

Churt Parish Council  
Clerk to the Council  
Mrs Dawn Barrow

**Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council  
held on Wednesday 15 January 2020  
in the Churt Pavilion at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present**

Churt Councillors: David Crossley, Roger Rowe, Adrian Waller, Eunice Burch, Katy Law, Myra Johnson, Robert Cordell

Surrey County Council: 1 (Cllr David Harmer)  
Waverley Borough Council: 1 (Cllr Julia Potts)  
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow  
Members of the Public: 2 (Richard Bourne, Stuart Turner)

**20/01 Chairman's welcome**

Cllr Crossley welcomed all to the meeting and invited the members of the public to speak. Stuart Turner is the new owner of Green Cross Farm. He bought 11 acres of land but the Whitcombes kept about 30 acres and the farm cottage. The Hillberrys also bought some acreage.

The main barn and dairy are Grade II listed. Will be submitting a planning application for a new farmhouse on the site. Plans and application already in for dairy and barn.

Cllr Martin has emailed Stuart Turner with various concerns, the main being will the 3 buildings be held as one title? ST confirmed they would and he planned to rent out 2 of them in order to keep control over who his neighbours were!

Extensive surveys and bat surveys have been carried out and he plans to use bat boxes and special ridge tiles in the new build.

Cllr Johnson asked what his plans were for the 11 acres - pony, chicken and sheep.

Cllr Crossley confirmed the housing needs survey carried out a few years ago highlighted only a small need for affordable homes in Churt which would be met by the proposed WBC development.

Cllr Crossley also asked about traffic surveys? SCC Transport Development Control would be asked to comment on any new applications.

Cllr Crossley asked if the new house would be on the same site as the old farmhouse? - yes.

The Grade II listed barn would be refurbished to look as it originally would have done and an ancient pond would be restored in the middle of the farmyard.

Cllr Crossley commented that the PC was pleased there was no commercial bias.

Cllr Harmer(SCC) confirmed the first draft of the potential budget for next year is now online and it is deemed an expansionist budget, taking advantage of preferential rates to borrow money long term.

3 main areas to use money:

- 1) Highways - expansion of current Horizon programme to construct roads to last for 50 years with surface dressing at 20 and 40 years.
- 2) Special education needs facilities - Many parents face significant journeys to special needs schools for their children. Those with physical needs tend to face the longest journeys. Majority of schools have a SENCO. Target is to build 2 new schools for physical needs and expand facilities within existing schools. £14-£15 million spent a year transporting children to these schools.

- 3) Adult social care - construct more facilities for protected living. Cllr Johnson commented that some care homes were shutting down as no longer viable. The largest problem in Waverley exists in Cranleigh. There will be a 2% surcharge for adult social care and a 2% surcharge for everything else.

Following recent high winds there were trees down all over Surrey. The first priority is to clear trees to allow emergency vehicle access and the second priority is to ensure safety. A287 near Pond Lane deemed unsafe due to flooding. The current 4 inch drain is blocked and cannot cope.

Cllr Johnson mentioned the blocked drain along Barford Lane - Clerk to email Steve Lindsey-Clerk at SCC.

Safety issue on corner of Barford Lane and the A287, dangerous for children and parents walking 2 abreast along there. Needs a raised pavement in front of Honda Garage.

Cllr Potts (WBC) - looking to deliver a balanced budget with a 1.99% council tax increase. New waste contract with Biffa bedding in well.

WBC has contracted a new head of planning and economic development, Zak Elwood, previously at Guildford BC. He wants to rebuild a good relationship with the parishes. Appreciates that many case officers work part time. Intends to train parish clerks on planning matters.

#### **20/02 Apologies for absence**

Cllrs Petty and Martin

#### **20/03 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests**

None

#### **20/04 Minutes of the meeting of 18 December 2019**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2019 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Waller, **seconded** by Cllr Burch.

