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### **Churt Parish Council Newsletter October 2025**

#### **Churt PC meeting October 2025**

We had another busy meeting in October and I can report on some positive developments in some areas!!

#### **Village Centre Traffic Calming Proposals**

Last month I reported that we had received a generous offer from Surrey County Council to fund the majority of costs that would be incurred by implementing the following improvements at the village centre:

- Raising the existing zebra crossing onto a raised table - improve the visibility of pedestrians using the crossing and reduce vehicle speeds
- Upgrading the zebra lights to LED Zebrites
- Reducing the bellmouth of Hale House Lane junction with Churt Road and installing dropped kerbs with tactiles.

The CPC, which had that day received another large tranche of CIL money from Surrey CC, voted to contribute £15,000 of that fund towards the extra funds needed, and will also use some of its own existing funds surplus to bridge the remaining although other fundraising initiatives from stakeholders in the project would be gratefully received!

The CPC considers these measures to be an important step in making the village centre safe, not only for school children and their parents, but for everyone.

We are conscious that speed bumps are not everyone's preferred means of traffic calming and we are keen to hear your views and will be reaching out to seek these. If you do have an opinion either way, do not hesitate to contact me on [sally.shorthose@churt.org](mailto:sally.shorthose@churt.org).

#### **Waverley Consultation on the Local Plan**

Waverley are about to launch an 'Issues and Options' consultation on the new Local Plan for the future development of Waverley that Waverley are preparing in light of the new mandatory housing targets set by the Government.

This will be your chance to help influence the preferred options for housing development in the Borough over the next 15 years and we urge you all to participate. Look out for the Waverley press releases on this which we will share on the Parish website/social media pages as soon as it comes out.

### **Wicket Wood**

Some dangerous trees have been identified and these will be removed in due course, after the neighbouring residents are given due warning.

We have been made aware of a number of instances where potentially commercial levels of foraging have been undertaken at Wicket Wood – this is not acceptable and is indeed unlawful. Posters have been put up to remind everyone that foraging is permitted ONLY for personal use. It is vital that we preserve our resources for everyone and for the future – excessive foraging will of course negate this preservation.

### **Churt Community Pavilion**

We were updated in writing by the project team who are very pleased to report that the project is going in the right direction and substantial funding has been promised or indicated from a number of sources. There will be some limited shortfall for which the organising committee will be seeking support from residents and organisations – watch this space!

### **Recreation Ground**

Our arboriculturist will be returning to assess the level of decay relating to a fungus affected beech on the Rec Ground, and to determine whether further remedial action needs to be taken.

The Recreation Ground Trust Committee are considering an upgrade to some of the playground equipment which, although checked for safety is looking rather tired.

### **Local Government Reorganisation**

I have written to the head of Surrey CC to ensure that a CPC representative is allowed to attend the proposed meetings of the Neighbourhood Area Committee for the Farnham area. It is likely that Churt will be swept up into the Farnham NAC and it is essential that Churt's interests are protected and that we have insight into what is to be proposed.

### **Village Cheer**

Please do join us for this year's Village Cheer on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 11am to 1pm. This is always a great opportunity to meet your fellow villagers and enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie, or 2! We are always particularly keen to welcome new arrivals to the village so please encourage anyone who moved to the village in the last year to come along.

There will be an opportunity to review the plans for the Pavilion, and we believe, the Churt 2035 Strategy at the event.

### **Farnborough**

The Farnborough action group will be objecting to the future planning application being put forward by Farnborough Airport, which is likely to result in substantially increased air traffic, especially at weekends. Individuals can also make objections if they wish – please use this link [The New Planning Application - Farnborough Airport](#).

The next meetings of Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust will be held in the Pavilion at 7.30pm on Weds 19th November. Everyone is welcome to attend but it is helpful to know in advance if you wish to make a presentation.

Sally Shorthose, Chair, October 2025.