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## Churt Parish Council Newsletter May 2024

### **New Chair of CPC and Recreation Ground Trust**

This is my first newsletter as Chair of Churt Parish Council. I was delighted to have been voted in at our meeting last week. I have big shoes to fill after Lisa Martin's 3 years at the helm. I would like to thank Lisa most warmly for her hard work and the excellent leadership that she has shown. For now, Lisa will remain a councillor but we are looking for a **new Councillor** so that Lisa can step down fully. The CPC comprises a really super group of people and we engage in a number of activities, including reviewing planning applications, looking after the environment, liaising with local sports teams and working on a strategy for Churt to reflect its position as a rural village and special environment. We are also the custodians of the Recreation Ground, which was established as a war memorial after the first world war.

If you would like to find out more about what's involved, please contact either me, or Dawn Barrow, our Parish Clerk.

### **Churt Strategy**

Cllr Mike Shorthose is spearheading the development of a strategy for Churt. This initiative follows on from the CPC response to Waverley Borough Council's consultation on an Economic Development Strategy 2024-32 and Action Plan 2024-26. A sub-group of the CPC will be working on this and we shall be there to answer questions and seek your input at the fete on 8<sup>th</sup> June. We are keen to collect as wide a range of views from as many people as possible and will be undertaking our own consultation of residents.

## **Gigaclear rollout**

After some great teamwork on network routing between Gigaclear, parish councillors and locality representatives, Gigaclear management approved extension of their full fibre broadband infrastructure to include a further 78 premises in Churt's settlement area (including the Pavilion and Redhearn Fields). The additional installation work should be finished by mid June. Special thanks to Gigaclear's Project Manager Terry Milward for his hard work to enable the extension.

## **New features at the Recreation Ground**

The replacement tyre swing, which was such a popular item in the playground, will be installed in a week or two (although not in time for the fete, sadly)

Helped by a 50% contribution from Surrey County Council, for which many thanks, we have been able to replace the rotten and broken bollards which will be installed soon. We have noticed that the commercial bins outside the Pavilion have been used/abused by private householders. Please note that these bins are provided for users of the Pavilion only and we shall be taking steps to reinforce this restriction.

Please also be reminded that the parking at the Recreation Ground is principally available for those using the facilities at the Pavilion, and the Recreation Ground, plus school parents when dropping off or picking children up from school, but we are aware that some have taken to parking there for the entire day. This is not fair on other users and we would ask that this practice be stopped before we taken action to enforce the rights.

## **Village Fete**

The CPC will have a stall at the fete and we look forward to seeing you there, to discuss the strategy or anything else you would like to raise. Rob Douglas DL, on behalf of the Parish Council, will be presenting 3 worthy recipients with their Freedom of the Parish awards. Let's hope the sun shines that day!

Best wishes

Sally Shorthose, Chair

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The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust will take place in the pavilion on Wednesday 19 June 2024 at 7.30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.