

Churt Parish Council
Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

**Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council
held on Wednesday 19 February 2020
in the Churt Pavilion at 7.30 p.m.**

Present

Churt Councillors: David Crossley, Eunice Burch, Myra Johnson, Robert Cordell,
John Petty

Surrey County Council: 1 (Cllr David Harmer)
Waverley Borough Council: 1 (Steve Williams, speaker)
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public: 5 (Richard Bourne, David Madgwick, Jeremy and Catherine Wiley,
Hannah Wills)

20/11 Chairman's welcome

Cllr Crossley welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the guests, 4 being from the newly formed Churt Environmental Working Group. He then invited Steve Williams from WBC to speak.

20/12 Talk by Steve Williams WBC (also Godalming TC)

SW confirmed that the executive at WBC were trying hard to engage with parishes in order to work together on the sustainability agenda.

He remarked how impressed he was with Churt's website, emergency plan and environmental input to date.

Climate matters are now deemed an emergency and steps must be taken to improve resilience. Everyone needs to reduce carbon footprint which will have a massive input when looked at on a global scale.

WBC has an action plan which is very much a fluid one as costings may change. Aiming for carbon neutrality by 2030. Godalming TC has a more low key action plan but is also aiming for 2030.

Cllr Johnson asked if there were guidelines on how to measure one's carbon footprint. SW stated there are online calculators to help measure this and it is easier than you think.

He also strongly recommended a document published by Friends of the Earth which states 20 actions town councils and parishes can take to help the nature and climate emergency.

WBC took delivery of its first electric vehicle early Feb. Cllr Crossley asked if electric was the best way forward? SW confirmed it is the best technology we CURRENTLY have although battery technology is improving all the time.

There are grants available through the Energy Saving Trust, the Carbon Saving Trust and the Rural Community Energy Fund. SW to provide links to these trusts after the meeting.

He confirmed that most of Waverley is eligible for grants.

There is a new sustainability officer at WBC - Delma Bryant.

Cllr Johnson confirmed that the next meeting of the Churt Environmental Working Group (CHEWG) would take place in a week.

WBC is seeking grants from central government and has set aside £300,000 for the climate emergency.

There is £12million in the housing budget to build new, environmentally friendly, council homes. Once WBC's climate action plan becomes public SW will circulate to local clerks.

Steve Williams was thanked by Cllr Crossley and left the meeting.
David Madgwick, Hannah Wills and Jeremy and Catherine Wylie left the meeting.

20/13 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Law, Rowe, Waller and Martin

20/14 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

None

20/15 Minutes of the meeting of 15 January 2020

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2020 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Cordell, **seconded** by Cllr Johnson.

20/17.2.1 Jumps Road parking (Item taken out of order whilst Councillor Harmer was still present)

Cllr Law circulated a paper before the parish council meeting and nominated Cllr Crossley as her proxy as she was unable to attend.

She, Cllr Crossley, Sean Willis and 2 other councillors from Frensham have met again regarding the Jumps Road parking problems and all agreed to present her paper at their respective council meetings taking place on 19 Feb.

There are various options. One is a rural clearway. A second is double yellow lines but felt to be a non-starter, too urbanising.

Best long term solution is for additional parking to be found.

Cllr Harmer confirmed the SCC parking review team have looked at possible solutions and their preferred proposal would be double yellow lines. They are not in favour of a rural clearway as they believe the Police would oppose it and were in any event unlikely to enforce it.

Cllr Harmer suggested that Churt proposes one option and Frensham the other. The parking team would see double yellow lines as an interim measure.

Cllr Crossley **proposed** that Jumps Road from Tilford Road to Crabtree Lane be designated a rural clearway. Cllr Burch **seconded**, **all in favour**.

Cllr Harmer and Richard Bourne left the meeting.

20/16 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) **Installation costs of £712.50 received from VHC for noticeboards**
- 2) **Test area works on war memorial to be carried out early March.**

20/17.1 Community and Environment

20/17.1.1 Report from Environment Working Group (MJ)

Comments have been sent in regarding SCC's tree strategy.

Unfortunately Jeremy Hunt is unable to attend on Feb 28 to plant a tree in Churt.

CHEWG now comprises 7 people.

Cllr Crossley updated all on the cedar tree that came down during Storm Dennis. Clerk confirmed all costs covered by insurance except for £250 excess.

20/17.1.2 Village centre portfolio (RC)

Gully issues on Barford Lane now in hands of SCC again.

Footpath 31 runs off Barford Lane, Cllr Crossley and Clerk will raise at next Western Villages Meeting.

20/17.1.3 Crime and Disorder (RC)

Van broken into behind village hall and a large metal ramp was stolen. Owner didn't report this to Police or his insurers.

Nottingham Knockers have been active again.

All Xmas lights have been repaired and put back in pavilion store room.

20/18 Financial Matters

20/18.1 Payments for authorisation - Jan 2020

Proposed by Cllr Cordell, **seconded** by Cllr Burch and **AGREED** by all.

Appendix 2 - Payments for Jan 2020 - circulated

20/18.2 Budget Update and Income report - Jan 2020

Noted.

Appendix 3 - Expenditure v Budget - circulated

20/19.1 -To note and comment on current planning applications:

WA/2019/2947 Lane Top, Crosswater Lane, Churt - no comment

WA/2020/0144 Churt House Cottage, Farnham Road, Churt - no comment

Clerk to send comments to Waverley BC planners.

20/20 5 year 'Vision Statement'.

A living document.

Cllr Johnson suggested we print out in time for fete.

20/21 1 and 1 account and Parish email addresses (AW)

Postponed until March's meeting.

20/22 Request from Church to use Redhearn Green for village BBQ on Sat June 27.

All in favour. Clerk to confirm to John Brain

Other matters

Cllrs Cordell and Johnson would like to accompany arboriculturist during his triennial tree survey on April 6th.

All in agreement to arboriculturist's fees of £960+VAT, same as 2017.

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.05pm. 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 18 March 2020 at 7.30pm in the pavilion.**