

Churt Parish Council Newsletter February 2019

I am pleased to announce that Katy Law was elected as a co-opted councillor at our meeting on 20th February 2019. Katy is a lawyer who works at Canary Warf and who brings a wealth of experience and anticipated energy to the council. She has recently been working closely with both Churt and Frensham Parish Councils over the sometimes chaotic parking situation in Jumps Road.

We now have a full complement of nine councillors, the first time for some years, and I am very excited about what the future holds.

Due to the recent resignation of Councillor Kevin Lower a vacancy existed for vice chairman. I am pleased to say that Councillor Adrian Waller was elected to that post.

We were informed on 20th February by East Hampshire District Council that the application for a Lawful Development Certificate, for the so called Frensham Court development at Symondstone Farm, for properties thereon to be classed as permanent or main residences was rejected. This is marvellous news as it would undoubtedly have opened the floodgates for a full scale development of the site for over 130 residences. The owners of the site, however, appear to be readying it for an open weekend for 23-24 February and the properties are being marketed on Rayale Frensham Court website as year round properties. It would seem, in addition, that no satisfactory provision has yet been made as regards to foul waste and sewage disposal. The Symondstone Community Action Group is currently assessing its next course of action.

You may have noticed a new footpath along the side of the recreation ground leading from the pavilion carpark through to the rear of the village hall and connecting to the footpath leading to Hale House Lane. We are delighted with it and also that it appears to be well used particularly by children from St John's school. We have deliberately left a small area of grass from the car park to the commencement of the footpath. This is to enable emergency vehicles access to the recreation ground should that ever be required.

I am very grateful to Churt Horticultural and Produce Society (CHAPS) who have kindly agreed to maintain planting and plant maintenance to our War Memorial on Redhearn Green. Thank you very much CHAPS for your community involvement.

David Crossley. Chairman

The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust will take place on Weds 20th March 2019 in the pavilion at 7.30pm