

Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council

Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the annual meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 13 May 2026 at 7.30 pm.

Present

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

Surrey County Council: 1 - David Harmer

Waverley Borough Council: 0

Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow

Members of the Public: 0

26/64 Chairman's Welcome

Cllr S Shorthose welcomed all to the meeting. She thanked Cllrs Myra Johnson and Lisa Martin for their long service, hard work and diligence to the Parish Council. They have both made a massive impact and will be sorely missed. They were each presented with a Frances Frith print of the centre of Churt in bygone times and wished a happy retirement from the Parish Council.

Cllr Martin left the meeting.

Cllr S Shorthose then invited the guests to speak.

26/65 5 minute presentation by SCC

Cllr Harmer reported that those elected the previous week have now formed 2 shadow councils for the next 12 months but the old SCC and WBC are still operating. Cllr Harmer will use his last year to mentor new councillors. The Clerk should continue to contact the current borough councillors. Central Govt need to assist with Woking's debt. Cllr M Shorthose said it was vital to build relationships with the new councillors and Cllrs Phoebe Sullivan and Keith Buchanan will continue to attend our parish meetings.

SCC AGM to be held on 14 May at which they will decide what monies might be available.

26/66 5 minute presentation by WBC

Cllr Munro passed on his apologies but reported that James Staunton our other WBC councillor had resigned this week post elections, thus triggering a potential bye election. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Cllr Munro stating we had no faith in Cllr Staunton who has only attended 2/3 meetings over the past few years and that Cllr Munro has done a fantastic job for us on his own. Therefore the PC felt it should continue like this for Cllr Munro's final year and save election costs. Clerk to copy in other local clerks.

26/67 Election of Chairman and signing of Acceptance of Office forms

Cllr S Shorthose stated she has been elected as the unitary councillor for Farnham South but was happy to continue as Chair of the CPC for her shadow year. Cllr Raeside **proposed** Cllr Shorthose remain as Chair, **seconded** by Cllr Barrow, **all in agreement**. Cllr Shorthose was duly re-elected as Chair of the CPC.

26/68 Election of Vice Chairman and Councillors and signing of Acceptance of Office forms

Cllr Raeside **proposed** Cllr Wright remain as Vice Chairman, **seconded** by Cllr Barrow, **all in agreement**. Cllr Wright was duly re-elected as Vice Chair of the CPC.

All other councillors were happy to be re-elected leaving 2 casual vacancies. Maggie Stock, Brendan Dawson and Tim Wright all expressed an interest, have sent in CV's and will be asked to attend June's meeting in person.

26/69 Apologies for absence

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

26/70 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

None

26/71 Minutes of the meeting of 8 April 2026

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 April were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Barrow, **seconded** by Cllr M Shorthose.

26/72 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) New bench installed on Redhearn Green 20 April
- 2) Donna Selby road safety project uploaded to website
- 3) Precept received in sum of £68359, £50,000 transferred to deposit account
- 4) CIL monies paid to scouts in sum of £1620
- 5) CIL monies received Oct 2025 to March 2026 was £0
- 6) Advised David Cowan SCA we would not be proceeding with housing survey
- 7) Rob Douglas to present Freedom of the Parish awards to 4 recipients at fete

26/73 Report from the Environment Committee (JS)

Scouts will be pulling holly and bracken at Wicket Wood on Sunday 17 May. Cllr Spence has advised all neighbours including the new owners of Frensham Lodge.

26/74 Village strategy 2035 (MS)

No further update

26/75 Village centre (PH)

Cllr Harrison reported she is continuing to liaise with village organisations and shop owners. Jeremy Wylie's daughter is running the pizza van at the Rec Ground on Fridays whilst cricket is on.

26/76 Roads and Transport

Recent speed checks in Quinettes layby. Clerk to ask Donna Selby for plans and pictorials re the Hale House Lane and zebra crossing works.

Cllr Harmer asked if the school has a formal travel plan? This was discussed when the SCC road safety team first met the school.

26/77 Crime and Disorder (DR)

Cllr Raeside has completed the antisocial behaviour survey on behalf of CPC.

26/78 Financial Matters (RB)

26/78.1 Payments for authorisation - Apr 2026

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

Cllr Barrow reported the precept had been received, together with £26,000 grant monies for pavilion. £1620 paid out to scouts as CIL grant. £125,000 in account at end of month. VAT reclaim to be submitted by Clerk re: building work costs.

26/78.2 Budget Update and Income report – Apr 2026

Noted.

26/78.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500 – Apr 2026

8/4/26 London Building Company, £1860, planning certification and site inspection

8/4/26 Redwood Cabins, £5685, first tranche for storage unit

10/4/26 RGT, £1000, buy a brick monies

17/4/26 DJK Contractors, £15960, first tranche for pavilion works

21/4/26 Churt Scouts, £1620, CIL grant

23/4/26 Dawn Barrow, £1807.23, Clerk's salary

30/4/26 Surrey Pension Fund, £517.17, Clerk's pension

26/79 To note and comment on current planning applications (MJ)

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Johnson.

Ivy Cottage, Ivy Lane new shed/wood store. Have levelled area, put path in and built a bridge over the stream into Hants.

Ashby House, second gateway put in with some land grabbing adjacent to bridle path, barbed wire on top of fence. Cllr Johnson/ Wright will draft a letter to the owner.

WA/2026/00666 Frensham Lodge, Pond Lane, adjacent to Wicket Wood. All works carried out under Certificate of Lawfulness, all within roof space so no increase in square footage. Copy response to Cllr Munro.

WA/2026/00666 Gatefield, Farnham Rd, swimming pool and plant room, advise planners of proximity to Common, impact of lighting.

High Jump, approved.

Cllr Wright advised he had attended the NALC planning course on 13/5. They mentioned that the NPPF will standardise planning in order to enhance development.

Other matters

Jan Macavoy will use the CPC's stand at the fete in order to raise awareness of the Buy a Brick scheme and sell bricks on the day.

It has been suggested that the disabled space at the side of the village hall could perhaps be moved to the standalone space nearby on the A287. Clerk to speak to Mick Cook and Guildford parking team.

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 10 June 2026 at 7.30pm in the Churt Village Hall.**