Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council
held on Wednesday 14 October 2026
at 7.30 pm.

Present

Churt Councillors:	Sally Shorthose Pippa Harrison, Stephen Wright, Julian Spence, Dominic Raeside, Roddy Barrow, Tim Wright
Surrey County Council:	0
Waverley Borough Council:	1- David Munro
Clerk to the Council:	Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public:	1 – Keith Buchanan

26/126 Chairman's Welcome
Cllr S Shorthose welcomed all to the meeting and invited the guests to speak.

26/127 5 minute presentation by SCC
No report

26/128 5 minute presentation by WBC
Cllr Munro stated there was nothing further to report on LGR and staff morale is generally good. Re planning, WBC have been refusing large applications which are then accepted on appeal. Currently any application with 10 or more objections goes to Committee. From the end of October anything going before Committee will be screened beforehand, which may lead to less applications going before Committee.
Cllr Munro contacted the WBC refuse department on our behalf re the ongoing issues with the dog poo bins. Manhole cover in Parkhurst fields was mended very quickly.

26/129 Apologies for absence
Cllrs M Shorthose, T Wright, M Stock (CPC), David Harmer (SCC) and Phoebe Sullivan

26/130 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests
Cllr Spence sits on the WBC planning committee.

26/131 Minutes of the meeting of 16 September 2026
The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 Sept were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Raeside, **seconded** by Cllr Harrison.

26/132 Report of the Clerk to the Council

1) **4th tranche of monies in sum of £61094.54 received from SCC YFS, 17/9**
2) **Greg Stafford MP has agreed to present final Freedom certificate at Village Cheer in Dec**
3) **CHCC CIL application approved in sum of £1400 for 6 additional solar panels**
4) **External audit concluded w.e.f 22 September, conclusion of audit notice uploaded to website**
5) **£75,000 grants received from SCC and Football Foundation in September.**

26/133 Report from the Environment Committee
Cllr Spence reported that the resilience team have noted the pavilion as the Churt emergency hub.
Objections have been resubmitted to the planning inspector re Farnborough and Cllr Spence has connected Claudia Hastie, who attended September's meeting, with the Churt group.
Cllr Munro advised there is a new chief exec at Farnborough and the appeal will be decided by the Government.
Elstead and Tilford have comprehensive Biodiversity policies. Churt has its net zero charter online, which Cllr Spence will adapt and send to the CHEWG group.
Eco Church group wish to plant seeds and add bird boxes around the village. Cllr Raeside to oversee and Cllr Stock will liaise with the Church.

26/132 Village strategy 2035
Nothing to report

26/133 Village centre (PH)
Cllr Harrison will email SCC as the school sign is obscured by vegetation.
Village shop now a Budgens.
Cllr Harrison has met with Light Angels to discuss costs for a Xmas tree. Chiropractor will sponsor some of the cost (£200-300) which will include the tree, a weighted stand and sand bags and insurance cover. The tree will be recycled and collected on 17 January. For a 13 foot tree the cost is £1243. Could Greg Stafford possibly turn on the lights? Tie in with the Village Cheer event?

26/134 Roads and Transport
'No HGV's' sign should be reinstated near Barford Bridge. Cllr Harrison to contact John Baker at SCC re overgrown bridleway off Jumps Road.

26/135 Crime and Disorder (DR)
Cllr Raeside to ask Police for pamphlets about online fraudulent crime. CPC will distribute these to older residents and raise awareness via the newsletter.

26/136 Financial Matters (RB)

26/136.1 Payments for authorisation – September 2026
Sept's accounts were **proposed** by Cllr S Shorthose, **Seconded** by Cllr S Wright and **agreed** by all. Grants received in Sept from SCC and Football Foundation. Total of grants to date is £209000.

26/136.2 Budget Update and Income report – September 2026
Noted. Forecast is CPC should have £32,000 in the RGT and CPC accounts by year end.

26/136.3 To note individual monthly costs in excess of £500 – September 2026
23/9/2026 DJK £75738.54 pavilion works
24/9/2026 DJK £3699.02 pavilion boiler
30/9/2026 Dawn Barrow, £1807.03 Clerk's salary

26/137 To note and comment on current planning applications (SW)
Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr S Wright.

WA/2026/01762 Glenmore House Kitts Lane. Want to replace garage, no comment.

Other matters
There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 8.28pm . 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 18 November 2026 at 7.30pm in the pavilion.