Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council
held on Wednesday 15 October 2025
at 7.30 pm.

Present

Churt Councillors:	Julian Spence, Myra Johnson, Lisa Martin, Sally Shorthose, Mike Shorthose, Pippa Harrison, Dominic Raeside, Mike Shorthose
Surrey County Council:	1
Waverley Borough Council:	1
Clerk to the Council:	Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public:	3- Keith Buchanan, Richard Nobbs, Geoff Pierson

25/133 Chairman's Welcome

Cllr S Shorthose welcomed all to the meeting and invited the guests to speak.
Richard Nobbs confirmed Farnborough will be putting in a further application in the next few weeks increasing the number of weekend flights. Rushmoor to decide on environmental risk assessment 15 October. There are a number of other statutory consultees. Weekend flights forecast to increase from 8,900 to 13,500 per year including leisure and repositioning flights. Geoff Pierson added that 13,500 flights at weekends is 130 per day. There is however no proposal to extend the operating hours which are currently 8am to 8pm. Approach route is straight over Churt. Cllr Spence stated we can make our views known via the public consultation after the application has been submitted.
Gatwick has been given approval to change their emergency runway to a second runway increasing flights from 280,00 to 389,000 per year. CAGNE (Communities Against Gatwick Noise Emissions) want to put to a judicial review, would we consider making a financial contribution towards this?

25/134 5 minute presentation by SCC

Cllr Harmer confirmed that the Local Government Reorganisation was dominating matters at the moment. Confirmed there would be 2 Unitaries in Surrey. One year shadow period. Not known whether there would be one or two mayors. Cllr Spence said that Farnham had been chosen as a Neighbourhood Area Committee pilot, needs a population of 50,000 but currently only 42,000 people in Farnham. Would Tilford therefore join with Farnham? How will villages get their voices heard especially in relation to matters such as the roads? Cllr M Shorthose suggested our Chair should write to head of SCC, Cllr Spence will draft. Churt needs a voice.

25/135 5 minute presentation by WBC

Cllr Munro will try to expedite the cutting back of the branches near the zebra crossing. Decision as to how the Unitaries will operate has been delayed by 3 months. Cllr Johnson mentioned the school are applying for £5000 of CIL monies towards funding the balance required to improve the zebra crossing. Cllr Wright said we need to clarify ongoing maintenance responsibility via a letter from SCC. Felt inappropriate to put all CIL monies into one project, however how will we fund the shortfall of £30,000? Cllr Martin asked if there was any negative feeling towards the upgrade? Do we need additional consultation?
Cllr M Shorthose **proposed** we put £15,000 from the CIL monies toward the zebra crossing via the school's application. **Seconded** by Cllr Martin, **all in agreement.**

25/136 Apologies for absence
Cllr Barrow (CPC).

25/137 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests
Cllr Spence confirmed he sits on the WBC planning committee and therefore has to remain neutral when discussing Churt's planning applications.

25/138 Minutes of the meeting of 16 Sept 2025
The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 Sept 2025 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Raeside, **seconded** by Cllr Harrison. It was further noted that due to an increase in work load the Clerk's weekly hours would increase from 21 to 24.

25/139 Report of the Clerk to the Council

1) **Mark Lawson has mended broken chestnut posts on Redhearn Green**
2) **Completion of audit notices and CIL policies uploaded to website**

25/140 Report from the Environment Committee incl. Wicket Wood (JS)
Cllr Spence confirmed James Gray would commence tree works in Wicket Wood in early December. Cllr Spence will advise neighbours. Also mentioned there have been people foraging for mushrooms in Wicket Wood, if for commercial use they should have permission from the landowner. Notices to that effect have been posted.
There are some small grants available from SCC for Nature Recovery. Cllr Spence will consider if any appropriate projects.

25/141 Village strategy 2035 (MS)
Next meeting to be held on Monday 20 October, Councillors M Shorthose, S Shorthose, Spence, Martin, Wright and Johnson to attend.
Clerk mentioned Alex Couchman is interested in running film nights in the village hall.
Cllr Spence advised that on 14 October Waverley Exec agreed to produce a consultation of their Local Plan including the following main issues, settlement hierarchy, rural communities, housebuilding, growing smaller villages and transport issues.

25/142 Village centre incl. possible zebra crossing upgrade (PH)
Ongoing complaints about rubbish outside the Spar shop. Cllr Harrison to order hedge balls to put up outside shops. Lawnmower shop has requested some monies to go towards his heightened electricity bills for running the Xmas lights, he will however give this money to charity. Cllr M Shorthose to find a date and time to put up the lights.
Where should the Xmas tree be located on the Green? Price? Height? How to power the lights? Tilford runs theirs off a car battery and rent the lights. Price is c £10 per foot plus £40 to deliver.
Cllr Johnson advised that 4 holly bushes have been planted on Redhearn Green to block the view of the Gigaclear cabinet when standing at the church door.

25/143 Roads and Transport (LM)
Nothing to report

25/144 Crime and Disorder (DR)
Nothing to report.

25/145 Financial Matters (RB)

25/145.1 Payments for authorisation – Sept 2025

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

25/145.2 Budget Update and Income report – Sept 2025
Noted

25/145.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500
22 Sept – DJK Electrical, £10,000, deposit for pavilion solar panels, monies already received by way of a grant.

25/146-To note and comment on current planning applications (MJ)
Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Johnson.
WA/2025/01861 and 01908, 2 applications relating to Frensham Lodge, both are certificates of Lawfulness, relates to permitted development. Erection of a garage and single storey extension following demolition of existing orangery. No comment.

WA/2025/01919 Three Oaks, change of use of garage to ancillary habitable accommodation plus installation of a small dormer window, no increase in floor space. No comment.

PIP/2025/00207 Land on Green Lane, Permission refused however going forward it will be helpful to have further clarification and planning rulings on what does and what does not constitute 'Grey Belt' land.
WBC have not yet redone their Local Plan to align with national guidelines.
Cllr Martin suggested we should debate what we think is appropriate development for the village.

25/147 Farnborough
Important that individuals respond to the new planning application when it is submitted.
Felt not appropriate for the PC to put monies towards CAGNE funds at Gatwick as remote geographically.

Other matters
None.

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.30pm . 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 19 November 2025 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.