

Churt Parish Council
Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

**Minutes of the 'virtual' meeting of Churt Parish Council
held on Wednesday 18 November 2020
at 7.30 p.m.**

Present

Churt Councillors: David Crossley (Chair), Myra Johnson, Dominic Raeside, Eunice Burch, Roger Rowe, Katy Law, Lisa Martin, Sally Shorthose, John Petty

Surrey County Council: Cllr Harmer
Waverley Borough Council: 0
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public: 1 (Richard Bourne)

20/94 Chairman's welcome

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

Cllr Johnson confirmed that it was road safety week and that there was a new intake of pupils at St John's school. New mothers are parking at the Rec and walking down the road but the path in front of the Honda garage is very narrow. Cllr Johnson asked Cllr Harmer (SCC) if there was any chance of a new pavement in front of the garage as currently parents think it is safer to cross in front of the Crossways pub. Cllr Harmer confirmed that initially there was concern with the barriers but questioned if there was room for a build out of the pavement? The community at large must be supportive of any narrowing of the road at this location. Cllr Johnson asked if a petition should be organised?

Honda have been granted planning permission to demolish their corner office building.

Cllr Harmer confirmed that the current tranche of monies in the Active Travel Fund is targeted at towns. Cllr Martin confirmed that Surrey has received £6 million for Tranche 2. LM felt that any narrowing of the road at this location would not be viable as this is a bus route and it would stop 2 buses being able to pass each other.

Cllr Harmer said someone should approach the Honda garage to see if they would give up a yard of their forecourt. MJ to take forward.

20/95 Apologies for absence

Apologies were given for Cllr Potts (WBC)

20/96 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

None

20/97 Minutes of the virtual meeting of 21 October 2020

The Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 21 October 2020 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Rowe, **seconded** by Cllr Burch. Cllr Johnson wished to add a small amendment to Minute 20/87.1 that John Swift from Thursley PC also regularly prepares Eco Living information articles and has created an excellent summary infographic.

20/98 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) **Interim internal audit deferred from 6 Nov to 18 Dec (see agenda item 20/100.3 below)**

- 2) Application sent for grant monies from War Memorial Trust
- 3) Smartwater ordered and to be applied to piers and column
- 4) George Woods has replaced village sign in front of Deerhurst.

20/99.1 Community and Environment

20/99.1.1 Report from Environment Working Group (MJ)

CHEWG has had a further meeting and have approved the draft environmental charter (Net zero for Churt) and action programme which had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. There is plentiful material available be it at national, county, borough or village level. Want to look at how to enhance biodiversity and sustainability whilst reducing carbon emissions to net zero by 2050. The charter will relate to the whole of Churt. The PC needs to look at planning policies, services we can buy in etc. Residents can look at what they can do to reduce their carbon footprint. The action plan would address a large number of areas: energy use at home, tools to help people become carbon neutral, environmental stewardship. MJ would like to launch the environment programme via the parish magazine, the website and via information sheets.

JP will write up a case study on how he has achieved carbon neutrality at home.

DC congratulated MJ on a brilliant start. SS proposed we adopt these ideas as the basis for the environment charter, seconded by KL, all in favour.

MJ reported that the Surrey Wildlife Trust has sent a memo regarding a private members bill to end sewage pollution. MJ has emailed Jeremy Hunt who has confirmed his support for the bill.

20/99.1.2 Village centre portfolio (RR)

RR will speak to the shops in order to coordinate putting up the Xmas lights.

20/99.1.3 Crime and Disorder (DR)

DR has emailed Inspector Sam Adcock. Andy Crane is the Sergeant covering Farnham to Haslemere. Crime has gone down during lockdown but online crime has increased.

Recent burglaries of 4 dwellings in Churt, mainly outbuildings and sheds. DC reiterated that any crime, no matter how small, should be reported to the Police. There were a couple of motorbikes driving on the Rec. Came down the A287 at speed, 3 people on 1 bike with no helmets.

20/99.1.4 Pond Lane

There was a resolution back in 2014 that this land would stay in PC's ownership. DC,SS,MJ and the Clerk visited and cleared back vegetation around the pegs used to delineate the site. We believe it to be closer to 5 acres. Back in 2003 the intention was to transfer 12 acres from Frensham PC to the newly created Churt PC. We believe missing tract of land lies adjacent to ours. SS to look at legal papers. DH will get in touch with the Land Registry to see if they can highlight the missing piece of land. Clerk to send Land Registry title number to DH for the piece we own. MJ confirmed some of the CHEWG members would be happy to organise a project to clear back vegetation and enhance accessibility and biodiversity, but some funding will be required.

20/99.2 Roads and Transport

20/99.2.2 Cycling and pedestrian matters (LM)

LM confirmed she has received a flurry of emails regarding ideas re footpaths. She suggests we carry out an online survey asking people where they would ideally like to walk and cycle.
DC has spoken to owner of Silverbeck re possibly allowing access across his land. Politely declined but has offered a small amount of money from his family trust for any projects.
DH confirmed SCC need to have specific projects in mind and then bid for grant monies.

20/100 Financial Matters

20/100.1 Payments for authorisation - Oct 2020

Oct accounts **Proposed** by Cllr Johnson , **seconded** by Cllr Burch and **AGREED** by all.

Appendix 2 - Payments for Oct 2020 - circulated

20/100.2 Budget Update and Income report - Oct 2020

Noted.

Appendix 3 - Expenditure v Budget - circulated

20/100.3 Authorisation of Scheme of Delegation.

Sent to all councillors in advance of meeting.

This is required by the auditors under Covid. **Proposed** by DC, **seconded** by RR, all in **agreement**.

20/101.1 -To note and comment on current planning applications (LM)

Report circulated in advance of meeting.

Woodbury House have applied for permission to replace an existing garage with a larger one - neither support nor object

Rise Cottage - objections sent to WBC further to last meeting.

20/99.2.1 Jumps Road Parking (KL) - (taken out of order to allow KL to drive home from station)

KL reported that WBC has now served an enforcement notice on the Sculpture Park regarding the plot of land to the left of their entrance. Notice takes effect 2 Dec 2020. 3 grounds for breach of planning:

- 1) Material change of use from woodland to storage
- 2) Have put down a concrete surface
- 3) Felt to be inappropriate development in the Green Belt

Positive step forward but does not alleviate local concerns about the parking, still a shambles. SP has remained open during Lockdown 2 as stated they are a park. People are coming from as far away as London and Southampton. They are operating via a pre booked ticketing system.

Richard Bourne has been mobilising locals to write to WBC. Meeting Jeremy Hunt later in the week. Wanting SCC and WBC to form a Joint Action Group to help sort the problem, as they did for Pond Lane earlier in the summer.

DH confirmed the parking team at SCC have put together analysis following consultation. Works could be carried out next summer if the decision is clear cut. Need to be enforceable.

Date of next Local Committee Meeting is 26 March 2021.

20/102 Churt Community Support Group (MJ)

Only 2 requests for help in the last few weeks. Need to review at the end of the year. SS has offered to help as an additional duty officer.

Other matters

John Brain has asked if the Church can use Redhearn Green for an outdoor carol service if Covid measures dictate. Clerk to confirm PC's acceptance to John Brain.

David Harmer left the meeting.

There being no other business the virtual meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.10pm. There then followed a virtual meeting of the Churt Recreation Ground Trust (See separate Minutes).

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Signed:

Chairman

Date:

The next 'virtual' meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Churt Recreation Ground Trust will be held on **Wednesday 16 December at 7.30pm. Agenda and access codes to follow.**