

## Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council  
Mrs Dawn Barrow

### Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 8 April 2026 at 7.30 pm.

#### Present

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

Surrey County Council: 1- David Harmer  
Waverley Borough Council: 1 - David Munro  
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow  
Members of the Public: 2 - Keith Buchanan, Phoebe Sullivan

#### 26/46 Chairman's Welcome

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

#### 26/47 5 minute presentation by SCC

Clerk thanked Cllr Harmer for the monies towards the new bench.

#### 26/48 5 minute presentation by WBC

First stab at a budget being carried out for new West Surrey Unitary. W Surrey has sizeable debt inherited from Woking. E Surrey is stable financially.

#### 26/49 Apologies for absence

Cllrs L Martin and M Johnson

#### 26/50 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

Cllr Spence sits on the WBC planning committee.

#### 26/51 Minutes of the meeting of 18 March 2026

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 March were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Barrow, **seconded** by Cllr Raeside.

#### 26/52 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) **New bench bought for Redhearn Green with David Harmer's SCC YCCF grant**

#### 26/53 Report from the Environment Committee (JS)

Scouts will be carrying out a bracken pull in Wicket Wood on Sunday 17 May. Cllr Spence will advise near neighbours.

There is to be a meeting on 14 April regarding St John's Eco Church.

Surrey Community Resilience Officer wants to make the village hall the hub in case of emergencies.

Cllr Spence to call Ben Hapgood from SWT re grant monies and the type of board they wish to have erected in Wicket Wood acknowledging their financial support.

#### 26/54 Village strategy 2035 (MS)

Cllr M Shorthose felt the housing presentation by SCA in March was very helpful.

Cllr Martin will oversee the infrastructure element of the village strategy. Much of what is happening with the pavilion renovation, road safety improvements, closer liaison with the church and ongoing environmental improvements all align with the 2035 vision for Churt.

Clerk to remind Alex Couchman re her interest in the entertainment focus group. Sarah Overington who moved to the village 5 years ago is very keen to be involved. Cllr M Shorthose will pursue this with her.

#### **26/55 Village centre (PH)**

Clerk to remind sports clubs they are responsible for emptying the bin on Redhearn Green.

#### **26/56 Roads and Transport**

Clerk gave a resume of the zoom meeting with Donna Selby regarding the zebra crossing and Hale House Lane road works. Zebra crossing works will need to go to a statutory consultation. PC will need to advise shops and local residents. Donna Selby to send through pictorials.

#### **26/57 Crime and Disorder (DR)**

Cllr Raeside has a crime number regarding the man living in his car on Lampard Lane but nearby residents don't want to take the matter further.

Cllr Munro will look into WBC encampment policy.

#### **26/58 Financial Matters (RB)**

##### **26/58.1 Payments for authorisation - Mar 2026**

Mar's accounts were **proposed** by Cllr Wright, **Seconded** by Cllr Spence and **agreed** by all. At financial year end PC had £124,000 income, £102,000 expenditure leaving £22,000 excess income. £60,000 cash in the bank including CIL monies, grant monies for pavilion renovation and monies from Sports England and SCC solar panel grant. CJFC and CHCC putting in loan monies to provide a buffer to pavilion expenditure.

BNG plan has to be accepted before we can draw down on SCC grants. We are reliant on SCC for 70% of the funding.

RGT hoping to receive Gift Aid from Buy a Brick scheme, awaiting final confirmation from HMRC.

Cllr M Shorthose requested that BAB monies be anonymous.

##### **26/58.2 Budget Update and Income report - Mar 2026**

Noted.

##### **26/58.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500 - Mar 2026**

5/3/2026 Dawn Barrow £1807.03 Feb salary

5/3/2026 Surrey Pension Fund £542.57 Feb pension

5/3/2026 DJK Electrical £9097.70 solar panels

25/3/2026 Dawn Barrow £1807.03 Mar salary

25/3/2026 Surrey Pension Fund £542.57 Mar pension

25/3/2026 HMRC £1954.89 employer tax and NI.

**26/59 To note and comment on current planning applications (MJ)**  
Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Johnson.

Cllr Wright, who will take over the planning portfolio asked if the Council is happy with the way the planning applications are presented for consideration, **all in agreement**. Cllr M Shorthose said it was a very rigorous process and thought the pictorials added clarity.

**WA/2026/00430 High Jump, demolition of garage and replacement with home gym, no comment.**

**Since last meeting applications re 2 Moorside Cottages, Sundial House and Frensham Lodge have all been granted.**

**26/60 Council authorisation of Scouts CIL bid**

Councillors agreed we should give the scouts 100% of their request for CIL monies in the sum of £1620 for the new fence. Clerk to transfer funds and ask for eventual proof of payment.

**26/61 Commissioning of SCA Housing Needs Survey**

Survey defines 'affordable' housing need. Is this pertinent to Churt? We know our type of need. Clerk to circulate 2016 survey. Witley, Milford and Frensham not proceeding with surveys. Clerk to advise David Cowan from SCA.

Cllr Munro to see if WBC has a Housing Needs Survey which would include Churt.

**26/62 Annual Assembly**

15 clubs/societies are speaking plus CPC, SCC and WBC.

**26/63 Freedom of the Parish 2026**

2026 recipients to be Myra Johnson, Sarah Bourne, Sally Fraser and Gillian Devine. Clerk to get certificates made up and framed. Rob Douglas to present at fete on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Other matters**

Cllr Wright mentioned that the resident of Ivy Cottage on Ivy Lane had put in a new entrance. Plus the resident of Ashby House has put in new high gates, both seemingly without permission. Cllr Munro to look into both.

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.10pm . 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 13 May 2026 at 7.30pm in the Churt Village Hall.****