

Churt Parish Council
Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

**Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council
held on Wednesday 20 March 2019
in the Churt Pavilion at 7.30 p.m.**

Present

Churt Councillors: David Crossley, Roger Rowe, Adrian Waller, Eunice Burch, John Petty, Katy Law, Lisa Martin, Robert Cordell, Susan Ryland

Surrey County Council: 1 (Cllr Harmer)
Waverley Borough Council: 1 (Cllr Adams)
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public: 2 (Simon Fraser and Gillian Devine)

19/25 Chairman's welcome

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting and invited Cllr David Harmer and the members of the public to speak.

Cllr Harmer mentioned that none of the existing councillors are standing for re-election at Frensham and requested that next year Churt and Frensham co-ordinate meeting dates so there are fewer clashes.

He confirmed that there would be some monies available next year for capital expenditure from his Member's Allocation pot. Opens 1 April, excludes religious organisations.

News from County Hall - the councillor for Haslemere has resigned and returned to Army duties.

Cllr Cordell asked if SCC have monies set aside to remove any ash trees that may die due to disease? Ash 'die back' could kill 80-90% of ash trees.

SCC have a contract with Surrey Wildlife Trust who maintain trees but who rely heavily on the public to advise of diseased trees.

Cllr Harmer left the meeting.

Cllr Crossley asked Cllr Adams for an update on Borrow House Farm. Now at appeal.

Waverley can no longer count sites with 'outline' permission as part of the housing stock, need to have full permission.

More homes were built in Waverley last year than ever before.

Discussion about how plans are raised and approved at Waverley BC. Any problems alert Cllr Adams on his personal email address, brian.g.adams@btconnect.com

Regarding parking in Jumps Road Cllr Adams suggests Churt and Frensham maintain a close liaison on this.

Could Sec 106 monies (£14,000) from Churt Nurseries development be used to help sort the parking problem in Jumps Road? Frensham need to take the lead on this. Cllr Katy Law to contact Frensham.

All councils will receive CIL monies for any new homes being built but there may also be other monies available for small projects even if no houses are being built within the parish.

Cllr Adams left the meeting.

Simon Fraser was invited to speak. He is the new chairman of the Village Hall Committee with Chris Deacon remaining as treasurer. VHC would like to make a proposal to replace the old, tatty noticeboards at the front of the village hall. They believe there should be 2, each of 3 compartments which can be lockable and can be used by the PC and village organisations such as CADS, CHAPS, St John's Church etc. They believe all costs should be borne by the PC. They

have found an oak board, with posts and installation for c£1800. Clerk stated the PC has a statutory obligation to display many notices and therefore there should be one noticeboard just for the PC.

Clerk to look into grant from David Harmer's Member's Allocation, which opens 1 April.

19/26 Apologies for absence

None

19/27 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

None

19/28 Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office by Cllr Katy Law

Cllr Crossley formally welcomed Katy Law to the Council who duly signed the above form.

19/29 Minutes of the meeting of 20 February 2019

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2019 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Petty, **seconded** by Cllr Waller.

19/30 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) **£10 affiliation fee paid to Surrey Playing Fields Association.**

19/31 Committee and portfolio responsibilities and reports

19/31.1 Community and Environment (SR)

Cllr Ryland has been in touch with the Tilford Clerk who has a councillor in mind to represent Tilford re a possible lighting protocol.

19/31.1.1 Village Centre portfolio (RC)

Everyone continues to be happy with the new parking measures in front of the shops. However Honda garage had a heavy loader parked outside their garage recently unloading cars. They should park these further up Hatch Hill in the layby.

19/31.1.2 Crime and Disorder

A number of car break-ins together with a number of house break-ins up the Churt Road. If property is found and handed in to the Police, if not claimed within one month it becomes the property of the person who found it.

Cllr Crossley advised that Surrey Police are moving to a new headquarters building at Leatherhead, Mount Browne is being sold off.

19/31.2 Roads and Transport

19/31.2.1 Jumps Road parking and sculpture park (KL)

Cllr Law is liaising closely with Dick Beales from Frensham. If 70% of residents are in support it is possible to submit a petition to SCC re the parking issue. Cllr Law is drawing up the wording of a petition to be circulated.

A rural clearway is legally enforceable by the Police.

Traffic problems are a factor of the growth of the Bel and Dragon and the success of the sculpture park. In 2013 the sculpture park had c 6/7,000 visitors per year. In 2017 it had c 30,000 visitors

Cllr Martin has now marked up all footpaths and rights of way on the Parish map.

19/32 Financial Matters

19/32.1 Payments for authorisation – February 2019

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

Appendix 2 - Payments for February 2019 - circulated

19/32.2 Budget Update and Income report – February 2019

Noted.

Appendix 3 - Expenditure v Budget - circulated

19/33 Planning

19/33.1 -To note and comment on current planning applications:

WA/2018/2114 Land off Old barn Lane, Churt – no comment

WA/2019/0125 Warrens, Hale House Lane, Churt – no comment

Additional application ref Hideaway House, land off Old Barn Lane, did not appear on planning list, Cllr Martin will pass comments to Clerk

Recent Applications:

Southdown House, works deferred until June.

19/34 Emergency Plan Update (AW)

Now uploaded onto website.

19/35 War Memorial refurbishment grant (DC)

Application process very lengthy. 3 quotes have been requested. Gillian Devine has been very helpful in providing historical information.

Could get up to 50-60% of costs as a grant.

Cllr Cordell asked if we have to get council approval before providing costs to War Memorial Trust. Cllr Crossley said all 3 tenders out with professional specialists so will most likely adopt the lowest quote.

Gillian Devine asked if it would be possible to move the memorial back from the road?

19/36 Report from Western Villages meeting of 26 Feb (DC) and Waverley BC local clerks meeting of 6 March (clerk)

Horizon Project will provide monies for repair and refurb of major roads.

Additionally Jumps Road and Old Barn Lane will be surface dressed.

There is £5000 for the Lengthsman Scheme for the coming financial year to be shared between all Western villages.

Clerk attended meeting at Waverley BC, main topics discussed were Sec 106 and CIL monies, emergency plans, encampment protocol and councillor training post May elections.

19/37 Application to SSEN resilience fund.

Quite a number of villagers signed up to the Priority Services Register. PC is considering applying for a grant towards a generator. Yasmin at SSEN will keep Cllr Crossley informed of timing for grant application, (around 23 May)

19/38 May election protocol 2 May

Notice of election posted 22 March, applies to council, borough, district and parish elections.

After this time councils enter a period of 'purdah' when no decisions should be made.

Waverley has advised that Cllrs Crossley and Waller can take in all councillors' election forms.

19/39 Annual Assembly 17 April

Cllrs Harmer and Adams will speak, then Cllr Crossley and the village organisations. No councillors will be mentioned by name as in 'purdah'.

Other matters

Regarding the suggestion of 2 new noticeboards, Cllr Martin proposed that the PC pays for both, 7 for, 2 against. Clerk to apply for Member's Allocation monies.

Clerk to provide date of Waverley BC meeting regarding possible redevelopment of Crossways Close to Gillian for the magazine.

Cllr Katy Law to join planning sub-committee.

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.50pm. There then followed a meeting of the Churt Recreation Ground Trust (See separate Minutes).

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Signed:
Chairman

Date:

The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Churt Recreation Ground Trust will be held on **Wednesday 10 April 2019 at 7.30pm in the pavilion.**