

Churt Parish Council Newsletter May 2019

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Firstly, I apologise for the recent lack of recent newsletters. This was due to the pre-election purdah restrictions which severely restricted our activities and we were advised that we should not publish newsletters until the elections were over. There has been quite a shake-up, including at Waverley Borough Council, where it is clear that some candidates were affected by the recent Westminster political situation. I am, therefore, pleased that Churt Parish Council is non-political and is conducted along non-political lines. We have a full complement of nine councillors, all of whom were re-elected unopposed. I regard this as a huge compliment to the current councillors, who all carry out their council duties in their spare time and are totally unpaid. My thanks to them all and to our hard working clerk, Dawn Barrow.

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

At our annual meeting on 15th May, I was re-elected as chairman and Councillor Adrian Waller was re-elected as vice chairman. We both look forward to an exciting and productive year ahead.

NEW NOTICE BOARDS

Due to the pre-election period, the council has not been able to take any major decisions so little of note has taken place during the past couple of months. Due to the restrictions, we did make a major decision before they came into effect and that is that the council will fund two new noticeboards outside the village hall. One will be for Parish Council use and the other for other village organisations. We now need to conduct a tendering process and in conjunction with the Village Hall committee arrange their procurement and installation.

JUMPS ROAD PARKING

Councillors Katy Law and Lisa Martin are working hard to try and find some form of solution to the sometimes awful and chaotic parking situation in Jumps Road. They have recently held meetings with representatives of Bel and the Dragon and

the Sculpture Park in an effort to try and alleviate the problem. They will continue to work on this, together with a representative of Frensham Parish Council. This problem commences in the Rushmoor ward of Frensham Parish, hence their required involvement. I am pleased that Richard Bourne, a resident of Jumps Road has agreed to join a working group with Katy and Lisa.

WAVERLEY BC HOUSING PROPOSALS

On 26th April a public consultation took place in the pavilion in relation to proposals by Waverley Borough Council for the re-development of the Community Centre and Crossways Close in order to provide more affordable homes in the village. To be totally clear, Waverley's proposals are as follows:

- Demolition of the Community Centre to be replaced by 2 x 4 bedroom houses
- Demolition of the 4 existing houses in Crossways Close to be replaced by 6 x 2 bed houses, 2 x 3 bed houses, 2 x 2 bed flats and 2 x 1 bed flats by using that land and land to the front and to the back.

All new homes would have their own gardens, in curtilage/allocated parking and there would also be additional visitor parking spaces.

The consultation was well attended and the Waverley representatives found it very informative. There is further consultation yet to be completed with other agencies and once these are completed satisfactorily, the next step will be the application for planning permission. It is at that stage where formal objections or support can be lodged.

MEETINGS AND IDEAS

Our council meetings are public meetings and anyone is welcome to attend. In addition we would be very pleased to hear about ideas for local projects. We cannot promise the world but any ideas would be fully considered taking account of cost, logistics, practicality and local need

David Crossley. Chairman

The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust will take place on Weds 19th June 2019 in the pavilion at 7.30pm