

Churt Parish Council  
Clerk to the Council  
Mrs Dawn Barrow

**Minutes of the 'virtual' meeting of Churt Parish Council  
held on Wednesday 20 January 2021  
at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present**

Churt Councillors: David Crossley (Chair), Myra Johnson, Dominic Raeside, Lisa Martin, Sally Shorthose, John Petty, Roger Rowe, Katy Law

Surrey County Council: Cllr Harmer  
Waverley Borough Council: Cllrs Potts and Adams  
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow  
Members of the Public: 0

**21/1 Chairman's welcome**

Cllr Crossley welcomed all to the meeting and invited David Harmer to speak.

Cllr Harmer confirmed that County Hall has now closed apart from a small number of employees. He has checked with the County officers to ensure the process regarding the parking along Jumps Road has been properly conducted. There is no strong consensus to veto the introduction of double yellow lines. He felt if the matter was put on hold and resurrected in say a year's time the feeling locally would be the same.

There is a meeting with Jeremy Hunt on 22 Jan following extension to the deadline.

Cllr Law stated there was a strong sense amongst Churt residents that yellow lines might make matters worse. There is an identified safety concern in relation to parking for the Sculpture Park which was open on Christmas Day 2020. It is now shut during the third Covid lockdown but when it reopens there is mounting concern there will be a serious accident.

Cllr Harmer confirmed there was a wide public consultation with many respondees. Just under a half were against yellow lines, 25% for and the remainder undecided. Parking team analysed the report from the community and concluded on balance that yellow lines were the safest option.

Cllr Law asked what would be done to enhance safety? If action is taken will there be the opportunity for further measures?

Cllr Potts stated it was important to understand the parking team have visited and surveyed the area and they acknowledge there is a problem. There may be knock on effects in Hale House Lane and along the Tilford Road but we need to keep this process going. It was noted that this proposal, if implemented, would be phase 1. Highways officers would see the proposal as only a partial solution but it could be revisited in due course. Cllr Law noted a joined up approach was required between Waverley and Surrey to come up with a solution to the parking problems. A senior director at the Bel and Dragon has agreed to make changes to the way in which they manage their car park.

Although the SP sits in Frensham PC the knock on effects impinge on Churt.

Cllr Law stated people have asked how the double yellow lines were put down so quickly near Frensham Pond in the summer? Cllr Adams responded that problems with parking near Frensham Pond have actually been going on for 10 years.

Cllr Law asked if you get revenue from double yellow line enforcement so that it becomes self-funding?

Cllr Potts stated that not too much was happening in general at WBC. 29 Jan is the last day for comments concerning LPP2. WBC council offices remain closed. Budget draft papers were published the previous week. Full budget meeting on Feb 23. WBC has received most of its

payment from central government for Covid related grants, totalling £2million. There are no overall plans to increase parking charges in Waverley car parks. There will be a £5 increase for Band D properties next year, amounting to a 2.7% increase.

Cllr Adams reported plans have been tightened regarding dark area lighting and the AONB management plan is being enhanced.

Cllr Crossley asked if we need to put in a statement of interest for the SCC Community Projects Fund?

Cllr Johnson mentioned we do not yet know our plans for Pond Lane. Cllr Harmer advised we put in an expression of interest with an 'in principle proposal as part of the Churt environmental plan costing in the region of £100,000 to £125,000'

Cllr Shorthose stated it was good to take action as there are new rules coming through in relation to the compulsory purchase of land.

Regarding the Covid vaccination programme there are plans to include vaccination facilities at surgeries and pharmacies. PGL have offered their premises in the last week.

#### **21/2 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were given from Cllr Burch.

#### **21/3 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests**

None

#### **21/4 Minutes of the virtual meeting of 16 December 2020**

The Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 16 December 2020 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Martin, **seconded** by Cllr Shorthose.

#### **21/5 Report of the Clerk to the Council**

- 1) PWLB of £2038.74 paid 21 Dec 2020
- 2) £1310 received from War Memorials Trust for column and piers
- 3) WBC have cleared leaves by zebra crossing and bus stop

#### **21/6.1 Community and Environment**

##### **21/6.1.1 Report from Environment Working Group (MJ)**

Cllr Johnson circulated a full report and Minutes of the last CHEWG meeting before the parish meeting. The group have been busy putting together a package of material focussing in on 'net zero for Churt'. It is a broad spectrum plan covering energy use at home, transport and travel, environmental stewardship, biodiversity, engaging young people and sustainability. 40 ideas of ways to reduce your carbon footprint were posted as 4 postcards on the website and Facebook page. The group are developing information sheets relating to energy use at home eg the best fuel to use in woodburning stoves.

Another area of focus is health and wellbeing. The group have been repackaging and revising Michael Stenning's 10 Walks around Churt, originally sold for £1.25 in 1994. Michael is delighted they are doing this.

