

**Churt Parish Council**  
*Clerk to the Council*  
Mrs Dawn Barrow

**Minutes of the 'virtual' meeting of Churt Parish Council  
held on Wednesday 17 February 2021  
at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present**

Churt Councillors: David Crossley (Chair), Myra Johnson, Dominic Raeside, Lisa Martin, Sally Shorthose, Roger Rowe, Eunice Burch

Surrey County Council: Cllr Harmer  
Waverley Borough Council: Cllr Potts  
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow  
Members of the Public: 1 (Richard Bourne)

**21/1 Chairman's welcome**

Cllr Crossley welcomed all to the meeting and invited Richard Bourne to speak.

RB mentioned he had received an email from Tom Viveash needing someone to take over his Neighbourhood Watch. RB will ask for remit of job and let Clerk know.

Cllr Harmer reported that the road at Beacon Hill is now being resurfaced. The timing of this has been brought forward to facilitate future works on the Tilford Road. Need to spend capital monies to fix the substructure. These works have been part of Project Horizon for the past 5 years but have only just got the go ahead. Still a few raised ironworks to be attended to. These repair works should last 20 years.

SCC have applied to be a front runner in a scheme to be introduced regarding lane rental. If a utility company closes one side of the road, they need to pay a rental. This should lead to faster, more efficient works by the utility companies and shorter lane closures. Fees will be used to fund monitoring of the works.

Council tax - central government gave powers for a 2.4% rise in council tax and councils with social care responsibility can ask for a further 3%.

SCC will take a  $\frac{1}{2}$ % slice of the 3% for social care and claw back some of the additional monies if needed.

Every 3 weeks going forward Cllr Harmer will send out an update on SCC matters.

Clerk mentioned the road from Pond Lane to Jumps Road is in a dreadful state. The substructure of all A,B and C roads are examined every 10 years. Cllr Harmer will put on pressure for this stretch of road to be repaired after the Tilford Road.

Cycle paths - Western Villages to upgrade cycle ways.

Cllr Martin will speak to Cllr Harmer in the first instance regarding possible routes on the east side of A287.

Cllr Johnson asked if this relates to bridleways and by ways? Could these be used for cycle ways? Also how do we notify works required to bridleways?

Advise Clerk and works will be added to Western Villages list held by Frensham PC.

**Cllr Potts left the meeting.**

**21/12 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were given from Cllrs Law and Petty.

**21/13 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests**

None

## **21/14 Minutes of the virtual meeting of 20 January 2021**

The Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 20 January 2021 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Johnson, **seconded** by Cllr Martin.

Cllr Crossley requested that councillors do not ask to see the draft Minutes and that any changes felt necessary are remarked upon and amended at the next meeting.

## **21/15 Report of the Clerk to the Council**

- 1) Application made (and approved) to David Harmer's Member's Allocation Fund in the sum of £72 for half cost of 8 x signs at Pond Lane**
- 2) Litter pick tools and high vis jackets loaned to Mick Cook to carry out litter pick around Symondstone and Bacon Lanes. Cllr Crossley wished to record grateful thanks to Mick Cook and 40 neighbours who carried out the litter pick**

## **21/16.1 Community and Environment**

### **21/16.1.1 Report from Environment Working Group (MJ)**

Cllr Johnson reported that the first 5 of the 10 walks around Churt are now on the website and FB. Michael Stenning is delighted with the results. Cllr Johnson is building a new website for the CHEWG which will be advertised widely on FB, the Vizz network and the Churt.org website. Cllr Martin asked if this could be inclusive for people to add their own success stories. There will also be a Young People's Corner.

Cllr Johnson also stated the broken gate onto the Old Kiln Lane footpath has now been mended.

The CHEWG met the previous week. 2 of its members Jon and Jeremy will make a prototype frame in order to mount and erect the 8 signs at Pond Lane. Minor clearance works have also been carried out at Pond Lane. They also discussed the possible wildflower meadow adjacent to the tennis courts (see RGT agenda and Minutes).

### **21/16.1.2 Village centre portfolio (RR)**

Cllr Rowe mentioned the need for the potholes to be filled in outside the Church and the scalplings replenished. Clerk to ask George Woods.

### **21/16.1.3 Crime and Disorder (DR)**

The local Police team for our area based at Haslemere comprises 1 PC and 2 PCSO's. There is very little crime to report although neighbourhood disputes are up.

Cllr Crossley attended a webinar hosted by the borough inspector. A very slick presentation outlining policing of the borough.

Cllr Crossley reported the current detection rate is under 15%, used to be 30%.

Cyber-crime and hate crime are both up.