#### **20/06.2.1 Jumps Road parking (KL) (Item taken out of order whilst Borough and County Councillors were still present)**

At the meeting held in December the Sculpture Park confirmed they might look at the piece of land to the right of the Bel and Dragon. This is farmed by the Platfoots and they do not wish to sell it.

There was a hit and run accident just after Xmas when a car was badly damaged.

Cllr Law suggests a 'rural clearway' as the solution or some form of parking restriction.

The Sculpture Park covers 10 acres of land plus storage land. Richard Bourne commented it would be possible to park 20-30 cars on the current storage site.

Is there a request into parking department at SCC for recommendations?

Cllr Harmer would prefer a rural clearway.

Cllr Crossley requested Cllr Harmer update Frensham PC at their parish meeting.

Sculpture Park has updated their website highlighting the rural highways but still suggest there is plenty of parking.

**Cllrs Harmer and Potts left the meeting.**

#### **20/05 Report of the Clerk to the Council**

- 1) VAT return submitted 20 December in sum of £2355.60 and received 27 Dec.

- 2) Noticeboards installed and paid for in sum of £5198.74 incl VAT, Village Hall Committee to pay installation costs (now received)

#### **20/06.1 Community and Environment**

##### **20/06.1.1 Report from Environment Working Group (MJ)**

Surrey Hills Management Plan 2020-25 now published. They have also produced an Environment Design Guideline. Should Churt update its Village Design Statement? SCC Tree Strategy out for consultation, with comments due by 24 Jan. Cllrs Cordell and Johnson to respond on behalf of Churt PC.

Steve Williams from WBC will attend Feb's meeting, WBC are now 6 months into their climate emergency consultation period.

Cllrs Johnson and Cordell visited Pond Lane, which is unmanaged and given over to natural woodland mainly scots pine and silver birch.

##### **20/06.1.2 Village centre portfolio (RC)**

Xmas lights taken down 11th January. Cllr Cordell to follow up re additional lights on order.

##### **20/06.1.3 Crime and Disorder (RC)**

Some fly tipping on Spats Lane in Headley and some thefts in Frensham. Public concerned about growing number of telephone and email scams.

Ladder and lead from kitchen roof stolen from St John's Church Churt over Xmas period.

#### **20/07 Financial Matters**

##### **20/07.1 Payments for authorisation - Dec 2019**

Proposed by Cllr Rowe, **seconded** by Cllr Johnson and **AGREED** by all.

Appendix 2 - Payments for Dec 2019 - circulated

##### **20/07.2 Budget Update and Income report - Dec 2019**

Noted.

Appendix 3 - Expenditure v Budget - circulated

##### **20/07.3 Approval for Clerk to join Local Government Pension Scheme**

Proposed by Cllr Crossley, **seconded** by Cllr Law, **all in favour**.

##### **20/08.1 -To note and comment on current planning application:**

Report re current applications circulated pre meeting.

Stables opposite Old Barn Lane - no comment

Green Cross Farm - Waverley had been advised that Churt PC would comment after our January meeting. Cllr Johnson said she felt it was a proposal to sympathetically restore the old buildings. The conservation officer has visited and there will be conditions attached to the schedule of works

Clerk to send comments to Waverley BC planners.

20/09 5 year 'Vision Statement'.

Clerk to circulate with amendments.

**20/10 Update on war memorial and piers (DC/Clerk)**

War Memorials Trust wish to use War Memorial Restoration Company to carry out works. They need to carry out a test area at an additional cost of £150 + VAT. Original quotes valid for 60 days. Test area to be carried out early Feb.

**Other matters**

Cllr Cordell suggested we donate our pitch at the summer fete to Claire the post lady.

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.20pm. There then followed a meeting of the Churt Recreation Ground Trust (See separate Minutes).

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Signed:  
Chairman

Date:

**The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Churt Recreation Ground Trust will be held on **Wednesday 19 February 2020 at 7.30pm** in the pavilion.**