety purposes only. Suggested that pool cover should have high specification thermal retention in the interests of minimising energy loss and that some biodiversity net gain be requested to mitigate carbon emissions.

PRA/2023/01828 Millais Nurseries, Crosswater Lane, Churt

General permitted development order 2015 schedule 2 part 6 - prior notification application for erection of an agricultural building. No comments and no objection.

WA/2023/00142 Gatesbury, Hale House Lane, Churt

No change to previously submitted and reviewed planning application. Revision to title of application only.

23/92 Farnborough

See Minutes above. Councillor Spence to prepare Churt's response to the consultation.

23/93 Note - Dottie Tots will be using the pavilion for 9 Tuesdays between October 2023 and July 2024

23/94 Proposal by Boundary Commission to rename Waverley Western Villages.

Felt that the new proposed name of 'Frensham, Elstead and Hindhead' was misleading especially as the Eastern Villages still exists as a name. Clerk to write to Boundary Commission before 16 Oct deadline.

23/95 Local mobile phone signal (SM)

We have received a request from someone who lives in Rushmoor about putting up a mobile phone mast. Clerk has forwarded to Frensham clerk.

Churt has reasonable coverage with masts at Hammer Lane and near Frensham. Different providers can piggy back on the same mast. The masts themselves need an electricity supply and it is highly specialised to install one.

BT are retiring their old copper network which allowed landline phones to work even if there was a power cut.

Cllr Morgan will look into aspects of mobile phones, Gigaclear etc and will send a letter to the gentleman in Rushmoor.

Other matters

None

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.15pm . 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 18 October 2023 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.**