

Churt Parish Council
Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

**Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council
held on Wednesday 16 October 2019
in the Churt Pavilion at 7.30 p.m.**

Present

Churt Councillors: David Crossley, John Petty, Adrian Waller, Eunice Burch, Robert Cordell, Susan Ryland (part),

Surrey County Council: 1 (Cllr David Harmer)
Waverley Borough Council: 2 (Cllrs Julia Potts and Brian Adams)
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public: 3 (Richard Bourne, Myra and Brian Johnson)

19/104 Chairman's welcome

Cllr Crossley welcomed all to the meeting and invited the guests to speak.
Richard Bourne confirmed the suspicion that Borrow House Farm had changed hands and that the new owner may wish to modify the planning application.

Cllr Harmer said that SCC was currently dealing with all road approvals and there would be a consultation this Autumn regarding the library service. Cllr Harmer has been invited to sit in on discussions regarding the provision of libraries in the County. Some are fit for purpose but not fully utilised, whilst others are situated in the wrong place within a town eg Haslemere.
Cllr Crossley confirmed that at the recent meeting with WBC, Tom Horwood stated they were keen to move towards community operated libraries, with the community being given guidance and management advice.

Cllr Harmer left the meeting.

Julia Potts confirmed she had spent time on the Borrow House issue, especially with regard to covenants attached to the site. There is a restrictive covenant (dated 1925) limiting building to one property per acre.

Cllrs Adams and Potts left the meeting.

19/105 Talk by Paul Follows deputy leader WBC.

PF was unable to make the meeting due to other work commitments but will attend a meeting in the Spring to update us on WBC's climate emergency etc.

19/106 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Martin and Law

19/107 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

None

19/108 Minutes of the meeting of 18 September 2019

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

19/109 Report of the Clerk to the Council

1) **Audit concluded wef 30 Sept 2019**

- 2) Member's allocation application for grass 'protecta' unsuccessful
- 3) SSEN grant of £1206 used to buy generator and other items required in an emergency such as lights, torches, kettle, hob. Cllr Crossley confirmed we will organise a mock emergency and publicise on the website that we have these items that can be loaned out.

19/110 Committee and portfolio responsibilities and reports

19/110.1.1 Community and Environment (SR)

Cllr Ryland recently attended the Rural Housing Conference and sent a resume to the Clerk to circulate. Key message was that genuinely affordable houses in rural communities have tremendous value eg reuniting families in financial need. Rural Exception Sites of say 6 homes in a village really worthwhile but homes need to be of a high quality.

Local survey also highlighted happiness and well-being as key factors.

Cllr Crossley stated the proposed redevelopment at the community centre and Crossways Close dovetails in well with this.

Cllr Ryland then stated that owing to personal reasons she felt she needed to resign from the PC. She introduced Myra Johnson who was a member of the environment sub-committee and who was very knowledgeable in such matters.

Cllr Crossley thanked Cllr Ryland for all she had done and wished her well.

Cllr Ryland left the meeting.

Cllr Crossley asked if Myra Johnson would be prepared to be co-opted onto the Council?

19/110.1.2 Village centre portfolio (RC)

Christmas lights will be put up on Saturday Nov 30th. Cllr Rowe offered his help.

Cllr Cordell has inspected trees but no issues except for the ash trees along Barford Lane which are the responsibility of SCC.

Has sent Clerk a list of missing and illegible road signs, Clerk will send to Waverley and SCC.

Cllr Burch mentioned that the planning application made by the village shop regarding the condensers on the roof has been rejected. Kai requested by Waverley to carry out a noise assessment costing c£1500.

Cllr Crossley will look at documents online and email Chris Berry at Waverley BC.

2 salt bins to be inspected in November.

19/110.1.3 Crime and Disorder (RC)

Supposed break ins at Borrow House but unconfirmed.

19/110.2.1 Jumps Road parking (KL)

Cllr Crossley read out an email sent by Cllr Law. Still trying to get sculpture park to commit to a meeting date.

An elderly lady called Mrs Platfoot owns the land immediately adjacent to the B and D car park. Richard Bourne will approach Sandra Young whose land abuts Mrs Platfoots.

19/111 Financial Matters

19/111.1 Payments for authorisation – Sept 2019

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

Appendix 2 - Payments for Sept 2019 - circulated

19/111.2 Budget Update and Income report - Sept 2019

Noted.

Appendix 3 - Expenditure v Budget - circulated

19/111.3 Funding options for pavilion tile replacement

Clerk ran through funding options for the replacement tiles. Resolution and vote in place if we need to take out a PWLB loan. Confirmed by Trevor Leggo at SALC that we have undertaken the correct protocol.

19/112.1 -To note and comment on current planning applications:

WA/2019/1475 Walnut Cottage, Star Hill, Churt - no comment

WA/2019/1462 Pendle Barn, Hale House Lane, Churt - no comment

WA/2019/1554 Silver Birches, Green Lane, Churt - no comment.

Recent Applications:

WA/2019/1217 Churt News, Crossways, Churt

WA/2019/1303 Land opposite Old Barn Lane, Churt

Clerk stated she had received a letter from the past owner of Green Cross Farm regarding future plans. PC will await notification of planning applications.

19/113 Meeting with Tom Horwood, Waverley BC, 3 October 2019 (DC)

Cllr Crossley confirmed many topics were discussed.

Sec 106 and 278 notices - it appears parishes are not being informed.

Future of precept - confirmed no plans to cap precepts at the moment but central government will be looking closely at parishes.

Also discussed CTSG, compensatory grant, litter bins, abandoned vehicles, climate emergency, littering, street cleaning (should happen every 6 weeks)

Dog bins - WBC may pick up our Veolia contract and move to Biffa, Clerk to confirm to Waverley location of the 3 dog bins.

19/114 Western Villages Meeting 2 October (DC)

Rights of Way officer was not in attendance.

Funding arrangements for the Lengthsman Scheme changed in 2018/19 allowing county councillors to utilise the money more flexibly between roads and rights of way. Councillors have set aside £5000 for roads and roadside work and £2500 for Rights of Way.

SCC has decided the sub structure at the Churt pedestrian crossing has failed so are looking to replace this plus the anti- skid surface in the next financial year. Will cost £30,000.

Clerk to ask Steve Lindsay - Clark at SCC to inspect potholes and arrange a jetter for the drains on the A287 once the leaves have fallen.

19/115 Update on War Memorial Trust (DC)

The PC has received 2 grants from the WMT which we need to match fund. £710 for the war memorial and £600 for the memorial piers. Appointed contractor is in Cardiff. Work will be done in 2020.

19/116 5 year plan.

Clerk will type up using Withyham PC's 5 year plan as a template and personalise to Churt, all councillors to think what aspects of their portfolios need to be included as priorities.

19/117 Website update (AW)

Cllr Crossley thanked Cllr Waller for all his help with updating the website.

Cllr Waller has received a letter from Waverley BC regarding being compliant with accessibility measures for those with disabilities. Changes made to ensure our website is compatible with screen readers, PDF's can be enlarged etc.

Cllr Crossley confirmed we do not need to subscribe to Office 365 and change email addresses etc but simply need to look into how data is stored.

Cllr Waller will add a 'Donate' button to the website.

Other matters

Clerk has chased company providing new noticeboards. When installed we will keep old headers and left hand board.

SECAM have serviced defibrillator, Clerk to meet contact of Chris Deacon onsite to discuss new housing.

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 20 November 2019 at 7.30pm in the pavilion.**