Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 16 September 2026 at 7.30 pm.

Present

Churt Councillors:	Mike Shorthose Pippa Harrison, Stephen Wright, Maggie Stock, Dominic Raeside
Surrey County Council:	1 - David Harmer
Waverley Borough Council:	1- David Munro
Clerk to the Council:	Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public:	5 – Phoebe Sullivan, Keith Buchanan, Claudia Hastie, Jan Macavoy, Andrew Stainsby

26/111 Acting Chairman's Welcome
Cllr S Wright welcomed all to the meeting and invited the guests to speak.

Jan Macavoy updated all on the CIL application. The budget for the pavilion does not include monies for the men's changing rooms and toilets. Feels therefore they will let down the project when completed. Jan will resubmit the CIL application for monies towards refreshing these.
£1400 CIL monies with the balance from BAB monies and budgeted maintenance monies.
CHCC have also sent in details ref a possible borehole and retention tanks. Proposed borehole would be under extended patio at edge of pavilion. PP will be required for patio extension. Grant application and funding could take between 4-6 months. Cllr S Wright will form a subcommittee with Cllrs Spence and M Shorthose to consider benefit v environmental impact. Clerk awaiting information from Elstead who have recently installed a borehole.
Pavilion works should be finished by mid Oct. Suggestion of a grand opening mid Nov with the Chair of SCC cutting the ribbon.
Cllr M Shorthose to do Giftaid reclaim for BB monies.

Claudia Hastie concerned re Farnborough. Clerk informed her CPC had already objected and will link her by email with Cllr Spence for further information.

Andrew Stainsby provided an updated re Pear Tree Cottage. The original application was refused and they have now submitted a revised application with a single storey garage, a lowered ridge line and a 4 bed house.

26/112 5 minute presentation by SCC
Cllr Harmer advised there is a lot of movement within SCC and therefore local knowledge could be lost.
Re Donna Selby's report, Clerk to ask Donna to send through final report. Everyone appreciates it is a very busy, blind junction at the end of HHL. School parents still crossing directly from pub to school. School still advertising for a lollipop man/woman.
Cllr Harmer left the meeting.

Phoebe Sullivan said we are still waiting to hear if we will get a Mayor. LGR a massive task in West Surrey, staff still not been told of roles so further delays expected.
Keith Buchanan added that existing councils spending money should consult with the new unitaries.

West Surrey have accepted a strategic authority to cover West and East Surrey.

26/113 5 minute presentation by WBC
Looking for a smooth exit on 31 March 2027.
Farnborough going for non-determination. Outcome will be decided by Sec of State.
Cllr Munro has asked WBC to empty the dog poo bins on the Rec and Redhearn Green more frequently.
Cllr Munro to provide details of company who can mend potholes.

26/114 Apologies for absence
Cllrs R Barrow, S Shorthose, T Wright, J Spence

26/115 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests
None.

26/116 Minutes of the meeting of 28 July 2026
The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 July were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Harrison, **seconded** by Cllr S Wright.

26/117 Report of the Clerk to the Council

1) **Cllr Spence added as Lloyds signatory**
2) **David Munro to ask WBC to empty bin on Redhearn Green**
3) **Potholes in front of church require tarmacing. Awaiting quotes from Lindsay Clark and Beasley Landscaping.**

26/118 Report from the Environment Committee
Cllr Spence sent in a report noting that the pavilion had been adopted as the hub for the Emergency Plan. Plus the Council would write in support of Geoffrey Pierson's letter to Greg Stafford re Farnborough.

26/119 Village strategy 2035 (MS)
Nothing to report

26/120 Village centre (PH)
Cllr Harrison to get quotes for a Xmas tree. Will also try and secure some sponsorship for it. Bins still an issue around the village. Pizza van now in pub car park on Thursday evenings.
Clerk to speak to WBC re state of path from Hale House Lane across the bottom of Parkhurst Fields.
Cllr Harrison also asked if there was the possibility to have a book exchange library? Some parishes use old phone boxes. This however is not an option for Churt.

26/121 Roads and Transport
Nothing to report.

26/122 Crime and Disorder (DR)
Theft of quad bike and tools from garden shed in Aug.

26/123 Financial Matters (RB)

26/123.1 Payments for authorisation – July and Aug 2026
July and Aug's accounts were **proposed** by Cllr Raeside, **Seconded** by Cllr S Wright and **agreed** by all.

26/123.2 Budget Update and Income report – July and Aug 2026
Noted.

26/123.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500 – July and Aug 2026
1 July, Surrey Pension Fund, £517.17, June pension
25 July, Dawn Barrow, £1807.03, Clerk's July salary
20 July, HMRC, £1954.69, Employer tax and NI
30 July, Surrey Pension Fund, £517.17, July pension
25 Aug, Dawn Barrow, £1807.03, Clerk's Aug salary
28 Aug, Surrey Pension Fund, £517.17, Aug pension

26/123.4 Clerk's salary uplift backdated to April 2026
Clerk's salary and allowance to go up by 3.3% as advised by NALC. **Proposed** by Cllr Raeside, **seconded** by Cllr Harrison and **agreed** by all

26/123.5 Insurance
Renewed from Sept in sum of £3120.35pa. Clerk to advise insurance company when pavilion works completed.

26/124 To note and comment on current planning applications (SW)
Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr S Wright.

WA/2026/01519 Pear Tree Cottage – new application submitted (as noted before 26/111) but this is still significantly larger than the existing property. Andrew Stainsby will keep us advised and will come back to a future meeting if required. No further comments submitted.

26/125 Steps from Redhearn Green onto Old Kiln Lane
Someone has enquired if it was possible to install steps on the bank that people use to cut the corner and go from Redhearn Green onto Old Kiln Lane near the Churt Club.
The PC would become liable for maintaining these steps and would need to install a handrail. Cllrs felt it was better to not discourage people from using the safe route on the road around the corner.

Other matters
Via the newsletter the PC will remind landowners about maintaining their trees and hedgerows if they overhang roads/footpaths.
There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 8.55pm . 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 14 Oct 2026 at 7.30pm in the pavilion.