



Churt Parish Council Newsletter August 2020

Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday 15th July

Churt Parish Council held its third virtual council meeting on Wednesday 15th July. All business was appropriately and efficiently dealt with. We shall continue with virtual meetings until further notice, but it is our intention to revert back to physical meetings in the pavilion as soon as government guidance allows.

Churt Covid-19 Community Support Group

Demand has tailed off a lot in recent weeks as lockdown easing has continued. This is good news as it is evident that residents are beginning to revert back to a normal lifestyle. It is vitally important, however, that we all take the extra precautions recently introduced in an effort to stall a second wave in its tracks. Rest assured that the group will not abandon you and there is no intention of disbanding now or in the future. In fact the group has been so successful that we hope it will remain in some form once this crisis is over. It is evident from feedback that we have received that the majority of our volunteers wish to remain as a group. Henceforth, however, we shall now refer to it as the "Churt Community Support Group".

Churt Children's Playground ROSPA inspection

Following the re-opening of the children's playground on 4th July, The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) has carried out a full safety inspection. We are pleased that generally the inspection went well apart from some very minor general maintenance issues. The playground is inspected by trained councillors on a weekly basis and anything noted is quickly maintained.

It is important and imperative that parents and adult supervisors fully comply with the Covid-19 regulations. Please take note of the notices displayed in the playground itself. The last thing we want is to be forced to close it again.

Frensham Pond

Waverley Borough Councillor Julia Potts, who was instrumental in setting up a Joint Action Group (JAG) has reported to us as follows:

Mobile matrix signs are going up. Temporary 'No Parking' signs are being replaced and Surrey County Council will liaise with Frensham Parish Council as to the location of the new signs. Ringo parking charges were introduced on 17 July and will apply all year round with the exception of Christmas Day. The fire evacuation plan has been updated and staffing has been increased to assist Darren, the ranger. Litter enforcement has been implemented and cones have been delivered to St Mary's School to help monitor parking. National Trust now has 2 way radios to keep them in touch with the Great Pond. Blue Green algae has returned to the Great Pond.

Both the Great and Small Ponds are still, however, extensively advertised as tourist attractions and in the case of the Great Pond as one of the top wild swimming attractions.

Churt Pavilion

The pavilion roof has been retiled. We are delighted with it and the professionalism and workmanship of the contractors involved.

Churt Cricket Club has recommenced playing and restricted use of the pavilion is taking place following an extensive Covid-19 risk assessment and Covid secure measures being put into practice.

Trees on the Recreation Ground and Redhearn Green

Following a tendering process, we have appointed 1st Call Trees of Tilford to carry out works to 23 trees as recommended following our recent arboriculturist inspection. Work is due to commence in early September though some work may take place beforehand.

Village Defibrillator

The village defibrillator is located outside the village hall. It has recently been fully checked and although it belongs to South East Coast Ambulance Service, the Parish Council has purchased a new battery and pads and we are pleased to report that it is fully operational. We are delighted that Neil Baker, one of our Churt residents, has agreed to be the village first responder and has taken on responsibility for device maintenance. Thank you Neil.

Summer is here

We have enjoyed some glorious weather and some of you will be planning your holiday getaway. Things are very different this year as some of you will be bravely flying off to other countries and others will be exploring the delights of our own very special country. A friend of mine, a retired Virgin Atlantic pilot who has visited most countries, once said that the best country in the world is our very own. Regardless of whether you travel abroad or stay at home, may I wish you all a very pleasant and restful summer.

David Crossley. Chairman

There will no meetings in August and so the next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust will be held on Wednesday 16th September 2020 at 7.30pm. We expect this meeting to be conducted via virtual means.