

Churt Parish Council  
Clerk to the Council  
Mrs Dawn Barrow

**Minutes of the Meeting of Churt Parish Council  
held on 14 December 2016  
in the Churt Pavilion at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present**

Churt Councillors: Ian Christie (Chair), Kevin Lower, Bob Cordell, David Crossley,  
Gerald Stiff

Surrey County Council: 1  
Waverley Borough Council: 0  
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow  
Members of the Public: 1

**16/106 Welcome**

Cllr Christie welcomed all to the meeting and thanked Louise Williams from Surrey Care Trust (SCT) for attending.

**16/107 Apologies for absence**

Cllrs Gay, Burch and Petty

Cllr Harmer left the meeting early due to a clash with Frensham's meeting. He provided a quick update on the state of Superfast Broadband. Also advised County precept could be under threat but no plan to restrict parish precepts yet

**16/108 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests**

None

**16/109 Minutes of the Meeting of 16 November 2016**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 November 2016 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Crossley, **seconded** by Cllr Lower. (Outstanding action point to instruct Maxwell and Co to become Churt PC's internal auditor).

**16/110 Presentation by Louise Williams re Housing Survey**

LW distributed updated housing report which showed a dominance of detached housing in Churt, average sale value £848,000. Level of affordable homes is good but 11 properties lost through Right to Buy scheme. House prices to income ratio is high. 27% of parishioners returned survey, mainly over 60's. Respondee happy with current growth rate in Churt reflecting gentle infill. Need for smaller 2/3 bed houses as people look to downsize. Once business premises lost to housing this will not be reversed. Affordable homes built to a very high standard. Strong design style in Churt. Adequate supply of local facilities. Parking an emotive issue, 42% own 2 cars or more. In summary there is a small level of need but other need will be hidden. Villages in Surrey becoming more 'elderly' with some people in their 30's and 40's still living at home. Cllr Christie asked what other parishes had done in terms of publishing survey results? Generally provide a summary with a link to the full report. Nothing allocated for Churt in Local Plan. Within settlement boundary cannot designate land for local people only. Right to Buy does not apply to

houses on Rural Exception Sites, thus preserving housing stock in perpetuity. Report could be updated every 3 years. Louise to attend Working Group meeting on 10 January 2017 and was asked to speak at Annual Assembly in April.

#### **16/111 Report of the Clerk to the Council**

- 1) Xmas lights erected on 3 December (particular thanks to Cllr Cordell and members of Churt Tennis Club)
- 2) PWLB repayment of £2038.74 due on 20 December
- 3) Pavement from Hale House Lane to Old Lane due for resurfacing April 2017
- 4) Monies received from Crossways pub towards Christmas lights
- 5) Application made 6 December for £4000 from Member's Allocation towards set up costs for Churt History Centre

#### **16/112 Committees and Portfolio responsibilities**

##### **16/112.1 Community and Environment**

###### **16/112.1.1 Crime and Disorder (RC)**

No report as still no reply from Police

###### **16/112.1.2 Village centre portfolio (RC)**

No report

##### **16/112.2 Roads and Transport**

###### **16/112.2.1 Road safety outside St John's School (KL)**

Cllr Lower to meet new school head in January

###### **16/112.2.2 Village parking (KL)**

Parking submission now lodged with SCC but Waverley area will not be assessed until May-July 2017. Cllr Lower to follow up and has advised Kai in Churt News.

#### **16/113 Financial Matters**

##### **16/113.1 Payments for authorisation - Nov 2016**

**Proposed** by Cllr Lower, **seconded** by Cllr Crossley and **AGREED** by all.

Appendix 2 - Payments for Nov 2016 - circulated

##### **16/113.2 Budget Update and Income report - Nov 2016**

Noted.

Appendix 3 - Expenditure v Budget - circulated

##### **16/113.3 Resolution to accept budget for 2017/18 and precept request**

Precept for 2017/18 set at £33477 an increase of 5.5% **All in favour**. **Proposed** by Cllr Crossley, **seconded** by Cllr Cordell

#### **16/114 Planning**

**16/114.1 -To note and comment on current planning applications:**

**WA/2016/2166 Pixie Cottage, Jumps Rd, Churt - NO COMMENT**

**Recent Applications:**

**WA/2016/2152 Squirrels, Hale House Lane, Churt - Pending**

**WA/2016/1959 The Point Crosswater Lane, Churt - Full permission**

**WA/2016/1929 Jacobson House, Barford Lane, Churt - Refused**

**16/115 Churt History Centre**

£4000 application from Member's Allocation submitted to SCC. Have also applied for funding from Farnham Council. Intend to set up as a society.

**16/116 Grant request from CAB**

Clerk to invite a representative to January meeting

**16/117 Emergency Plan update (GS)**

Cllr Stiff has updated EP where possible. Clerk to laminate Parish map and request offers of help and skills via Vizz Network. Cllr Crossley to update list of vulnerable people.

**Other matters:**

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.40pm. There then followed a meeting of the Churt Recreation Ground Trust (See separate Minutes).

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Signed:

Chairman

**The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Churt Recreation Ground Trust will be held on **Wednesday 18 January 2017 at 7.30pm** in the pavilion.**