The group have many ideas for Pond Lane woodland biodiversity, ranging from creating an area of chestnut coppice to children's discovery areas.

The are setting up their own website within the month.  
Leslie Sharpe has resigned from the group but is very supportive of all they are doing and has been revisiting some of the 10 walks.

#### **21/6.1.2 Village centre portfolio (RR)**

Xmas lights have been taken down by Miscellanea. The rest will be taken down soon.

#### **21/6.1.3 Crime and Disorder (DR)**

Cllr Raeside will speak to the Police Sergeant in Feb. Chief Constable contracted Covid 6 weeks ago.

There has been an increase in online cyber-crime during lockdown.

Cllr Crossley reported that groups of young people have been gathering at the youth hut breaking lockdown rules. When this next happens the neighbours who first reported it will contact the Police.

### **21/6.2 Roads and Transport**

#### **21/6.2.1 Jumps Road Parking and Sculpture Park**

We have now received formal notification of the enforcement notice served on the SP. They have appealed both findings on various grounds.

Cllr Crossley asked if the Parish Council should respond to the Inspector?

Cllr Potts confirmed that WBC have obtained plentiful legal advice.

Cllr Law will draw up a form of words which we will run past Frensham PC by 26 Feb.

#### **21/6.2.2 Cycling and pedestrian matters (LM)**

Gillian Devine has asked what improvements can be made regarding paths across the golf course at Hindhead? c.15-20 years ago there were moves to provide a footpath between Beacon Hill and Churt.

We will remind people of the 2 sets of cycle racks on the Recreation Ground in the next newsletter.

Cllr Martin asked how best to advertise the safe walking routes.

#### **21/6.2.3 Yeomans' Honda and pavement (MJ)**

Cllr Crossley wrote a second letter to the manager of Yeoman's Honda copied in to the manager at Churt. No response.

SCC have now received documentation from the school regarding a much needed safety review. They understand the issues regarding the pavement but the only way it could be widened is if Honda gives up a small part of their forecourt. Alternatively we would need to give up the parking opposite outside the shops. Not viable.

SCC parking review team will visit the school and Yeoman's Churt. Could we do away with one of the exits over the footpath? Even the installation of proper dropped kerbs outside Yeoman's Honda would be a significant improvement.

Clerk will provide Cllr Martin with a copy of the original 2016 report drawn up by the school.

The parking along Barford Lane for 5/6 vehicles is deemed unsafe by the highways department.

### **21/7 Financial Matters**

#### **21/7.1 Payments for authorisation - Dec 2020**

Dec accounts **Proposed** by Cllr Rowe , **seconded** by Cllr Law and **AGREED** by all.

Appendix 2 - Payments for Dec 2020 - circulated

**21/7.2 Budget Update and Income report - Dec 2020**

Noted and agreed the figures look very healthy..

Appendix 3 - Expenditure v Budget - circulated

**21/7.3 Interim internal audit and matters to be noted.**

The Clerk explained the interim audit (Apr-Nov 2020) had been carried out and was very positive. The auditor would like to see all costs over £500 (for the Churt Parish accounts only) noted monthly in the Minutes, together with a new Health and Safety Policy added to the website (to form part of Feb's agenda).

**21/7.4 Individual monthly costs exceeding £500 for December 2020**

21/12/2020 - PWLB - £2038.74, twice yearly repayment to Public Works Loan Board

**21/8 -To note and comment on current planning applications (LM)**

**Report circulated in advance of meeting.**

3 Star Hill Drive, wish to change roof, neither support nor object.

Highbank, Hale House Lane, glass cube on patio, not insulated but external to house.

Cllr Johnson said we should look into energy implications of any planning application.

Churt Community Centre, planning application now submitted to Waverley planning department.

Application for Crossways Close will be submitted in next few weeks. We will need to revisit traffic concerns and ensure the footpath is maintained.

Cllr Harmer said he has the opportunity to speak to the Highways Planning Department each week and can flag any concerns. Clerk to advise Cllr Harmer when the Crossways Close application is submitted.

We have also received a letter from the architect regarding the rebuilding of Highfield on Jumps Road post fire. No initial concerns.

**21/9 Churt Community Support Group.**

Cllr Crossley congratulated the Clerk, Jo Corfield and Cllr Johnson for their Surrey Community Hero awards.

Cllr Johnson confirmed calls to the group were still low but there had been a few more recently for trips to vaccination centres.

**21/10 Pond Lane**

Cllr Shorthose will visit following reports of logging near our land.

**Other matters**

**Cllrs Harmer, Potts and Adams left the meeting.**

There being no other business the virtual meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.15pm. 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 February 2021 at 7.30pm. Agenda and access codes to follow.**