

Churt Parish Council
Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

**Minutes of the 'virtual' meeting of Churt Parish Council
held on Wednesday 20 May 2020
at 7.30 p.m.**

Present

Churt Councillors: David Crossley, Katy Law, Robert Cordell, Roger Rowe, Lisa Martin, Myra Johnson, Dominic Raeside

Surrey County Council: 1 (Cllr David Harmer)
Waverley Borough Council: 0
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public: 2 (Stewart Turner, Jo Corfield)

20/36 Chairman's welcome

Cllr Crossley welcomed all to the meeting and made a few requests regarding the protocol of running virtual meetings, such as raise your hand if you wish to speak, put yourself on mute when not speaking and respect the speaker. He then welcomed Dominic Raeside as a new councillor. He invited Stewart Turner to speak in relation to Green Cross Farm. Cllr Martin has studied the plans and has no specific questions. Basically looking to demolish and rebuild plus include a new planting scheme and orchard. There will be a swimming pool at the rear of the property sunk into the slope.

Cllr Cordell asked why he was removing then existing buildings? Basically they have zero value. This will be Stewart's forever home.

20/37 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Burch and Petty.

20/38 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

None

20/39 Minutes of the meeting of 18 March 2020

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2020 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Cordell, **seconded** by Cllr Martin. Due to Covid 19 there was no meeting in April.

20/40 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) Business support grant of £10,000 received for pavilion/RGT
- 2) SSEN grant of £1200 received
- 3) Annual assembly and annual meeting cancelled for 2020

20/41.1 Community and Environment

20/41.1.1 Report from Environment Working Group (MJ)

Due to Covid 19 there has been little time for further meetings of the EWG. The plan they are putting together is half finished. There will be an emphasis on connecting with nature, bird watching, butterfly surveys etc.

On a positive note Covid 19 has led to a reduction in pollution and emissions.

20/41.1.2 Village centre portfolio (RC)

Honda Garage has reopened.

Footpath 31 has been adequately sorted.

Cllr Cordell keeping an eye on village trees and noted the ash trees have come into flower.

There are 3 trees overhanging Hale House Lane which appear dead. Clerk to inspect.

20/41.1.3 Crime and Disorder (RC)

SCC report does not specify date or crimes committed. Some equipment stolen from house up Jumps Road (Lewis).

Lead had been replaced on church roof and was promptly re-stolen.

Lead stolen from roof of Churt Club.

Someone has been trying to steal gates at Symondstone.

20/41.2.1 Jumps Road Parking (KL)

Due to Covid 19 Jumps Rd is very quiet. However there are extensive excavation works ongoing on the land adjacent to Sculpture Park, WBC looking into this. They have a legal meeting on May 21 to discuss the Certificate Of Lawfulness

Engineer at Surrey Highways has recommended double yellow lines up to Woodside. Due to Covid 19 many highways people are off work.

20/42 Financial Matters

20/42.1 Payments for authorisation – Year end Mar 2020 and April 2020

Year end – Proposed by Cllr Johnson , **seconded** by Cllr Rowe and **AGREED** by all. **April 2020 – Proposed** by Councillor Law, **seconded** by Cllr Cordell and **agreed** by all

Appendix 2 - Payments for Year end Mar 2020 and April 2020 - circulated

20/42.2 Budget Update and Income report – April 2020

Noted.

Appendix 3 - Expenditure v Budget - circulated

20/43.1 -To note and comment on current planning applications:

Report circulated in advance of meeting.

WA/2020/0421 Corries, Green Lane, Churt – neither support nor object

WA/2020/0494 Woodville, Churt Road, Churt – single storey extension. Have waited 4 years for permitted development

WA/2020/0500 Green Cross Farm Cottage, Green Cross Lane, Churt – vendors have retained cottage for their retirement. Wish to improve rather than demolish, floor area will increase by 24%. Need to sort access arrangements and close off existing access, neighbours in support.

WA/2020/0528 Silver Birches, Green Lane, Churt – permission already given for an extension and now wish to extend further.

WA/2020/0563 Green Cross Farm, Green Cross Lane, Churt – all in agreement to proposals

WA/2020/0583 1 Moorside Cottage, Jumps Rd, Churt – Grade 1 listed, wish to fix leaking roof and put in external door to greenhouse plus internal wall. Neither support nor object

WA/2020/0582 1 Moorside Cottage, Jumps Road, Churt – as above.

Borrowstone – wish to put in a 4 bay garage and external store, cannot be seen from the road. Will be there additional accommodation above? Could PC ask to ensure it stays in the same ownership as the house? Cllr Martin to speak to WBC.

Cllr Martin confirmed that WBC are trying to streamline their planning processes for both major and minor applications and will listen to the views of both parish and town councils.

20/44 Covid 19

Jo Corfield joined the meeting. Cllr Johnson, the Clerk and Jo have been working tirelessly with the support of Adrian Waller as webmaster. People in need of help have a 'buddy'. Have received 56 help requests, which are still ongoing. Other volunteer help includes delivering free Heralds each week, setting up a care home book club, carrying out deliveries from Avalon Nursery and tidying the rectory garden. Spar continues to deliver food, financial support has meant large publicity drive with posters all around. Numbers visiting the website have gone up by hundreds each week, Cllr Johnson supplying weekly infographic and postcards.

Clerk has been keeping Jeremy Hunt updated as to success of group along with Farnham Herald, SCC, WBC and SSALC.

Church bells will be rung at 8pm on Thursday May 21st in support of the NHS.

Jo Corfield said she would like the volunteer group to continue post Covid 19, people feel very involved and feel part of the community.

20/45 VE Day.

School bell was rung at 9am together with a recreation of the 1945 photo. Gingerbread was delivered around the village to over 70's. Socially distant garden parties took place plus Debbie Lawson sang from the pavilion. Hoping to sing again in 2 weeks' time.

20/46 Twitter and Facebook

Currently there are 3 FB pages in Churt and 1 (anonymous) Twitter account. Clerk has taken over admin of Churt Village Life FB page. Cllr Crossley proposed a small working group be formed comprising of DC,LM,MJ,AW and Clerk. Seconded by Cllr Cordell. Cllr Johnson said we needed a defined strategy, what is the purpose of the page? Official business or social interaction?

20/47 Arboriculturist's report

No real chance to fully read through but nothing of any urgency. Cllr Raeside will inspect trees on Redhearn Green. Agenda item for June's meeting.

20/48 Update on war memorial and piers

Test area carried out on 19 March, photos from report of test areas sent to WMT. Grant date extended to May 2021.

Other matters

Cllr Harmer noted that the recent opening of the recycling centres has gone very well and they are considering opening up the range of recyclables accepted.

There being no other business the virtual meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.00pm. 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 June 2020 at 7.30pm using Webex. Agenda and access codes to follow.**