

Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council

Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 17 December 2025 at 7.30 pm.

Present

Churt Councillors: Sally Shorthose, Mike Shorthose, Myra Johnson, Lisa Martin, Pippa Harrison, Roddy Barrow

Surrey County Council: 1- David Harmer (part)

Waverley Borough Council: 0

Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow

Members of the Public: 3 - Keith Buchanan, Richard Nobbs, Geoff Pierson

25/165 Chairman's Welcome

Cllr S Shorthose welcomed all to the meeting and invited the guests to speak. Richard Nobbs confirmed the PC's objection had been submitted, circulated by Cllr Spence. This relates to Farnborough's application to expand weekend flight numbers and use heavier aircraft. Cllr Johnson suggested a precis of the objection on the website and FB page in order to encourage other individuals to object plus put the link in the newsletter. R Nobbs will provide us with other information about Gatwick expansion.

25/166 5 minute presentation by SCC

Cllr Harmer said there are currently 81 councillors in SCC, important to ensure new councillors operate effectively in the shadow year from May 2026 to May 2027.

25/167 5 minute presentation by WBC

Nothing to report

25/168 Apologies for absence

Cllrs D Raeside, S Wright, J Spence (CPC), Cllr D Munro (WBC).

25/169 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

Cllr M Shorthose confirmed he would be involved in an airspace review in 2026 so will remain neutral in relation to Farnborough discussions.

25/170 Minutes of the meeting of 19 Nov Oct 2025

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 Nov 2025 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Barrow, **seconded** by Cllr Harrison.

25/171 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) Successful village cheer event held on 6 December attended by 70 people
- 2) Xmas lights went up 22 Nov and Xmas tree 29 Nov
- 3) Clerk paid Gary in Garden Machinery Shop £50 towards electricity for lights
- 4) Barford Lane eventually reopened after pumping station issues
- 5) Clerk continuing to chase WBC re damage to war memorial

It was further noted that Greg Stafford our MP was very helpful sorting out the signage fiasco and other matters relating to the Barford pumping station leak.

25/172 Report from the Environment Committee (MJ)

Cllr Johnson asked that we formally adopt the wording of the Farnborough objection, all in agreement.

James Gray has carried out some clearance works in Wicket Wood but more is required in order to create obvious glades. We still have some monies left from SWT grant. Cllr Spence advised all the neighbours of the works. Cllr M Shorthose reported a fallen tree which is blocking one of the public footpaths.

Cllr Johnson spoke to Greg Stafford MP at the village cheer event who is in support of the zebra crossing improvements. WBC have advised that SCC have also applied for CIL monies but for a signalised crossing. Need to ensure we meet the 22 Dec deadline for applications. CPC previously agreed to use £15,000 of our CIL funds for a raised table, are we happy to use these funds for a signalised crossing? Cllr Martin mentioned a raised table could perhaps be more effective at slowing traffic through the village however all **agreed** to use the CIL monies towards a signalised crossing.

25/173 Village strategy 2035

Cllr M Shorthose thanked everyone for their help in creating leaflets ref the village strategy. He will now add in one year aims for each focus group. Website will be updated in the New Year. 4 people volunteered their interest in helping with the strategy at the Village Cheer event. The vicar is keen to support through the church. Cllr Martin asked when to start driving things forward if you are a focus group lead?

David Harmer arrived at the meeting.

Cllr Harmer said he believed SCC would put in their bid for CIL monies in relation to the crossing by 22 December. He will speak to Michelle Collins at SCC to expedite.

Clerk to write to Paul Follows at WBC again re NAC's but they are about to conclude.

25/174 Village centre (PH)

Cllr Harrison reported that the Xmas lights and tree have been deemed a great success. Charles Eve has said there is a better bridge now between the CPC and the church eg 90 people attended the Carols on the Green.

Cllr Harrison suggested an Easter Egg hunt?

Cllr Barrow asked if we should put an electric cable from the church to near the War Memorial to power future Xmas tree lights.

Cllr Harrison thanked Jeremy Wylie and Steve Warner from Churt Club for their help in setting up the tree.

Cllr Johnson spoke about a website called churt.parish.uk which gives a lot of details about Churt and is asking local businesses to subscribe to them. Clerk to let Sculpture Park know this is nothing to do with CPC.

25/175 Roads and Transport

We have had a number of complaints from the neighbour of the scout club. We have forwarded these to the scouts but many are unfounded.

25/176 Crime and Disorder

Nothing to report.

25/177 Financial Matters (RB)

25/177.1 Payments for authorisation - Nov 2025

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

25/177.2 Budget Update and Income report - Nov 2025

Noted, Cllr Barrow drew the Council's attention to the extra CIL monies and grant for solar panels enhancing income.

25/177.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500 Nov 2025

9 Nov - Surrey Pension Fund, £542.57, Clerk's Oct pension
20 Nov - Dawn Barrow, £1807.03, Clerk's Nov salary

25/177.4 Adoption of budget for 2026/7

Proposed by Cllr Martin, **seconded** by Cllr S Shorthose and **agreed** by all, subject to additional costs of £3000 being apportioned thus: £2000 to the CHCC and £1000 to CJFC. CJFC has a membership of 800 and income of £100,000.

25/178 To note and comment on current planning applications (MJ)

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Johnson.

WA/2025/023127 Pear Tree Cottage, Hale House Lane.

Want to put in a 4 bay garage, felt to be too dominating. We need to follow up any works with a request to ensure any damage to the road is made good.

La Terre, Star Hill.

20 objections went in from 14 households. D and M Planners have put in a rebuttal following these objections. The NMA has been withdrawn and clarification is being sought on our behalf from WBC. Jason Finbow has had further discussions with owners. Owners are thought to want to sell the property so it is in their interest to resolve these issues.

25/179 Housing considerations for Churt

Defer discussions until Jan 2026 meeting and dovetail in with 2035 village strategy

Other matters

Clerk asked if there was a register of trees with a TPO against them? Cllr Martin to ask David Harmer. Need to follow up in relation to trees illegally cut down in the field on Green Lane.

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.35pm. 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 21 January 2026 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.