Cllr Crossley will invite Cllr Raeside to join Next Door Churt which is a good forum to report crime.

## **21/16.2 Roads and Transport**

### **21/16.2.1 Jumps Road Parking and Sculpture Park**

An email has been sent out by Sandra Young on behalf of Richard Bourne regarding the way in which to register comments about the SP enforcement notice. 26 Feb is deadline for comments. Richard Bourne commented it was important to show as a community we care about the situation. Frensham PC have received the email from Sandra. RB stated we need to reapply in April regarding the rural clearway. The issues surrounding the Sculpture Park and the parking are intertwined. There have been lengthy discussions with Zak Elwood the head of planning at WBC and a joint approach is ongoing.

The SP are advertising heavily via social media.  
**Richard Bourne left the meeting.**

#### **21/16.2.2 Cycling and pedestrian matters (LM)**

Cllr Martin will follow up a number of issues with David Harmer.

#### **21/16.2.3 Yeomans' Honda and pavement (MJ)**

No response from Yeomans Honda to previous 2 letters. SCC will now come and carry out a traffic survey and liaise directly with Honda.

#### **21/16.2.4 Quinettes and Parkhurst Fields parking issues**

We have received a letter of complaint that residents at Quinettes are parking along PF instead of onsite at Quinettes. The PC will continue to monitor the parking situation in relation to the 2 planning applications.

### **21/17 Financial Matters**

#### **21/17.1 Payments for authorisation - Jan 2021**

Jan accounts **Proposed** by Cllr Rowe , **seconded** by Cllr Shorthose and **AGREED** by all.  
Appendix 2 - Payments for Jan 2021 - circulated

#### **21/17.2 Budget Update and Income report - Jan 2021**

Noted and agreed.

Appendix 3 - Expenditure v Budget - circulated

#### **21/17.3 Individual monthly costs exceeding £500 for Jan 2021**

£1169.88 Clerk's salary December

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£595.96 Employer tax and NI

#### **21/17.4 Local Restriction Support Grant from WBC**

£8612 has now been received covering lockdown 2 and 3.

### **21/18 -To note and comment on current planning applications (LM)**

#### **Report circulated in advance of meeting.**

Rise Cottage - no issues, neither support nor object

Old Kiln - no issues, neither support nor object. Cllr Johnson stated there had been a benefit to the drainage on Old Kiln Lane resulting from the works, as the roads have been swept back from the verges and the land drains unblocked. The contractors have also trimmed overhanging branches and the holly has been cut back.

### **21/19 Adoption of Health and Safety Policy 2021 (circulated in advance)**

This is a requirement of the internal auditor and will be uploaded onto the website. **Proposed** by Cllr Burch, **seconded** by Cllr Shorthose and **agreed** by all.

### **21/20 Western Villages meeting and Lengthsman Scheme (DC/Clerk)**

Meeting held via zoom early Feb. £5000 has been set aside for Western Villages lengthsman (maintenance) works.

Capital projects have separate funding. The pedestrian crossing and approach to it in Churt will be fixed this financial year. This will include the dip in the road near the Honda Garage which fills with water. Will hold a site meeting with Stuart Copping.

Cllr Crossley will also take photos of the sizeable puddles that form on the east side of the A287 towards Jumps Road in heavy rain, causing cars to veer onto the other side of the road.

**21/21 Pond Lane**

Cllr Shorthose has now been through the file and has put together a number of key papers. These will be forwarded to Frensham PC. It appears to be common land but the 7 acre site was never registered to Churt PC. There are a number of restrictive covenants that apply to the smaller 5 acre plot. This area used to be called Churt Common. Cllr Harmer requested that he be included in any future meetings with Frensham PC.

**21/22 Churt Community Support Group.**

Cllr Johnson reported that there have been very few calls although a small number of people have been driven by volunteers to their Covid vaccinations. The current rota for manning the phone goes through to March, we need to reassess matters then.

**21/23 Future meetings and advise from NALC**

NALC are lobbying the Government to extend the period for holding virtual meetings. Currently it looks like we will resume face to face meetings from May. Advise is to ensure social distancing, hand sanitising and try to be as paperless as possible. We have a new pavilion cleaner so she could possibly clean before and after meetings.

It is a legal requirement to hold the annual assembly by May. Clerk to speak to village hall to see if it can be held there or possibly Quinettes.

**Other matters**

None.

**Cllr Harmer left the meeting.**

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:  
Chairman

Date:

**The next 'virtual' meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Churt Recreation Ground Trust will be held on [Wednesday 17 March 2021 at 7.30pm. Agenda and access codes to follow.](#)**