

Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council

Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 20 December 2023 at 7.30 pm.

Present

Churt Councillors: Lisa Martin, Julian Spence, Stephen Wright, Myra Johnson, Pippa Harrison, Dominic Raeside

Surrey County Council: 0
Waverley Borough Council: 1 (David Munro, part)
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public: Richard Bourne

23/118 Welcome

Cllr Martin welcomed all to the meeting.

23/119 Apologies for absence

Cllrs M and S Shorthose, Cllr Morgan

23/120 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

Cllr Spence reminded the Parish Council that he sits on the WBC planning subcommittee and as such cannot comment on planning applications relating to Churt.

23/121 Minutes of the meeting of 17 November 2023

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2023 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Wright, **seconded** by Cllr Spence.

23/122 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) Xmas lights put up
- 2) PWLB repayment of £2038.74 to go out on 20 December 2023
- 3) Meeting with WBC 8 December re bus stops
- 4) Objection letter sent to Farnborough 7 December

23/123 Report from the Environment Committee (JS)

Cllr Spence advised that we would write to SCC to encourage them to get on with road safety and speed limit matters. At their meeting on 4 Dec it was advised that their policy is that if a speed survey shows an average speed of 24 MPH or less then a 20MPH zone would be considered. They have reduced the length of the minimum stretch of road required for a 20MPH limit. Any scheme needs to show support from local residents plus their local Member. There is a further consultation Jan to March 2024. The ladies from the St Johns PTA will be carrying out a speed survey in January and will base themselves near the school.

Regarding Farnborough Airport planning request for expansion, they have now received 2200 comments and 1700 objections, 500 are in support of the proposals. Only 4 of the 257 consultees are reported as having responded but this is likely to be because the website hasn't been updated yet to show all responses from consultees.

Farnborough is part of the airspace modernisation strategy and will be submitting proposals to the CAA re routings. There are many different options put forward and it

is difficult to fully understand them all but many suggest additional overflying of Churt. Comments need to be submitted by 26 January.

Cllr Johnson reported that the Government have published a webpage relating to the duties of town and borough councils in relation to biodiversity matters. Parish councils have a biodiversity duty but don't yet need to report what they are doing.

23/124 Village centre

Cllr Harrison asked if we have thought of having a Christmas tree on Redhearn Green, additional to the one at the village hall?

Cllr Raeside reported that the Honda garage have a large advert on the railings outside the garage, the railings presumably belong to SCC.

Cllr M Shorthose to be requested to speak to the Honda Garage and the Property Partnership about their signage.

Also we need to ensure sight lines exiting Old Kiln Lane are maintained when banners are put up on Redhearn Green.

Cllr Spence reported that the sewage leak at Barford pumping station was initially caused by a faulty riser, this was mended and then broke again, the pipework is 60 years old. Tankers have returned taking the sewage away, Thames Water unsure as to how long this would be the situation.

23/125 Roads and Transport (PH)

SCC have reported it is not their vehicle parked badly at the top of Redhearn Fields and suggested this was reported to the Police. In the meantime Cllr Harrison will put a polite notice on the windscreen asking for it to be moved.

23/126 Crime and Disorder

Cllr Raeside reported the smell of cannabis at the youth hut to the Police. The Police will be attending the January meeting.

23/127 Financial Matters

23/127.1 Payments for authorisation - November 2023

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

23/127.2 Budget Update and Income report - November 2023

Noted.

23/127.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500

None

23/127.4 Approve budget for 24/25 and precept requirement set at meeting of 11 Dec.

Proposed by Cllr Raeside, **seconded** by Cllr Johnson and **approved** by all

23/128 -To note and comment on current planning applications

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Johnson.

- 1) WA/2023/02497 Steephanger, Jumps Road, Churt

Want to change a garage into habitable accommodation. Will lead to a loss of parking but on a private driveway. No neighbour comments and comments were required by 9 Dec. A no comment response has been submitted.

2) WA/2022/02570 Land on Bacon Lane, Churt – appeal

Original planning permission was for an equestrian block, part has now been changed into habitable accommodation and is being lived in. Enforcement action indicated they lost their appeal. Have now gone to planning inspectorate to request change of use. We have the appeal document, objections noted inappropriate development within an AONB. We have previously been concerned with change of use from equestrian to domestic dwellings. The fields however lie within East Hants. Churt PC holds to its original objection, supports the position of neighbours and has no further comments to make.

3) Land on Green Lane

Report submitted by Surrey Wildlife Trust. Number of objectors means that this application will go before planning committee but unsure of timing.

4) Sundial House, Jumps Road.

Application has been approved on the condition that they have a lighting plan.

23/129 Adoption of financial regulations for 2023/2024 as being fit for purpose (sent in advance of meeting)

Proposed by Cllr Wright, seconded by Cllr Harrison, all in favour.

23/130 Farnborough/Gatwick

See Minute 23/123 above.

23/131 Gigaclear (MJ)

Cllr Johnson met project manager from Gigaclear. Liaising with them as to whether there is a scope of works they could implement to include the Pavilion and more properties to the North and East of the Pavilion. Cllrs Johnson and Morgan have spoken to local residents in these areas and almost all are in favour of installing fibre.

Would require a wayleave from the PC if put under Hale House Close. 4 of the 6 residents along HHC are interested so CPC expect to grant a wayleave.

Gigaclear design team looking at options and costings.

Cllr Harrison mentioned that there are a small number of houses in Parkhurst Fields, numbers 7 to 17 who have been missed off the installation due to the costings of including that spur.

Churt PC will express disappointment regarding this section of Parkhurst Fields.

Other matters

Privacy Policy and Notice require updating on website. Cllr Johnson and Clerk to update.

It was noted that the village cheer was hugely successful.

WBC are issuing a 'call for sites' in association with the development of a new Local Plan.

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 17 January 2024 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.**