

## Churt Parish Council

*Clerk to the Council*

Mrs Dawn Barrow

### Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 20 March 2024 at 7.30 pm.

#### **Present**

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

Surrey County Council: 1 - David Harmer (part)  
Waverley Borough Council: 1 - James Staunton (part)  
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow  
Members of the Public: 1 - David Irwin

#### **24/31 Chairman's Welcome**

Cllr Martin welcomed all to the meeting and invited the guests to speak.

David Irwin stated that the PIP had been refused on Green Lane and therefore matters were back in the lap of the applicant. Could go to appeal and they may cite precedents. He questioned how should the damage caused by felling the trees be readdressed?

James Staunton will ask at WBC who was in charge of placing the TPO on other trees as they may be able to help. More than 5 cubic metres of trees were felled.

James Staunton confirmed that WBC have put forward a motion to oppose the extension of Farnborough Airport.

Parking fees in WBC to go up by a maximum of 15%.

David Harmer commented regarding the Tylney Wood application that there was concern relating to access for emergency services and this concern had been mentioned to the Countryside Department.

Council tax bills have been received from WBC but with an unusual presentation of the figures. Adult Services surcharge is not regarded as being part of council tax but is clawed back through council tax. DH felt there should be an explanatory note appended to the council tax bill.

SCC have been assigned a budget for works to significant pieces of road, he felt therefore the A287 would get priority.

#### **24/32 Apologies for absence**

Cllr Munro (WBC).

#### **24/33 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.

#### **24/34 Minutes of the meeting of 14 February 2024**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2024 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Johnson, **seconded** by Cllr Raeside.

**David Harmer and James Staunton left the meeting.**

#### **24/35 Portfolio renaming and responsibilities**

Cllr Johnson - Planning (Chair) and environment

Cllr Spence - Environment (Chair), emergency plan, finance

Cllr S Shorthose - Vice Chair, planning, recreation ground, finance and legal advice

Cllr M Shorthose - Recreation ground, finance, village strategy

Cllr Morgan - Recreation ground, IT matters

Cllr Harrison - Village centre, fete liaison, recreation ground

Cllr Wright - Planning, recreation ground

Cllr Raeside - Recreation ground (Chair), crime and disorder

Cllr Martin - Parish Chair, roads and transport, road safety, planning, recreation ground

Cllr Martin advised that at the May elections she would be standing down as Chair. Cllr S Shorthose is willing to put herself forward for the position of Chair but anyone can stand.

Cllr Martin mentioned that past Cllr John Petty is sadly unwell.

#### **24/36 Report of the Clerk to the Council**

- 1) Clerk requested quotes from Andrew Colebrook, Assured Tree Care, Mark Welby and Arbor-Cultural re triennial tree survey
- 2) Broken VAS by Lampard Lane reported to SCC

#### **24/37 Report from the Environment Committee (JS)**

Cllr Spence reported the scouts are scheduled to volunteer to Wicket Wood for 5 hours on 20 April to clear bracken and holly.

Surrey held a biodiversity webinar in early February, attended by 50 people. Covered statutory duties under the Environment Act. Roles for parish councils not as specific as for borough or district councils. Cllr Spence asked if we should codify this into a plan? SALC have sent out a survey on this, to be returned by 19 May.

#### **24/38 Village strategy/vision and WBC Economic Development Plan (MS)**

Churt's response to the EDP went in on time and has been acknowledged. Cllr M Shorthose wishes to concentrate on life in the village going forward. Eg what commercial interests should we encourage? What is the balance between new housing requirement vs. desire for no development? MS will put together a template of pertinent issues relevant to Churt such as demographics, housing need, differences across the community. Clerk to forward Village Design Statement and other published documents. Cllrs Spence, Morgan, Wright, Johnson and M Shorthose to form a subcommittee. Going forward Village Centre (Cllr Harrison) needs to be a separate agenda item.

#### **24/39 Roads and Transport including road safety, 20 MPH survey and RoW (LM/MJ)**

20MPH survey has been sent to WBC and Jeremy Hunt. SCC strategy requires community support for implementation of a 20MPH strategy. Cllr Wright asked how a 20MPH zone would be enforced? Cllr M Shorthose commented that looking back a few years, the possibility of a 20MPH zone outside the school would be considered a real win. If we achieved this initially we could then look at extending it to other parts of the settlement area. Cllr Harrison commented that the mothers at the school are still crossing by the Crossways pub which is very dangerous. Cllr Johnson replied saying that the school head had written to all parents about this. She will also forward the advert for the school crossing patrol officer to include in this month's newsletter.

SCC's Vision Zero Road Safety Strategy has been published for the community to respond. Parish Council now need to give our input. CPC has already written to Matt Furness.

Crosswater Lane will be closed for 2 days a week over the next 2 weeks for resurfacing.

#### **24/40 Crime and Disorder (DR)**

Surrey Police have launched a National Abuse service whereby the public can anonymously report abuse. They also held a Rural Crime Week recently.

#### **24/41 Financial Matters**

##### **24/41.1 Payments for authorisation - February 2024**

February's accounts were **proposed** by Cllr S Shorthose, **Seconded** by Cllr Johnson and **agreed** by all.

##### **24/41.2 Budget Update and Income report - February 2024**

Noted.

##### **24/41.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500**

None.

#### **24/42 -To note and comment on current planning applications**

**Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Johnson.**

Cllr Johnson confirmed that WBC have set up an online public survey on planning, covering consultation on the new local plan development and including how they deal with planning applications.

Call for local sites finishes at the end of March.

WA/2024/00335 Tylney Wood, just over the border, original application for 2 dwellings refused. Went to appeal. New application submitted citing precedents in Windsor, Dunsfold and Maidenhead. Comments to be submitted.

WA/2024/01263 Little Corries, turned down as a Certificate of Lawfulness on a technical argument. Cllr Johnson to respond maintaining our 'no objection' position. Comments on the Old Vicarage and Borrowstone have already been submitted as due by 8 March.

#### **24/43 Farnborough Airport and airspace changes**

Nothing further to add.

#### **24/44 Gigaclear and Frensham phone mast (MJ/SM)**

Wayleaves relating to the recreation ground are coming through for signature. Cllr Johnson is working with Gigaclear to try and include Green Lane Cottages and The Meadows in scope and has sent letters to residents. Representatives in place for both locations.

Attempts to bring the missing spur of Parkhurst Fields into scope has not been successful as the residents concerned rejected the proposal to install ducting under part of the front lawn of 3 houses. Cllr M Shorthose to be included in further correspondence. Cllr Morgan confirmed that Gigaclear are a commercial organisation and will do what's viable for them. The Government has expressed an intention to mop up missing rural areas but there are no firm commitments.

#### **24/45 Triennial tree survey**

Clerk to instruct Arbor Cultural.

#### **24/46 Freedom of the Parish recipients 2024**

3 names have already been put forward. Mention in newsletter asking for nominations in to the Clerk. Certificates to be presented at the fete.

**24/47 Date for Councillors Xmas meal 2024**

Clerk to book Bel and the Dragon for 4 December, Village Cheer is on the 7<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**24/48 Website update (SM)**

Consensus is it needs an update, bit clunky, outdated information and the calendar facility is poor. Councillors with missing bios and photos to send them direct to Cllr Morgan. Agenda for April.

**Other matters**

Cllr Johnson and the Clerk to request to meet with the chap from WBC who has been parking his works van on the corner of Redhearn Fields.

Churt Open Gardens will take place on June 29/30 in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell, Clerk to ask Mick Cook for information/flyers closer to the time.

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.35pm . 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 10 April 2024 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.****