

**Churt Parish Council**  
*Clerk to the Council*  
Mrs Dawn Barrow

**Minutes of the 'virtual' meeting of Churt Parish Council  
held on Wednesday 17 March 2021  
at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present**

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

Surrey County Council: Cllr Harmer  
Waverley Borough Council: Cllr Adams  
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow  
Members of the Public: 5 (Richard Bourne, Gary Duke, Leslie Sharp, Joe Frost, Mashood Ahmad)

**21/24 Chairman's welcome**

Cllr Crossley welcomed all to the meeting and invited Mashood Ahmad to give his presentation concerning Grayshot Gigabit.

**21/25 Presentation from Grayshot Gigabit (see attached notes)**

Leslie Sharp reiterated that they need 150 people to sign up as interested parties, however there is no obligation to take up the service. GG have seed-corn funding and are looking for apprentices and engineers to train up.

Cllr Crossley thanked Mashood for a most interesting presentation and confirmed we would publicise the existence of GG via our social media channels.

**Mashood, Gary, Leslie and Jo left the meeting.**

Cllr Crossley invited Cllr Harmer to speak.

Repairs to the zebra crossing in Churt are top of the agenda for the next financial year.

Resurfacing works to Beacon Hill Road have been completed. There will be a full scale resurfacing of Tilford Road from Hyde Lane to Hale House Lane. Repairs to the Thursley Rd from Bel and Dragon to Thursley Green are underway. Yellow lines imminent on Pond Lane once road sweeping has been carried out. Double yellow lines from Pond Lane to The Chase on A287 completed last week.

Cllr Crossley invited Cllr Adams to speak.

At a recent WBC meeting the level of rates has been agreed. Boundary Commission ongoing, there has been a suggestion that WBC councillors should be reduced to 50. AONB boundary also being reviewed, planning rules withing AONB's are statutory.

Richard Bourne stated that the Sculpture Park has been subject to enforcement action. They are appealing with the hearing possibly in July.

**21/26 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were given from Cllrs Law and Potts.

**21/27 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests**

None

## **21/28 Minutes of the virtual meeting of 17 February 2021**

The Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 17 February 2021 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Shorthose, **seconded** by Cllr Johnson.

## **21/29 Report of the Clerk to the Council**

Nothing to report.

## **21/30.1 Community and Environment**

### **21/30.1.1 Report from Environment Working Group (MJ)**

1. 3 more of the revised "Ten Walks in and around Churt" have been published on the [Churtzero.org](http://Churtzero.org) website and just 2 now remain. Children's Activities, Churt News in Nature and Click-it-Local have also been added.
2. CHAPS, Churt Scouts, St John's School and St John's Church have all agreed to be partners in the NetZero programme and are linked on the website. Surrey Wildlife Trust have approved use of their children's activities content and to be a partner.
3. A CHEWG meeting was held by Zoom on 10<sup>th</sup> March and Minutes have been published.
4. The PC have been in dialogue with Jim Rees about littering, fly-tipping and mountain biking issues; a postcard has been published on both websites to draw people's attention to issues and promote following the Countryside Code. This included drawing attention to what is allowed to go where. Cllr Adams stated that BOATS are quite obvious but footpaths and bridleways are easily confused
5. There are now often bikes using village centre footpaths which can be very intimidating for a pedestrian when they are met head-on in a limited width footpath.
6. In response to a Waverley initiative, DB has invited the Waverley Sustainability Projects Officer to consider the Recreation Ground car park as a potential site for installation of an EV charger. Information on likely costs has been requested.
7. Steve Williams of Waverley Borough Council has been invited to attend the June meeting.
8. MJ is meeting on Zoom with a number of the Western Villages environmental councillors to investigate potential areas of mutual support and collaboration on the Climate Emergency.

### **21/30.1.2 Village centre portfolio (RR)**

Electrical engineers outside shops earlier today.

