



Churt Parish Council Newsletter November 2020

Virtual Meeting

We held yet another virtual Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 18th November. Once again Councillor Katy Law joined us from her train returning from work in the City. We were also pleased to welcome our newly appointed Councillor Sally Shorthose. All council business was effectively and efficiently dealt with.

Churt Community Support Group

Demand, even during this latest lockdown, has continued to be very low. This is good news as clearly a buddy system and/or family support has well and truly kicked in.

If you do need assistance the number to call is: **07760 473056** The volunteer group which was set up at the start of the Covid-19 public health emergency remains in place and can help with shopping, prescription collection, friendly phone calls or dog-walking for elderly, vulnerable, quarantining or self-isolating Churt residents when necessary. It does not replace Waverley Social Services or other established village organisations. The phone line, manned by a small team of duty officers, is open to take calls Mondays to Fridays only between 10am and 6pm. Please leave a message and a member of our team will get back to you as soon as possible, but always within 24 hours, to discuss your request and how it will be met. I am delighted that Councillor Sally Shorthose has agreed to join the band of duty officers.

Net Zero for Churt

In June 2019, parliament passed legislation requiring the UK to be a 'net-zero' emitter of greenhouse gases by 2050. We live in an area endowed with an abundance of natural capital assets and an environmental heritage which is a treasure that we want our children and future generations to continue to enjoy. Churt Parish Council recognises that the time for more decisive action to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 and to support increased biodiversity in the interests of sustainability, economic, social, and health benefit is **NOW**. Churt's own Environmental Charter was approved at our November meeting, which you can find at <https://www.churt.org/our-environment>. Councillor Myra Johnson is leading the Churt Environmental Working Group to support local households and businesses with initiatives and guidelines for Churt's journey towards **net-zero**. My thanks to Myra and the working group for this excellent piece of work.

Recreation Ground matters

There have been two incidents of concern within the past few days. The first was a report of youngsters riding motorcycles on the recreation ground. Thankfully the damage caused was minor. I want to reassure all that this type of behaviour will not be tolerated. Should there be a reoccurrence, and let us hope it was a one off, I would urge you to report it to either Dawn Barrow, our Clerk, or myself.

The second issue was the "dumping" of items next to the SCOPE bin by the pavilion. Can I remind all that once the SCOPE bin is full, items should not be left on the ground next to it. This does amount to fly tipping and a recent incident was treated as such and the items disposed of. Please note that only items of **clothing and shoes** should be left in the SCOPE bin.

Crime and Security

Incidents of crime in Churt reported to the Police are very low. There have, however, been a number of break-ins to sheds, garages and outbuildings in the area. Items ranging from tractors to garden tools have been stolen. Please keep all your outbuildings securely locked.

I know that some people do not report crime to the police as they do not think there is any point. Please, please report all crime regardless. Your information could just be the final small piece in a much larger jigsaw. Stolen property is

recovered from time to time and if you have not reported your crime any property related to it will never show up as stolen.

Remembrance Sunday - 13th November 2020

Village organisations were able to lay wreaths at the War Memorial, but in a socially distanced way. St John's Church held a small gathering at 11am and laid the Church wreath following the 2 minutes silence. The Parish Council, WI and Scouts then followed at 15 minute intervals to lay their wreaths.

Village Cheer

A reminder, I am afraid that due to the Covid-19 restrictions, it will not be possible this year to hold our annual Village Cheer pre-Christmas event to welcome newcomers to the village. Another casualty I am afraid. Roll on next year!

David Crossley. Chairman

The next meetings of Churt Parish Council and the Recreation Ground Trust will be held on Wednesday 16th December 2020 at 7.30pm. We expect these meetings to be conducted by virtual means.