

Churt Parish Council  
Clerk to the Council  
Mrs Dawn Barrow

**Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council  
held on Wednesday 17 October 2018  
in the Churt Pavilion at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present**

Churt Councillors: David Crossley, Kevin Lower, Roger Rowe, Adrian Waller, Eunice Burch, Bob Cordell, John Petty, Lisa Martin

Surrey County Council: 1  
Waverley Borough Council: 0  
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow  
Members of the Public: 2 (Richard Bourne and Susan Ryland)

**18/108 Chairman's welcome**

Cllr Crossley welcomed all to the meeting and gave a particularly warm welcome to Lisa Martin, Churt's new councillor.

He then introduced Susan Ryland who has expressed an interest in joining the Council.

Cllr Harmer was invited to speak.

Surrey CC has almost no reserves and needs to save £40 million over and above savings already in the budget. It is illegal to have a negative budget.

SCC will not at the present time resurface the road leading up to the zebra crossing in Churt as too costly.

30 October Western Villages meeting for chairmen and clerks. What would Churt like done to the roads if there is money designated for next year? End of Jumps Road (technically in Frensham) a problem with parking for the Sculpture Park, maybe yellow lines could be painted to beyond the bend??

Any proposals go to a meeting in March 2019, then out to consultation then to a further meeting in June.

Roads in Surrey not as good as elsewhere in the country. This is because repairs are based on 'road mileage' not on 'road usage'.

Should anyone wish to petition Parliament on this the web address is

<https://petition.parliament.UK/petitions/217930>

Works to clean road signs, clear verges etc out to tender.

Churt already has 2 VAS signs. There is a further mobile VAS sign on offer but it requires training before being used. This can be shared between 9 Parishes. Cllrs Martin, Rowe and Cordell expressed an interest in training.

Cllr Burch asked if there was any update on Broadband to Jumps Road? No statement has been made.

Only one of the 2 flashing School signs is working, Clerk to speak to Steve Lindsay -Clerk or Stuart Copping at SCC.

Cllr Crossley thanked Cllr Harmer for the monies granted from his Member's Allocation which have been put towards the new pavilion furniture.

Cllr Crossley then invited Susan Ryland to speak.

She lives in Beacon Hill and has been in the area since the 1970's. Strong believer in the importance of what is done at Parish level. Involved in a Focus Group up at Beacon Hill and has experience in disability and access issues. Good environmental knowledge and currently spearheading a campaign against dog fouling.

Cllr Crossley will circulate her statement of interest.

**18/109 Apologies for absence**

None

**18/110 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests**

None

**18/111 Minutes of the meeting of 19 September 2018**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2018 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Petty, **seconded** by Cllr Burch.

**18/112 Report of the Clerk to the Council**

- 1) Monies (£735) received from Member's Allocation towards new pavilion furniture
- 2) Audit concluded via PFK Littlejohn
- 3) Issue re disappearing mirrors along Hale House Lane. (Cllr Burch said the SCC man working on the road said all mirrors had apparently been illegally placed on the verges.)
- 4) Lisa Martin to attend a new councillor training course on May 2019
- 5) Invoices sent to 10 advertisers on website
- 6) Churt war memorial NOT to be designated as a 'memorial of special architectural or historic interest' as deemed too modest.

**18/113 Committees and Portfolio reports**

**18/113.1 Community and Environment (RC)**

**18/113.1.1 Crime and Disorder**

2 break- ins in Lampard Lane and Jumps Road.

A few rogue traders have been seen plus there has been a scam involving selling shingle to houses. 2 people have been spotted taking photos of the backs of houses. Surrey Police however report a slowing down in the rise in reported crime.

**18/113.1.2 Village centre portfolio (RC)**

Phone box has been removed and the land around tidied up. Christmas lights to go up Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, Cllrs Cordell and Rowe to facilitate. Clerk to ask SCC to tidy up bank opposite the shops

**18/113.2 Roads and Transport (KL)**

**18/113.2.1 Parking in village centre**

Parking signs are now up and working well. The Guildford parking team visit once a week to ensure compliance. All shopkeepers are happy.

Road markings have been reinstated along Hale House Lane.

There have been a number of very large lorries going up Barford and Hammer Lanes to Symondstone

**18/114 Financial Matters**

**18/114.1 Payments for authorisation - September 2018**

**Proposed** by Cllr Rowe, **seconded** by Cllr Waller and **AGREED** by all.

## **18/114.2 Budget Update and Income report - September 2018**

Noted.

Appendix 3 - Expenditure v Budget - circulated

### **18/114.3 Pension and holiday pay for Clerk**

This was a point raised by the auditors this year, Councils now legally obliged to provide a pension and holiday pay for Clerks.

Cllr Crossley **proposed** that Cllr Rowe join the Finance Committee following the resignation of Cllr Gay, **seconded** by Cllr Petty.

Pension contribution will be £387 by Parish, Clerk will put in lesser sum amounting to a third of the total. Backdated to 2016.

Holiday pay dates back to 2013 and will be c£5100.

Cllr Crossley to arrange a meeting of Finance committee with Clerk and Roddy Barrow who helps with accounts.

### **18/115 Planning**

Cllr Crossley stood in as Chairman of the planning sub- committee.

#### **18/115.1 -To note and comment on current planning applications:**

None

#### **Recent applications:**

**PRA/2018/0030 - Warrens, Hale House Lane, Churt - Granted with conditions**

**WA/2018/1159 - Frensham Pond Hotel, Bacon Lane, Churt - pending**

**WA/2018/1172 - Bentwater, Jumps Rd, Churt - granted despite strong PC objection re size**

**WA/2018/1112 - April Cottage, Crosswater Lane, Churt - Withdrawn**

**WA/2018/1117 - Chapel Cottage, Star Hill, Churt - full permission**

**NMA/2018/0096 - Land opp. Crabtree Lane, Churt - NMA allowed**

**WA/2018/1232 - Spring Cottage, Crabtree Lane, Churt - full permission**

**WA/2018/1237 - Greencroft, Green Lane, Churt - full retrospective permission**

**Robinswood** - Cllr Cordell has spoken to Waverley planners. In an AONB and a sunken road. Planners to take up with landowner. Cllr Cordell to follow up with planning enforcement officer, as putting up post and rail fencing and increasing their frontage.

### **18/116 Website update and webmaster role (AW)**

Clerk has taken advise from Anne Bott, Parish cannot pay a councillor to be webmaster, issues with litigation. Cllr Waller can however carry on as webmaster for up to a year with no remuneration.

### **18/117 Emergency Plan Update (AW)**

Cllr Rowe and Waller to arrange a meeting to take forward.

#### **Other matters:**

Cllr Crossley in communication with John Hockley, ex Police, now at SCC dealing with travellers. The joint protocol between Surrey and the Police is now at Version 7 and will run into next year.

Clerk reminded councillors of 2 dates for their diaries, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> - litter pick and Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - Village Cheer.

Clerk to provide Cllr Martin with the weblink for the Surrey map so she can find the numbers of footpaths in Churt.

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 8.35pm. 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 21 November 2018 at 7.30pm** in the pavilion.**