### **21/30.1.3 Crime and Disorder (DR)**

Hate crime is up, domestic violence is up, antisocial behaviour is up but crime is down by 10%.

## **21/30.2 Roads and Transport**

### **21/30.2.1 Jumps Road Parking and Sculpture Park**

No update on the above.

Cllr Harmer confirmed from 1 April SCC will be introducing lane rental in Surrey for road works.

#### **21/30.2.2 Cycling and pedestrian matters (LM)**

Cllr Martin said it is important to understand who is riding their bikes on footpaths? Is it younger people?

#### **21/30.2.3 Pavement outside Honda garage (MJ)**

Still awaiting assessment by SCC

### **21/31 Financial Matters**

#### **21/31.1 Payments for authorisation - Feb 2021**

Feb accounts **Proposed** by Cllr Rowe , **seconded** by Cllr Raeside and **AGREED** by all.  
Appendix 2 - Payments for Feb 2021 - circulated

#### **21/31.2 Budget Update and Income report - Feb 2021**

Noted and agreed.

Appendix 3 - Expenditure v Budget - circulated

Cllr Johnson raised a comment about anonymous remarks regarding finances being made on Twitter plus letters being received about Parish matters. The PC would like to answer any queries so please make yourself known!!!!!!

#### **21/31.3 Individual monthly costs exceeding £500 for Feb 2021**

£1169.88 Clerk's salary for Feb.

**Richard Bourne left the meeting.**

### **21/32 -To note and comment on current planning applications (LM)**

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

Ashby House, Star Hill - neither support nor object.

Valley Farm, Green Lane - neither support nor object.

Our comments have now been submitted to WBC regarding the community centre redevelopment.

### **21/33 Pond Lane**

Frensham PC have found some old papers regarding PL. Will send to the Clerk.

Cllr Crossley expressed his thanks to Jeremy Wylie who helped put up 6 signs around PL.

Expression of interest registered for Surrey Community Fund. Cllr Johnson has composed a postcard for the website asking for support.

The next phase of the application process has now opened. It is a 5 year project with no time limit.

Ideas for rejuvenating PL include clearing debris, cutting down some scots pine, natural benches but Keep It Local. Introduce more biodiversity and chestnut coppicing.

### **21/34 Churt Community Support Group.**

Jo Corfield joined the meeting. She reported the group has been very quiet for many weeks as people have now sorted their online shopping and support bubbles have helped. She has taken a few calls asking for information about other village organisations eg Churt Volunteer Drivers. She suggests the group is now mothballed but keep hold of the database. Jo will do a Whatsapp message to the volunteers and we will publicise this on the website.

Clerk to inform Jeremy Hunt, SCC and WBC.

Cllr Crossley stated he would like to record his thanks particularly to Jo and Cllr Johnson. He has been approached by Richard Bourne regarding a post Covid community event on the Rec on Sept 11<sup>th</sup>. Friends of St John's will hire a band, Churt Club will provide a bar. Suggested time 3 to 5pm. CCC do not need the Rec that day. WI would like to be involved but not as caterers. Jo Corfield to be asked to stay on board for this event.

**Jo Corfield left the meeting.**

**Other matters**

Emergency legislation ends on 6 May regarding virtual meetings. We have sought legal advice and suggest the following for upcoming meetings:

14 April - Churt PC meeting via Zoom

21 April - annual assembly via Zoom

5 May - annual meeting via Zoom

16 June - Churt PC meeting to be held in pavilion.

The PC would like to confer the 'Freedom of the Parish of Churt' on 2 people, Olivia Cotton and John Petty.

Clerk to look into suitable certificates.

Clerk has received an approach from a lady wanting to hire Redhearn Green for a private party in the summer. This has never been done before and all felt it was not workable.

**Cllr Harmer left the meeting.**

There being no other business the virtual meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.45pm. 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 14 April 2021 at 7.30pm. Agenda and access codes to follow.****