

## **Churt Parish Council**

*Clerk to the Council*

Mrs Dawn Barrow

### **Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 10 June 2026 at 7.30 pm.**

#### **Present**

Churt Councillors: Sally Shorthose, Mike Shorthose Pippa Harrison, Roddy Barrow, Stephen Wright, Dominic Raeside,

Surrey County Council: 1 - David Harmer

Waverley Borough Council: 0

Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow

Members of the Public: 10 (Maggie Stock, Tim Wright, Brendan Dawson, Myra Johnson, Keith Buchanan, Marion Stevens, Clair Craven, Andrew Stainsby, Andrew French, Jan Macavoy)

#### **26/80 Chairman's Welcome**

Cllr S Shorthose welcomed all to the meeting and invited the guests to speak. Marion Stevens from St John's School said they are looking into grants and a patron scheme in order to find 10% of the cost of the upgraded toilets. Low birth rate has led to low income. Hoping to start works in the summer. Need to find £6000 and would like to request £3000 from CIL. Have already completed CIL application.

Andrew Stainsby spoke re Pear Tree Cottage planning application. Located on the N E side of the Rec on a slight rise. Cottage in a poor state, garden already cleared. Proposal is for bungalow to be demolished and replaced with a new 4 bed 2 storey house with the eaves height no higher than at present. New building will align with the neighbours clad in brick and render, with a slate roof and solar panels. Design and access statement required. The square footage will be twice the existing. Owners will make any repairs to Hale House Close caused by the rebuild. Hedge will remain in front of the footpath.

Jan Macavoy said grants of £247,000 have now been agreed for the pavilion renovation from SCC, build a brick, Football Foundation.

The build is on budget but the scope is increasing and they wish to extend the patio. Monies from CHCC totalling £8000 are a loan. £12,000 still due from CJFC.

#### **26/81 5 minute presentation by SCC**

Cllr Harmer reported that the existing SCC is still operating as normal and has asked local services what monies they will require. Cllr Barrow asked if there was any more monies for schools? Can Cllr Harmer help with discretionary funds? Capital costs come out of borrowed monies not council tax. Commissioners have been put in place to look into other Council's debt. Clerk asked when Cllr Harmer's YCCF opens?

#### **26/82 5 minute presentation by WBC**

Nothing to report.

#### **26/83 Election of 2 new councillors**

**Maggie Stock** - Has already sent around her CV, has a desire to give to the village, been here for 4 years, wants to promote village life especially amongst young people. Involved in CADS, the church, village magazine and twinning in Farnham.

**Tim Wright** – Retired, financial background, wants to put back into the village and especially help young people. Also believes we need to look after the middle aged demographic.

**Brendan Dawson** – Just retiring, lives just outside the village, is a volunteer driver and again wants to support children.

Cllr Barrow asked how each of them would contribute to the PC?

Tim – finance, housing and planning

Brendan – helping kids get more involved in sport

Maggie – village centre, community, environment and planning.

The 3 then left the room, it was agreed they were all very strong candidates. After 25 minutes of discussion **Maggie Stock** and **Tim Wright** were **duly voted in as councillors**. Brendan will be asked to join a working party helping bring young people together.

Portfolio responsibilities will be deferred until July's meeting.

#### **26/84 Apologies for absence**

Cllrs D Munro (WBC) and J Spence (CPC)

#### **26/85 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests**

None

#### **26/86 Minutes of the annual meeting of 13 May 2026**

The Minutes of the annual meeting held on 13 May were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Barrow, **seconded** by Cllr Harrison.

#### **26/87 Report of the Clerk to the Council**

- 1) Scouts worked on bracken pulling in Wicket Wood 17 May
- 2) Cllrs S Shorthose and Barrow now Lloyds signatories
- 3) PWLB repayment of £2038.74 to be paid by DD on 22 June
- 4) Model Publication Scheme for IT and Data Compliance uploaded to website, requirement of AGAR

#### **26/88 Report from the Environment Committee (JS)**

Nothing to report.

#### **26/89 Village strategy 2035 (MS)**

Cllr M Shorthose to ask Brendan Dawson if he would like to join the working party for the village strategy.

#### **26/90 Village centre (PH)**

Cllr Harrison reported the fete will be held on 13 June. Buy a brick initiative using the CPC's stand.

#### **26/91 Roads and Transport**

Portfolio responsibility to be decided at July's meeting.

#### **26/92 Crime and Disorder (DR)**

Cllr Raeside asked that everyone remains vigilant following a number of thefts from sheds and a number of online scams.

## **26/93 Financial Matters (RB)**

### **26/93.1 Payments for authorisation – May 2026**

May's accounts were **proposed** by Cllr M Shorthose, **Seconded** by Cllr S Wright and **agreed** by all.

The second tranche of monies for the pavilion have been paid, all monies going through the Parish Council account, allowing us to reclaim VAT.

### **26/93.2 Budget Update and Income report – May 2026**

Noted.

£3,000 CIL monies to be paid to St John's Infant School, **proposed** by Cllr Barrow, **seconded** by Cllr Raeside and **agreed** by all

### **26/93.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500 – May 2026**

11/5/2026 Redwood Cabins, £5685, storage shed

11/5/2026 DJK Contracts, £6840 pavilion renovations

11/5/2026 DJK Electrical £10857.31, pavilion renovations

22/5/2026 DJK Contracts £18073.80 pavilion renovations

25/5/2026 Dawn Barrow £1807.05 Clerk's May salary

29/5/2026 Surrey Pension Fund £517.17 May pension

30/5/2026 DJK Electrical £571.44 5% retention

### **26/93.4 Sign and Minute Section 1 of annual return AGAR 2025/2026**

Noted and signed by Chair and Clerk

### **26/93.5 Sign and Minute Section 2 of annual return AGAR 2025/2026**

Noted and signed

### **26/93.6 Review annual internal report (part of AGAR)**

Reviewed and accepted

### **26/93.7 Review internal auditor's report and note any recommendations**

Reviewed and noted

## **26/94 To note and comment on current planning applications (SW)**

**Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr S Wright.**

**Pear Tree Cottage** is old and an eyesore. Applicant has already applied for a large 4 space garage which has been refused. New application includes a 2 bay garage with accommodation above and a larger property towards the back of the plot. Agreed the PC would make no comment.

**Frensham Lodge**, application to change roof lights to dormer window, no comment.

**Ashby House**, Cllr Munro has passed on our comments to Highways.

**Gatefield**, swimming pool approved.

## **Other matters**

Clerk to circulate Climate Emergency Plan so it can be reviewed and updated, if required.

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 by Chairman

Date:

The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Churt Recreation Ground Trust will be held on **Wednesday 15 July 2026 at 7.30pm in the pavilion.**