

Churt Parish Council
Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

**Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council
held on Wednesday 16 June 2021
at 7.30 pm in the Churt pavilion.**

Present

Churt Councillors: David Crossley (Chair), Myra Johnson, Sally Shorthose, Roger Rowe, Eunice Burch,

Surrey County Council: Cllr Harmer

Waverley Borough Council: Cllr Adams

Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow

Members of the Public: 2 (Richard Bourne, Debbie Smith)

21/60 Chairman's welcome

Cllr Crossley welcomed all to the meeting, with a special welcome to the new vicar, Debbie Smith, who was licenced on 21 May.

Cllr Harmer confirmed SCC have now fully moved into their new county hall in Reigate and have held their first AGM there. Appointments were made for the new leader, deputy etc. Cllr Harmer is chairman of the local committee for Waverley plus will sit on the pension fund committee plus policy and resources committee.

Discussions held in relation to changing how local support is handled, relating mainly to highways. There have been recent issues with motorbikes and ATV's.

Some people want to replace Borough and County Councils with a unitary authority.

Cllr Harmer reported a good number of local roads have been resurfaced but that we need to lobby MP's to look after the countryside which is our number one asset. 75% of Surrey's population live in towns.

Various meetings have been held re. the BOAT at the end of Sandy Lane, which borders a SSSI. Have had issues with ATV's. Now have powers to say 'no motorised vehicles' but this needs enforcement. It is felt that if the Police could attend they would have the powers to seize vehicles.

Cllr Harmer attended a My Fund Surrey meeting to propose funding and possibly use this Sandy Lane area as a test case. There are 3 or 4 other similar areas in the Western Villages which could benefit from funding.

Cllr Adams WBC confirmed there is a new leader following the elections. Mayor of Waverley is from Farnham Residents Association. WBC are talking about collaboration with Guildford BC and the Boundary Commission is suggesting reducing the number of local councillors by 7. The BC make proposals however the Department of Local Government makes the final decision.

21/61 Apologies for absence

Apologies were given from Cllrs Potts, Raeside, Law, Martin and Petty.

21/62 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

None

21/63 Minutes of the virtual annual meeting of 5 May 2021

The Minutes of the virtual annual meeting held on 5 May 2021 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Rowe, **seconded** by Cllr Johnson.

21/64 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) Waverley BC have been asked to install 2 rubbish bins by the Spar and near the school
- 2) DC has written to Honda garage about parking issues on Redhearn Green (Honda hope to finish ongoing works by end of July)
- 3) VAT return submitted (and received) in sum of £3270.60
- 4) Churt PC has been deemed eligible for WBC Welcome Back Fund

21/65.1 Community and Environment

21/65.1.1 Report from Environment Working Group (MJ)

Cllr Johnson attended an inter parish environment meeting of 5/6 local parishes. Delma Bryant (WBC) clarified the position ref electric vehicle chargers. The 2 new developments in Churt will have EV chargers and the WBC's annual parking review will look at the need for EV chargers.

There have been 2 major updates on the Churt Environment website.

Cllr Johnson suggested with the 'Treebilee' coming up next year people should be encouraged to pot up local tree saplings and possibly exchange them at the event on Sept 11. Also could we consider planting a pair of trees next year to commemorate the jubilee?

Debbie Smith left the meeting

21/65.1.2 Village centre portfolio (RR)

Nothing to report.

21/65.1.3 Crime and Disorder (DR)

WBC's police newsletter shows an alarming suggestion that crime is up by 24%, hate crime up by 166% (but limited number of incidents) , domestic violence is up by 34% with 30 incidents being reported.

21/65.2 Roads and Transport

21/65.2.1 Jumps Road Parking and Sculpture Park (KL)

Planning enquiry regarding the SP was due to be held 20 July but felt 1 day was insufficient time, SP have asked for it to be deferred to 2/3 days in Nov.

21/65.2.2 Cycling and pedestrian matters

Cllr Harmer mentioned it was proving difficult to identify routes. Milford to Elstead likely to be completed by the end of 2021.

21/65.2.3 Hoppa bus service in Churt?

Clerk has received a letter asking for support in relation to an application to bring the Hoppa Bus to Churt. Churt volunteer drivers only do hospital visits. Clerk to forward link to all to support individually if they so wish.

21/66 Financial Matters

21/66.1 Payments for authorisation - May 2021

May accounts **Proposed** by Cllr Rowe , **seconded** by Cllr Shorthose and **AGREED** by all.
Appendix 2 - Payments for May 2021 - circulated

21/66.2 Budget Update and Income report - May 2021

Noted and agreed.

Appendix 3 - Expenditure v Budget - circulated

21/66.3 Individual monthly costs exceeding £500 for May 2021

None

21/66.4 Sign and Minute Section 1 of annual return AGAR 2020/2021

Proposed by Cllr Burch, seconded by Cllr Shorthose and agreed by all

21/66.5 Sign and Minute Section 2 of annual return AGAR 2020/2021

Proposed by Cllr Burch, seconded by Cllr Shorthose and agreed by all

21/66.6 Review annual internal report (part of AGAR)

Reviewed and accepted.

21/66.7 Review internal auditor's report and note any recommendations

Noted and accepted

21/66.8 Proposal to reappoint Tim Light of Lightatouch as internal auditor for 2021/22

Proposed by Cllr Crossley, seconded by Cllr Burch and agreed by all

21/66.9 Clerk's annual appraisal and pay review from April 2021

It was agreed that the Clerk would receive a pay adjustment to £17 per hour for a 21 hour week, this being within next year's budget figures.

21/67 -To note and comment on current planning applications

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Martin.

3 Oaks, Crabtree Lane, application for a replacement pool house and to extend a 5th bedroom at 3rd floor level - neither support nor object

8 Parkhurst Cottages - application to increase depth of proposed pergola -neither support nor object.

21/68 Pond Lane and environment survey

Clerk reported she was hopeful of receiving a grant for this. Cllr Johnson recommended we get the survey done ASAP as now well into growing season. Once instructed SWT can attend within 10 days. MJ has assessed what initially needs to be done to keep the woodland safe for walkers. Scouts wish to volunteer for a few days clearing.

Frensham PC had a similar survey carried out at Shortheath Common.

21/69 'Party in the Park' 11 September 2021

Lord Lieutenant would like to attend as well as Jeremy Hunt. LL will present 2 Freedom of the Parish certificates.

21/70 Litter Pick

Defer to a future meeting as lifting of Covid restrictions has been delayed until July. Jeremy Hunt has been in touch with DEFRA to encourage the creation of a 'Minister for Litter'. Cllr Adams stated that enforcement was the main issue.

21/71 Freedom of the Parish certificates

Cllr Petty and Olivia Cotton have both been informed and are delighted and overwhelmed.

Other matters

None.

Cllrs Harmer, Adams and Richard Bourne left the meeting.

There being no other business the 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 meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Churt Recreation Ground Trust will be held on **Wednesday 28 July 2021 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.**