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Churt Parish Council Newsletter September 2025

Churt PC meeting September 2025

After a break for the Summer, the CPC met with a packed agenda on Tuesday 16th September. Here's a summary of the key points!

Village Centre Traffic Calming Proposals

We have had 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.

CPC is looking into ways to fund the remainder of the costs, using its CIL fund, existing surplus and other potential grants and so on, but are terrifically grateful to the SCC for their support following a number of years of our requesting an upgrade on the safety.

The Head of St John's School and the Head of the PTA at the school attended the CPC meeting to discuss the above project, and the possibility of implementing a 20mph speed limit in the village centre in due course. The PTA have an already established Community Speed Watch Group in Churt Village and are looking for more volunteers to help run the sessions. If you think that you could spare an hour or two a month please get in touch with Nicky Copeland on

PTAChair@stjohns-farnham.surrey.sch.uk

Churt Community Pavilion

Oli Plaistowe, from the Churt and Hindhead Cricket Club and a key member of the project group for the Pavilion upgrade project, provided a very helpful update on progress. The funding request for the majority of that required has been submitted to Surrey County Council, with other grants being sought. Planning permission has been secured and, all being well, the project will commence at the end of the year, although solar panels will be put onto the roof before then. This is such an exciting initiative which will enhance the lives not only of those involved in sports clubs but those who were looking for a possible coffee shop and pleasant venue for social gatherings.

Wicket Wood

We have approved some works to take away some potentially dangerous trees and continue to take steps to enhance this village asset.

Local Government Reorganisation

CPC has submitted its opinions on the potential impact of the proposed changes and raised a number of questions and issues.

Cllr Lisa Martin attended a meeting providing information about a proposed initiative - Neighbourhood Area Committees, which will provide local governance for areas of roughly 50,000 people. Farnham is involved in a pilot scheme. Questions that were raised included:

1. Do you anticipate Parish Council's workload will be bigger or the same as now?
2. Will the changes affect existing PCs and their make up (i.e. boundaries, number of Councillors)?
3. How are the NAC boundaries (both the pilots and the 24 which there will be) being determined?

We will keep you posted on the implications for Churt!

Overhanging Bushes and Trees

We have been receiving a number of complaints about unkempt and encroaching hedges and trees which can block sightlines for both cars and pedestrians. Not all of these relate to hedgerows and trees managed by the Council so it is vital that residents are aware of their own responsibility not to create a nuisance. If you have a concern about the state of a road, including sightlines, you can report the issue here - fms-do-not-reply@fixmystreet.com.

The next meetings of Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust will be held in the Pavilion at 7.30pm on Weds 15 October. Everyone is welcome to attend but it is helpful to know in advance if you wish to make a presentation.

Sally Shorthose, Chair September 2025.