

Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council

Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 28 July 2026 at 7.30 pm.

Present

Churt Councillors: Sally Shorthose, Mike Shorthose Pippa Harrison, Julian Spence, Stephen Wright, Tim Wright, Maggie Stock

Surrey County Council: 1 - David Harmer

Waverley Borough Council: 1- David Munro

Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow

Members of the Public: 4 - Phoebe Sullivan, Keith Buchanan, Allie Leighton, Jan Macavoy

26/95 Chairman's Welcome

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

Jan Macavoy said the CHCC would like to apply for £1400 of our CIL monies in order to increase the solar panels on the pavilion roof. She has received one quote for £2800 to add 6 more panels and will ask for match funding from David Harmer's Member's Allocation Fund. Electricity can be stored for when the use of the building increases. Requested she gets 2 more quotes.

Allie Leighton has been speaking to Phoebe Sullivan for a few months about the increase of HGV's and artics along Barford Lane. This is a cross border issue. The signage at the Churt end advising no lorries has disappeared and Satnavs are directing lorries along this road which despite being an old farm track is unrestricted in terms of speed. Outsides of people's properties have been damaged and there have been 4 fallen trees in the last 6 months as a result of being hit by a lorry. Mayfair Stables have horses on the road and parents drop off at St John's School at the Churt Road end. Also dangerous for cyclists.

Is there a weight limit on Barford Bridge? Cllr S Wright to determine.

Once roads are put on an 'unsuitable for HGV's' list, lorries can be reported.

Phoebe Sullivan said she has met with Debbie Curnow-Ford at Hants CC and that we must take this issue forward jointly. Phoebe has also contacted Google and Waze.

Cllr Harmer mentioned that bridges are inspected to ensure suitability but some businesses eg riding stables require access for larger vehicles.

Allie Leighton said the long term goal was to get a speed reduction along Barford Lane.

Clerk to contact Headley Clerk who is already very aware of the issue.

26/96 5 minute presentation by SCC

SCC are supportive of current SCC councillors liaising with future councillors. Need to ensure the best staff stay in office and that the new authorities have the financial wherewithal to continue current policies. Central Govt are looking further into Woking's debt. Cllr S Shorthose suggested we have a presentation from the shadow councillors. Existing NAC's could be replaced by local committees who would have power over grants, planning and highways.

Cllr Spence asked if villages and parishes would have a vote?

Cllr M Shorthose said we should work up a proposal for what works for the parishes and include it in our Churt 2035 vision statement.

Phoebe Sullivan stated East Surrey are further along than West Surrey.

26/97 5 minute presentation by WBC

Re :Local Government Reorganisation many of the conversations are the same as 20 years ago.

Planning is very important and WBC are losing a number of appeals atm with places being designated as 'Grey Belt'. The Land Availability Assessment (LAA) has graded land into a traffic light system. Government target is 480 additional new homes in WBC every year. Cllr Spence noted that only 50% of housing requirement has come forward.

26/98 Portfolio responsibilities

Cllr Tim Wright will take on the Roads and Transport portfolio. Cllr Raeside will be added to planning sub- committee and Cllr Stock will assume a liaison role with the church, parish magazine, fete and young people.

26/99 Apologies for absence

Cllrs D Raeside and R Barrow

26/100 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

Cllr Spence sits on the WBC planning committee and must therefore remain neutral when discussing Churt's planning applications.

26/101 Minutes of the meeting of 10 June 2026

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 June were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr S Wright, **seconded** by Cllr Harrison.

26/102 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) £10,000 transferred from Lloyds to CAF account
- 2) Successful fete took place on 13 June
- 3) 3 Freedom awards presented by Rob Douglas DL
- 4) Online Commonplace Survey live from 8 June re Hale House Lane
- 5) Notice of Exercise of Public Rights uploaded 15 June and put up on noticeboard
- 6) AGAR papers sent to external auditor PKF
- 7) Councillor details and Acceptance of Office forms sent to Electoral Services at WBC
- 8) Cllrs T Wright and Stock to be booked onto New Councillor course
- 9) CIL monies in sum of £3000 paid to St John's School
- 10) VAT reclaim in sum of £18391.00 submitted 15 June, repaid 18 June

It was also noted that Donna Selby's (SCC) initial report regarding Hale House Lane has come through

26/103 Report from the Environment Committee (JS)

Cllr Spence noted that the National Emergency Briefing film has now been screened twice in Churt. We should ask our elected representatives for a national screening.

Waverley's rangers' details to be added to Emergency Plan.

Wicket Wood was inspected the previous weekend.

Climate Change Charter uploaded to the website under Environment.

Clerk to ask other clerks if they have a Biodiversity Policy? Needs uploading to website.

26/104 Village strategy 2035 (MS)

Cllr M Shorthose asked how we dovetail our village strategy in with the unitary reorganization?

It would also be interesting to know which of the Western Villages have Vision Statements. Clerk to ask other local Clerks.

26/105 Village centre (PH)

Reported there was a post fete get together at Churt club. Cllr M Shorthose noted the successful showing of one of the World Cup football matches in the village hall.

26/106 Roads and Transport

Nothing to report. Cllr T Wright to take over roads and transport portfolio

26/107 Crime and Disorder (DR)

Nothing to report.

26/108 Financial Matters (RB)

26/108.1 Payments for authorisation – June 2026

June's accounts were **proposed** by Cllr Spence, **Seconded** by Cllr T Wright and **agreed** by all.

26/108.2 Budget Update and Income report – June 2026

Noted.

CHCC to apply for £1400 CIL monies, require 2 more quotes

26/108.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500 – June 2026

2/6/2026, Communicorp, £595, Freedom certificates

4/6/2026, Redwood Cabins, £10,233.00, storage shed

4/6/2026, DJK Contracts, £840, 5% retention on pavilion works

15/6/2026, DJK Contracts, £18973.80 50% invoice pavilion works

15/6/2026, RGT, £10,000 transfer to RGT account

20/6/2026, Dawn Barrow, £1807.03, June salary

22/6/2026, PWLB, £2038.74, biannual payment to PWLB

27/6/2026, St John's School, £3000, CIL monies

27/6/2026 Redwood Cabins, £1137, final 5% payment

26/109 To note and comment on current planning applications (SW)

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr S Wright.

WA/2026/00948 Tynley Wood, approval of reserved matters

WA/2026.01200 The Barracks, Kitts Lane, cross boundary application with EHDC for single storey extension, No Comment

WA/2026/01036 Borrowstone, Jumps Road, application to allow alterations to design of dwelling

NMA/2026/01218 Hazel Cottage, Hale House Lane, minor amendment to width of proposed extension. No comment

WA/2026/01180 The Clearing, construction of natural swimming pool. No comment.

WA/2026/01280 Rosefield, Old Kiln Lane, replacement of existing garage and installation of solar panels, No Comment

Tall Trees, Hale House Lane, erection of garage and solar panels. Original application from 2023 refused. Appears to be a similar application

Holly Bank Old Kiln Lane, erection of replacement conservatory on same footprint. No comment

WA/2026/00797 Pear Tree Cottage, refused on grounds of scale and inappropriate development in the Green Belt

26/110 Holding Parish meetings in licensed premises

It was noted that as the bar in the pavilion is well secured and there are no other free options for holding PC meetings, we will continue to use the pavilion for monthly meetings.

Other matters

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.11pm . 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 16 Sept 2026 at 7.30pm in the pavilion.**