

## Churt Parish Council

*Clerk to the Council*

Mrs Dawn Barrow

### Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 21 December 2022 at 7.30 pm.

#### **Present**

Churt Councillors: Lisa Martin (Chair), Myra Johnson, Sally Shorthose (part),  
Dominic Raeside, Stephen Morgan, Julian Spence

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

#### **22/108 Chairman's welcome**

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

Cllr Harmer asked if we had received the bus strategy survey? We confirmed we had and it had been widely advertised. As of Jan 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a £2 max charge for a bus journey. 10 of the bus companies operating in Surrey have signed up to this. Cllr Harmer is on the committee that will see the draft in due course. Villages are very reliant on bus services and at the moment there are not enough to meet demand.

We have received a letter from David Madgwick who needs to put in a complaint to Surrey CC regarding a tree. Cllr Harmer stated it all depends where the roots are as to who is responsible. Plus if it is on highway land who owns the verge? Best to ask Steve Lindsay Clerk to look.

David Madgwick also asked about the new camera on the lamp post near the Honda garage. This was felt to be a VNPR camera (vehicle number plate recognition)

Cllr Munro provided a brief update on the Farnborough PIR, 2 major reviews starting, there will be a 28 day window for public consultation in Feb. Cllr Munro has been in contact with the local action group and attended the meeting held in the village hall. There is to be a national review of all airspace over the UK and currently gathering stakeholders' views. This will include airplanes, gliders and helicopters.

WBC has confirmed its housing strategy but there is nothing further to report on the proposed development at Parkhurst Fields.

Cllr Harmer questioned if the real need was for 1-2 bed homes rather than 3-4?

Richard Bourne attended the WBC meeting re Borrow House. All objections were dismissed and the application went straight through. The appeals inspector has allowed 4 houses but stringent conditions will be applied.

No news on the enforcement action at the Sculpture Park.

Waiting for the leaves to be cleared in order to extend the yellow lines on the other side of Jumps Road, which need to be laid on a dry day.

Cllr Shorthose confirmed an extension to the time to register the second tract of land at Pond Lane/Wicket Wood. A statutory declaration is required.

There will be an update regarding a proposed new nursery school in Churt in January.

**Cllr Shorthose left the meeting.**

## **22/109 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were given from Cllrs Law, Burch and Rowe (CPC) and Cllr Potts (WBC)

## **22/110 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests**

Cllr Spence confirmed he now sits on the WBC Western Villages Planning Committee

## **22/111 Minutes of the meeting of 23 November 2022**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2022 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Johnson, **seconded** by Cllr Raeside.

## **22/112 Report of the Clerk to the Council**

- 1) **Wooden posts adjacent to zebra crossing to be replaced by SCC**
- 2) **Potholes and footbridge on Barford Lane reported to SCC**
- 3) **Xmas lights went up Dec 3, thanks to Cllr Rowe**

## **22/113.1 Community and Environment**

### **22/113.1.1 Report from the Environment Committee (JS)**

Surrey Tree Warden Network want to encourage every parish to have its own tree warden. Jeremy Wylie happy to take on this role voluntarily for Churt.

The environment group will have a display at the village cheer event.

2 ongoing consultations:

- 1) Air quality closes 15 January 2023, this covers matters such as wood burning stoves, bonfires etc
- 2) LPP2 - most major modifications are in line with national policy.

Cllr Johnson attended the virtual Royal Meteorological Society lecture, very useful information and charts. Main message was that people are aware and trying to take action.

### **22/113.1.2 Village centre portfolio**

Property Partnership shop is now open.

### **22/113.1.3 Crime and Disorder (DR)**

Nothing to report.

## **22/113.2 Roads and Transport**

### **22/113.2.1 Jumps Road Parking and Sculpture Park**

See above comments from Richard Bourne.

### **22/113.2.2 Cycling and pedestrian matters (LM)**

Nothing to report.

## **22/114 Financial Matters**

### **22/114.1 Payments for authorisation - November 2022**

November's accounts were **proposed** by Cllr Spence, **Seconded** by Cllr Johnson and **agreed** by all

### **22/114.2 Budget Update and Income report - November 2022**

Noted

### **22/114.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500**

28 November 2022- Dawn Barrow - £1324.07 - Clerk's monthly salary

28 November 2022- Hiscox - £2033.28 - Annual insurance premium

22/114.4 Sign off budget and precept for 2023/4

Proposed by Cllr Spence, **Seconded** by Cllr Johnson and **agreed** by all

22/114.5 PKF Littlejohn have been confirmed as our external auditor for the next 5 years

22/115.1 -To note and comment on current planning applications (LM)

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Burch.

WA/2022/02945 The Cottage, Crossways - There is a covenant allowing only one dwelling on the site

WA/2022/00383 Borrow House, Jumps Road, passed by planning

WA/2022/03003 Merlins, Hale House Lane, neither support nor object

22/116 Updated emergency plan (JS)

Volunteers and parish wardens' names have been removed due to GDPR.

Cllr Spence distributed a copy to be considered at January's meeting.

22/117 The future of the nursery school in Churt

Further update at January's meeting, however a small committee has been formed looking at various options, one of which would require planning permission.

22/118 Christmas meal

This was cancelled owing to a major gas leak outside Bel and Dragon. Clerk to rearrange for January.

22/119 Councillors' email addresses

Recommendation from SALC is that all councillors have a churt.org email address. Cllr Morgan to take forward.

**Other matters**

Cllr Martin thanked everyone for their invaluable help and time and wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 8.50pm . 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 January 2023 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.**