

## Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council

Mrs Dawn Barrow

### Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council held on Wednesday 15 June 2022 at 7.30 pm.

#### Present

Churt Councillors: Lisa Martin (Chair), Myra Johnson, Eunice Burch, Dominic Raeside, Sally Shorthose, Roger Rowe

Surrey County Council: 1 - Cllr Harmer

Waverley Borough Council: 1 - David Munro

Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow

Members of the Public: 1 (Jack Marriot)

#### 22/52 Chairman's welcome

Cllr Martin welcomed all to the meeting and invited the guests to speak.

**Jack Marriot** was attending as he was interested in filling the casual vacancy. He has lived in Churt for many years and been heavily involved with many village organisations such as the sport clubs and Quinettes. He is a property lawyer by training but now has time to add value to the Parish Council. He appreciates the parking problems in Churt and the impact on local residents, especially related to the Sculpture Park. He is concerned about the speed cyclists come down the A287 and suggests we need traffic calming measures. He believes the speed van is of limited value.

Cllr Martin welcomed **Cllr Munro** from WBC who won the recent by-election following the death of Cllr Brian Adams. He has lived in Frensham for 35 years and has been a councillor before at county and district level. He is aware of the major local issues relating to speeding, parking, and the noise from Farnborough Airport. Cllr Martin added that the planning issues at Borrow House Farm and the Sculpture Park are hot topics. There have also been recent problems with non-delivery from the WBC planning department. Clerk updated all on the recent Clerks meeting with WBC planning.

**Cllr Harmer** stated that bikes do not come under speed limit regulations as they do not have a speedometer. Regarding traffic calming measures any dug outs or width restrictors require street lighting and most villages around here are 'dark-sky villages'.

Police have limited enforcement resources, a change in the law would allow SCC to apply to the Sec of State to deal with moving traffic offences.

SCC has had its last meeting of the local committee for Waverley as they are keen to replace local committees. Cllr Harmer feels this will work in urban areas but not rural ones. There are 27 parishes in Waverley. Needs a meeting to discuss cross border issues.

Repair of the A287 from Jumps Road towards Pond Lane is on the Horizons project list hopefully for 2023 financial year. It is the duty of the County Council to put pressure on utility companies.

#### 22/53 Apologies for absence

Apologies were given from Cllrs Law and Spence (CPC) and Potts (WBC)

#### 22/54 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

None

#### 22/55 Minutes of the annual meeting of 18 May 2022

The Minutes of the annual meeting held on 18 May 2022 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Shorthose, **seconded** by Cllr Johnson.

#### **22/56 Report of the Clerk to the Council**

- 1) **£8000 transferred to CAF bank**
- 2) **Grasstex have repaired grass protecta on Redhearn Green**
- 3) **Clerk successfully applied to Member's Allocation for new playground bench and thanked Cllr Harmer for his support**

#### **22/57.1 Community and Environment**

##### **22/57.1.1 Report from Environment Working Group (MJ)**

Report sent by email before meeting. SCC want to run another tree planting scheme in 2023 but can this include private land? Most likely not. Cllr Johnson will continue a dialogue with Debra Lee. Julia Deacon has reported that she has a giant hogweed in her garden, this can cause nasty ulcers. A report on this will be included in the monthly newsletter.

20's Plenty - There is expected to be a Q and A session with a 20's Plenty representative at the next inter parish meeting in September. Any questions please contact Cllr Johnson. Cllr Harmer stated that only where there is already street lighting can a reduction to 20MPH be considered.

Some footpaths are getting overgrown, Clerk to contact John Baker at SCC re strimming and tidying.

##### **22/57.1.2 Village centre portfolio (RR)**

Decking at Churt Garden Machinery is collapsing.

People felt the village centre was well decorated for the platinum jubilee.

##### **22/57.1.3 Crime and Disorder (DR)**

Police/Waverley Beat report a focus on online fraud and domestic abuse.

Clerk reported a 'Nottingham Knocker' doing the rounds of Churt.

#### **22/57.2 Roads and Transport**

##### **22/57.2.1 Jumps Road Parking and Sculpture Park**

Nothing to report.,

##### **22/57.2.2 Cycling and pedestrian matters (LM)**

Clerk received an email from a lady living at The Gables regarding lack of pavement. This lies within Frensham PC so Clerk will forward.

#### **22/58 Financial Matters**

##### **22/58.1 Payments for authorisation - May 2022**

##### **22/58.2 Budget Update and Income report - May 2022**

##### **22/58.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500**

30 May 2022 - £1239.74 - Clerk's salary May

##### **22/58.4 Sign and Minute Section 1 of annual return AGAR 2021/2022**

##### **22/58.5 Sign and Minute Section 2 of annual return AGAR 2021/2022**

##### **22/58.6 Review annual internal report (part of AGAR)**

##### **22/58.7 Review internal auditor's report and note any recommendations**

##### **22/58.8 Proposal to reappoint Tim light of Lightatouch as internal auditor for 2022/23**

All of the above were considered together, everyone was happy with the payments, budget, audit reports and the excellent service provided by Tim Light. All matters **proposed** by Cllr Rowe, **seconded** by Cllr Raeside and **agreed by all**.

#### **22/58.9 Clerk's annual appraisal and pay review from April 2022**

It was **proposed** by Cllr Shorthose and **seconded** by Cllr Burch and **agreed by all** that the clerk's hourly allowance be increased by %, backdated to 1 April 2022 and the annual allowance be increased from £1500 to £2000 again backdated to 1 April 2022. Cllr Martin thanked the Clerk for her ongoing excellent service to the Parish Council.

#### **22/59.1 -To note and comment on current planning applications (EB)**

**Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Burch.**

WA/2022/01436 Borrow House Farm - reapplication following the death of the original applicant. 4 mushroom shelters, house looks derelict, original application was won on appeal. Unsure if the original application is still running, Cllr Burch to contact Mulberry Homes. Cllr Munro will also look into this via Waverley planning.

WA/2022/01421 Jacobson House - 3 houses currently under construction, want to change internal arrangement meaning an integral garage will become a store. Cllr Burch to contact WBC concerning impact on external parking.

WA/2022/00321 Lerryn - Cllr Munro cautiously optimistic that applicant may get most of what he wants.

#### **22/60 Village diary**

Clerk has spoken to Adrian Waller who has suggested a google type calendar on the website. He has uploaded a calendar and is asking village organisations to let him know their key dates on a regular basis. Clerk to contact them via Vizz network.

#### **22/61 Review of Street Party in the Park**

Well received, over 200 people attended. Clerk was thanked for heading up the organising committee. Fete also a great success the following weekend.

#### **Other matters**

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.00pm . 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 20 July 2022 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.****

**There will be no meetings in August.**