

Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 20 October 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Churt pavilion.

Present

Churt Councillors:	David Crossley (Chair), Myra Johnson, Sally Shorthose, Lisa Martin, Dominic Raeside, Eunice Burch, Roger Rowe
Surrey County Council:	Cllr Harmer
Waverley Borough Council:	0
Clerk to the Council:	Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public:	4 (Richard Bourne, Jeff Pierson, Richard Nobbs, Adrian Waller)
Joined virtually:	2 (Cllr John Petty, Martin McNulty)

21/94 Chairman's welcome

Cllr Crossley welcomed all to the meeting and invited the members of the public to speak. Richard Nobbs had already sent a very good narrative concerning Farnborough aircraft noise. A few years ago flight paths were reviewed which concentrated the flight path over Churt. At the time, consultation was local to the Farnborough area only, not the outlying villages. There are now many planes flying at low altitudes over Churt. There is the opportunity over the next few months (Jan 2022) to make representations to Farnborough as part of a Post Implementation Review (PIR).

Minor changes could be suggested such as flying at higher levels, as the current noise is felt to be a distraction to residents and to those working from home.

DC commented that there are environmental issues too.

2 recommendations: 1) change the approach path away from areas of dense population which would lead to a lessening in perceived noise.

2) Fly higher (4000ft) for longer. By law planes are required to fly at 5-7000 ft above an AONB.

Cllr Johnson has spoken to Mike Shorthose and his colleague who are independent consultants. They can explain facts but are not able to lobby.

Could we join with other parishes?

Martin McNulty said his concern was that eventually Farnborough want 100,000 air movements a year. Currently Farnborough only allows small jets.

DC suggested a small group is formed to take this forward. Richard Nobbs et al are planning to meet at the Crossways pub on 21 Oct.

Jeff Pierson left the meeting.

21/95 Apologies for absence

Apologies were given from Cllr Law

21/96 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

Cllr Crossley stated that he was now an elected officer of SALC.

21/97 Minutes of the meeting of 15 September 2021

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2021 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Shorthose, **seconded** by Cllr Johnson.

21/98 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) **Welcome Back funding agreement signed with WBC 21/9/2021**
- 2) **2 x 'No Parking' signs erected on Redhearn Green**
- 3) **Bench installed on Redhearn Green**

21/99.1 Community and Environment

21/99.1.1 Report from Environment Working Group (MJ)

Waverley have confirmed that Churt PC have been successful in our bid for additional funding from the Welcome Back fund which will support implementation of the recommendations made by Surrey Wildlife Trust as a result of their survey of our Pond Lane woodland. A Management Plan for the woodland is in the course of preparation.

Our thanks to the Scouts who worked in the wood on Sunday 10th October on projects to help increase biodiversity: piling deadwood, removing bracken and planting saplings which were part of the 40 trees donated to Churt by Carbon Footprint. Photos of the trees being planted have been sent to Carbon Footprint with our thanks.

Churt News in Nature covering September / October has been published on both Churt PC websites and on the Facebook page.

MJ attended the Interparish Environment meeting on 14 October. Nearby villages are addressing similar issues and working on similar programmes to Churt. All villages in the group want to see improvements to the planning process to better support sustainability and climate change mitigation measures. Most are interested in engaging one of the students offered for projects by the Surrey University Centre for Environment and Sustainability in order to develop a questionnaire for a "Vision 2030" project similar to that which Steyning did. In the summer of 2020, as the lockdown came to an end, they surveyed their community to find out if they wanted to go back to the old normal or whether they wanted a different future, a more sustainable and climate-friendly one, for Steyning. They tested forty different ideas for the future across six key areas - transport, homes, energy, shopping, biodiversity and the local economy.

A broken road sign for Old Kiln Close was reported to Waverley Technical Services on 27 September but there has been no response as yet.

In the recent heavy rain, a resident reported severe overflow at Churt Pumping station with sewage discharge suspected. These overflows occur every time there is heavy rain.

Waverley have offered to clean signs to improve the appearance of towns and villages with funding from the Welcome Back Fund. Churt can request cleaning of a maximum 4 signs.

Waverley need to be notified, together with approx. postcodes of signs to be cleaned, by 29 October. RR offered to help with this.

21/99.1.2 Village centre portfolio (RR)

Construction site adjacent to Honda Garage are pumping dirty water along Barford Lane.

21/99.1.3 Crime and Disorder (DR)

50% of all burglaries are from sheds and garages. There has been a recent sizeable drugs bust across the County. Cllr Crossley asked Cllr Raeside if he could be responsible for reporting any abandoned cars on Redhearn Green. DC will provide DR with the website details for reporting such events.

DC and the Clerk spoke recently to the borough commander about setting up a meeting regarding policing in the local villages.

21/99.2 Roads and Transport

21/99.2.1 Jumps Road Parking and Sculpture Park

The Sculpture Park appeal will now take place from 23 November. Residents along Jumps Road to have a meeting regarding extending the yellow lines.

21/99.2.2 Cycling and pedestrian matters

Nothing to report.

21/100 Financial Matters

21/100.1 Payments for authorisation - September 2021

Sept accounts **Proposed** by Cllr Martin , **Seconded** by Cllr Burch and **Agreed** by all.

Appendix 2 - Payments for September 2021 - circulated

21/100.2 Budget Update and Income report - September 2021

Noted and agreed.

Appendix 3 - Expenditure v Budget - circulated

21/100.3 Individual monthly costs exceeding £500 for September 2021

10 Sept - Arthur J Gallagher (ins. Broker) - £1938.84 - insurance renewal 2021/22

28 Sept - Dawn Barrow - £1243.79 - Clerk's salary

21/101 -To note and comment on current planning applications (LM)

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Martin.

High Pines, Jumps Rd - Malcom Young, a neighbour, has commissioned a report showing the property has gone from a chauffeur's garage to a 3 or 4 bedroom house, an increase of 600%. Churt PC will object on the basis of this increase.

2 Moorside Cottages - no reason to object.

21/102 Pond Lane (MJ/SS)

Nothing further from the Land Registry since June.

21/103 Village Cheer event - Dec 11th

Village hall has been booked, flyers on FB and website. Cllr Burch to order food, Cllr Rowe to be in charge of mulled wine.

21/104 Increased aircraft noise from Farnborough.

See earlier notes. Clerk to send 2 paragraphs to FFSA.

21/105 Platinum Jubilee 2022

Cllr Crossley to speak to James Newman about the possibility of bringing the fete forward one week to coincide with the Platinum celebrations.

21/106 Boundary Commission review

New WBC ward proposed to comprise Dockenfield, Tilford, Churt, Frensham and Thursley.

DC has spoken to James Mendelsohn at Thursley PC who is keen to join up as sees the group as comprising similar villages. He feels Elstead is more of a small town.

WBC will need to lose 7 councillors.

Other matters

Cllr Crossley reminded everyone to take a LFT before attending council meetings.

Cllr Martin said she has been approached by someone regarding Rushmoor Lakes but not in our parish.

Cllr Johnson stated with so many new people in the village it is important to give them as much information as possible via the website.

Cllrs Harmer and all remaining members of the public left the meeting.

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.14pm. There then followed a meeting of the Churt Recreation Ground Trust (See separate Minutes).

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Signed:
Chairman

Date:

The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Churt Recreation Ground Trust will be held on **Wednesday 17 November 2021 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.**