

Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 9 April 2025 at 7.30 pm.

Present

Churt Councillors: Sally Shorthose, Dominic Raeside, Stephen Wright, Julian Spence (part), Pippa Harrison, Roddy Barrow, Lisa Martin

Surrey County Council: 1 David Harmer (part)
Waverley Borough Council: 1 David Munro (part)
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public: 2 - Stuart Turner and Jan Macavoy

25/50 Chairman's Welcome

Cllr S Shorthose welcomed all to the meeting and invited the guests to speak.

Stuart Turner gave a presentation regarding the Green Cross Farm planning application. Propose to move the main entrance away from the bend in the road and reduce the height of the proposed gates from 3 metres to 2.2 metres.

Extension will be built of high quality stone with box sash windows. Will be an increase of 22.3% incl. basement with a 17.3% increase in the roof void of the second floor. Plant room does not count towards percentage increase in floor area.

Jan Macavoy provided a brief update on behalf of Churt and Hindhead Cricket Club. Planning application has now been submitted plus an ideas submission to SCC for £125,000. Talking to ECB and FF re other possible funding streams. Looking for donations from the community with a plaque in the pavilion noting donors' names.

Cllr Martin asked if the subs for members would increase? The football and cricket clubs also hope to put in some monies. A coffee shop would help the community feel.

Cllr Wright said 2 upcoming opportunities to present further on the proposals, at the annual assembly and at the fete.

25/51 5 minute presentation by SCC

Fully in support of CHCC application.

3 submissions have gone to Central Government re devolution. SCC ideal is for 2 unitaries but will these be split East/West or North/South?? Boroughs and Districts want 3 unitary authorities. Government will choose.

What will happen to debts of adjoining councils? Eg Woking badly in debt.

Detailed proposals need to be submitted by 9 May.

Cllr Wright asked what will happen to Police and Fire authorities?

Cllr Harmer suggested we talk to neighbouring parishes to assess their thoughts.

Plus should include the River Wey in our next Western Commons meeting?

25/52 5 minute presentation by WBC

Cllr Munro mentioned the serious fire north of Jumps Road, it was a woodland fire on one of the Jumps. Expectation is that most of the trees will survive but the Fire Brigade had to smash a lock to gain entry.

25/53 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Johnson and M Shorthose. Cllr Spence (part). Cllr Raeside apologised for missing the previous meeting.

25/54 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

None.

25/55 Minutes of the meeting of 26 March 2025

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2025 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr S Shorthose, **seconded** by Cllr Barrow.

25/56 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) 2 banners put up advertising Annual Assembly

25/57 Report from the Environment Committee

Nothing to report.

25/58 Village strategy 2035

Cllr Martin asked how would the PC support the various areas of focus? We need to be the conduit. It is entitled 2035 but is a living document. Need to have an ongoing monitoring facility.

25/59 Village centre incl. fete (PH)

Cllr Raeside unable to help with parking at the fete. Suggestion is to use the football parking marshals. Someone from fete committee needs to approach the Police to see if they can help in any way. Hoping to speak at Annual Assembly.

It was also reported that the bus stops were out of use for no apparent reason.

25/60 Roads and Transport

HGV turned over in Jumps Road on 7 April.

There is an upcoming event at Rob Lewis', Cllr S Shorthose to liaise.

25/61 Crime and Disorder (DR)

Operation Ford looks after the safety of Councillors and candidates.

25/62 Financial Matters (RB)

25/62.1 Payments for authorisation – Mar 2025

End of year, cash in bank £35,000. £11,000 VAT reclaim came in just ahead of financial year end.

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

25/62.2 Budget Update and Income report – Mar 2025

Noted.

25/62.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500

26 March - £1570.92, Dawn Barrow, Clerk's March salary

31 March - £1318.18 , HMRC, employer's tax and NI

25/63 -To note and comment on current planning applications (SW)

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Johnson.

Smiles Cottage, major redevelopment, 13 planning applications over the years, baseline for 40% increase in size should be from the start.

Green Cross Farm, original application refused. New proposal for gates far more in keeping. Old dilapidated buildings have been done up very tastefully and the owner is trying to work with us. Cllr Wright to request WBC planners ensure the 40% rule is applied.

25/64 Annual Assembly

Invites been sent, good response from clubs and societies, food ordered. Set up from 6.30pm. Apologies from Cllrs Johnson, Barrow and Wright.

25/65 Freedom of the Parish 2025

Put a request in newsletter for nominations.

25/66 Defibs

Should we replace the one at the village hall with some of the Council's monies? Clerk could apply to David Harmer's fund. Need to ensure Ambulance and 999 is noted on the defib.

Other matters

Clerk to send David Munro correspondence ref Crosswater Lane.

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.15pm . There then followed a meeting of the Churt Recreation Ground Trust (See separate Minutes).

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Signed:

Date:

Chairman

The next annual meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Churt Recreation Ground Trust will be held on **Wednesday 21 May 2025 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.**