

Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 21 January 2026 at 7.30 pm.

Present

Churt Councillors: Sally Shorthose, Mike Shorthose, Myra Johnson, Lisa Martin,
Pippa Harrison, Roddy Barrow, Dominic Raeside, Stephen Wright

Surrey County Council: 1 - David
Waverley Borough Council: 0
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public: 1 - Keith Buchanan

26/1 Chairman's Welcome

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

26/2 5 minute presentation by SCC

Cllr Harmer mentioned the new planning legislation which will make significant changes. Very urban centric. Clerk to book Cllr Wright onto a planning course run by SALC. Shadow authority to replace current boroughs and districts. We will be in West Surrey. Local area committee for each area, 84 divisions with 2 councillors for each division. SCC working out implications of cuts to grant monies. Central Government has given £500 million towards paying off Woking's debts. Cllr Harmer has £4000 left in his YCCF pot, deadline for applications 30 January.

26/3 5 minute presentation by WBC

Nothing to report

26/4 Apologies for absence

Cllr J Spence (CPC), Cllr D Munro (WBC).

26/5 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

None

26/6 Minutes of the meeting of 17 Dec 2025

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 Dec 2025 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Barrow, **seconded** by Cllr S Shorthose.

26/7 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) WBC still chasing the Biffa lorry which damaged the war memorial
- 2) Precept request sent to WBC 4 January 2026
- 3) Xmas decs and lights taken down early Jan

Clerk to pay Steve Warner's invoice for costs towards running the Xmas lights

26/8 Report from the Environment Committee (MJ)

James Gray to carry out some additional clearance works in Wicket Wood using the SWT grant monies to create heathland habitat glade.

26/9 Village strategy 2035 (MS)

Cllr M Shorthose to update documents so the website content can be updated.
Nothing further to report.

26/10 Village centre incl. improvements to zebra crossing and CIL bid (PH/MJ)

Cllr Harrison suggested a sub committee to oversee the Xmas tree next year. Hyde Farm have offered to donate a tree Dec 2026.

Should we do more activities in the village? For example an easter egg hunt. Cllr Harrison to liaise with the vicar. Could be held on Redhearn Green.

Cllr Johnson reported that SCC have put in their CIL bid to the Waverley Strategic CIL team for a raised, signalised crossing. Met the 22 Dec deadline.

Cllr Johnson has received an email from SCC asking for confirmation to the Waverley CIL team that the £15,000 from Churt's CIL monies will be available. She has responded in the affirmative. SCC's CIL bid is just for the crossing, not the bellmouth at Hale House Lane.

Cllr Barrow asked when we would need access to the £15,000. This would be following approval if this is granted in the March/April timeframe.

The Clerk reported we have received further unfounded complaints from a neighbour about activities at the scout hut which have been forwarded to them.

26/11 Roads and Transport (LM)

Cllr Martin stated she was happy to join any meetings concerning the zebra crossing if and when this is set up by SCC.

26/12 Crime and Disorder

Cllr Raeside mentioned the bench on Redhearn Green had been damaged beyond repair. Clerk to apply to David Harmer's YCCF for monies towards a new bench.

26/13 Financial Matters (RB)

26/13.1 Payments for authorisation - Dec 2025

Dec's accounts were **proposed** by Cllr Wright, **Seconded** by Cllr Martin and **agreed** by all.

26/13.2 Budget Update and Income report - Dec 2025

Noted

26/13.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500 - Dec 2025

11 December - Surrey Pension Fund £542.57, Clerk's Dec pension

15 December - Churt RGT - £5000, transfer to RGT account

18 December - Dawn Barrow £1807.03, Clerk's Dec salary

22 December - PWLC, £2038.74, biannual repayment to PWLB

26/13.4 Approval for Mulberry and Co to take over as internal auditors for 2026/7.

Clerk to ask for a fixed annual audit rate not one based on hours worked.

26/14 To note and comment on current planning applications (MJ)

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Johnson.

WA/2025/01485 Green Cross Manor, Green Cross Lane

Have reduced height of pool room by 1.4m, likely to be out of public view, no public objections but still a very large outbuilding. Recommend respond as previously that it is an inappropriate size in the Green Belt and would detract from openness. Plus must not become a separate dwelling.

La Terre, Star Hill

Jason Finbow has met with the owners who have agreed to enhanced screening plus will be happy to meet with other complainants. Have agreed that lighting will not be used the whole time. Cllr Munro has emailed WBC to ask if an enforcement notice will be applied?

26/15 Housing considerations for Churt

Dovetail in with Churt 2035 strategy. Clerk to invite Surrey Community Action to March's meeting to tell us what is involved in preparing a Housing Needs Survey.

Other matters

None.

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 8.50pm . 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 11 February 2026 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.**