

## Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council  
Mrs Dawn Barrow

### Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 11 February 2026 at 7.30 pm.

#### Present

Churt Councillors: Sally Shorthose, Mike Shorthose, Myra Johnson, Julian Spence,  
Pippa Harrison, Roddy Barrow, Stephen Wright

Surrey County Council: 0  
Waverley Borough Council: 1 David Munro (part)  
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow  
Members of the Public: 2 - Keith Buchanan, Jan Macavoy

#### 26/16 Chairman's Welcome

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

Jan Macavoy confirmed the YFS grant for £218,000 has been approved by the committee and has now gone for final rubber stamping. She has also applied for £15,000 from the Sports Movement Fund. ECB are giving grants up to £50,000 towards installing women and girl's changing rooms. CHCC need tenure for 15 years in order to facilitate ECB application. Still selling bricks, 6/7 to date. Want to hold a function to further raise awareness of the pavilion project.

Cllr Spence asked if there was a contingency built into the tenders? Confirmed 5% built in. Total cost of project stands at £325,000 incl. the £20,000 for solar panels.

A couple of building firms are available to start immediately, favouring DJK.

Cllr Barrow thanked Jan for all her efforts. His concern is the timing of funds and cashflow element ie we will need to pay invoices before receiving grant monies. Builders will invoice every 2 weeks. We will also need to pay gross amount and then reclaim VAT. Could the clubs loan money to the project? Jan confirmed that SCC appreciate the challenges of paying invoices in a stepped fashion. Possible to apply to ECB for a 0% interest loan.

Cllr M Shorthose questioned the possibility of reclaiming Gift Aid. Mulberry and Co have confirmed this is not possible in this instance.

#### 26/17 5 minute presentation by SCC

Nothing to report.

#### 26/18 5 minute presentation by WBC

LGR dominating matters at WBC at the moment. Issue with the debt that the new unitary may take on, WBC talking to lawyers as may end up in court. Pressure on staff.

Appeal on Green Lane planning application by the developer was upheld by the Planning Inspector who clearly spelled out definition of 'grey belt'.

Redevelopment of Community Centre site may take a long time to get underway.

2.99% rise in Council Tax however council tenants are being asked for a 4.8% rise in their rent. Churt will not be transferred any assets currently as we already look after our own playground and Rec.

Tim Wilkie from Beacon Hill has suggested forming a hub of local parishes to fight against Farnborough Airport expansion. Cllr Spence to follow up with him.

#### 26/19 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Martin and Raeside (CPC), Cllr D Harmer (SCC).

## **26/20 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests**

Cllr Spence sits on the WBC planning committee.

## **26/21 Minutes of the meeting of 21 January 2026**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 Jan were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Johnson, **seconded** by Cllr Harrison.

## **26/22 Report of the Clerk to the Council**

- 1) **James Gray has completed tree works at Wicket Wood**
  - 2) **Application submitted for new bench on Redhearn Green to YCCF**
- Cllr Harmer has confirmed he will support this application.

## **26/23 Report from the Environment Committee (JS)**

James Gray has completed works at Wicket Wood, Cllr Spence will send a report to SWT, Cllr Johnson will upload to website, Clerk to send invoices to SWT before grant is then paid.

## **26/24 Village strategy 2035 (MS)**

Cllr M Shorthose has updated report which will be uploaded to the website.  
Cllr Johnson requested we choose one logo for all communications. This will now be used on all headed paper, the website, FB page etc

## **26/25 Village centre (PH)**

Cllr Harrison will speak to the vicar regarding an Easter Egg hunt on Redhearn Green .

## **26/26 Roads and Transport**

WBC CIL team have met re the CIL bid for the zebra crossing works.  
Barford Lane likely to be closed for 6 weeks for gas main repairs.

## **26/27 Crime and Disorder**

Nothing to report.

## **26/28 Financial Matters (RB)**

### **26/28.1 Payments for authorisation - Jan 2026**

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

### **26/28.2 Budget Update and Income report - Jan 2026**

Noted, forecast we will have £39,000 at the end of this financial year. £15,000 spend on the zebra crossing likely to be in 26/27.

### **26/28.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500 - Jan 2026**

7 Jan, James Gray, £700.00, Wicket Wood tree works  
8 Jan, Surrey Pension Fund, £542.57, Clerk's Dec pension  
19 Jan, HMRC, £1954.89, employer tax and NI  
29 Jan, Dawn Barrow, £1807.03, Clerk's Jan salary

## **26/29 To note and comment on current planning applications (MJ)**

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Johnson.

WA/2026/00109, Frensham Lodge, Pond Lane, approved certificate of lawfulness gives a fallback position. Former application related to building an integral garage to the side. Integral garage now to be used as a gym. Extension are filling in gaps, suggest no comment as no negative comments from neighbours.

2 Moorside Cottages, application for a large garage refused, have now submitted an application for a smaller garage, Suggest no comment.

WA/2026/00183 Sundial House, Jumps Road,  
New house being built, now applying for a subterranean basement for plant rooms. No change to footprint of house, suggest no comment.

Cedar Croft, want one rooflight at the back, non-material.

Pear Tree Cottage, very large garage application has been refused.

La Terre, enforcement team assessing next steps.

PIP on Green Lane has been approved on appeal. Likely to impact on future similar applications. The application had gone to planning committee and was refused, costs awarded against WBC.

#### **26/30 Successor planning**

Cllr Johnson advised she will be retiring from the Parish Council in May but will continue to support CHEWG projects. Cllr Wright has agreed to take over the planning portfolio. Will need to co-opt another councillor from May.

Cllr S Shorthose advised she is standing as a Libdem councillor for South Farnham in the upcoming elections on 7 May 2026. Cllr Spence confirmed as councillors for Churt PC we are independent so there should be no clash.

#### **Other matters**

Cllr Johnson confirmed she will review the website and update if needed to ensure content is up to date.

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 18 March 2026 at 7.30pm in the Churt Village Hall.**