

Churt Parish Council

Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

**Minutes of the meeting of Churt Parish Council
held virtually on Wednesday 23 February 2022
at 7.30 pm.**

Present

Churt Councillors: Lisa Martin (Acting Chair), Myra Johnson, Dominic Raeside,
Roger Rowe,

Surrey County Council: 1

Waverley Borough Council: 0

Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow

Members of the Public: 5 (Richard Nobbs, Stephen Morgan, Richard Bourne, Uli
Hamacher, Bill Tate)

22/13 Chairman's welcome

Cllr Martin welcomed all to the meeting and invited the guests to speak.

Stephen Morgan, who lives at Lerryn on Redhearn Fields, explained he had submitted a planning application for an annexe for his 26 year old autistic son. He has complex needs and this will help provide stability for his long term future. They back onto the cricket pavilion and are hoping to extend into the garage with a floor above. Neighbours support the application. The Morgan's intention is to screen the new development with a beech hedge.

Borrow House Farm - Bill Tate said he has restricted his comments to WBC to relate to only matters which are relevant following approval of the development application on appeal, rather than all aspects of the development. He asked if we could speak to the developers of Borrow House Farm and questioned whether Surrey Highways have looked into access issues. Not much about this issue amongst the uploaded documents.

WBC have been consulted on tree policies and TPO's. Developer says trees are a nuisance but there are mature oaks and Douglas Firs on Bill's boundary. Bill will write to WBC asking them for further consideration of tree related issues, highlighting specific trees by number. He also mentioned the rerouting of the internal road which now runs across Borrow House land. The developer does recognise this mistake but is yet to amend his plans.

Uli Hamacher stated she was concerned with the additional noise travelling up from The Flashes if the trees are removed, as it is essential that vegetation exists to dissipate any noise.

Richard Nobbs says we should object as the application is now larger than the one originally approved. The original application had all the requisite documents. This permission expires in Aug 2022. There are new planning policies relating to SSSI's and adjacent land. SARG (Surrey Amphibian and Reptile Group) recognise the loss of habitat for snakes and amphibians. Drainage has been moved up to the boundary of Borrow House whereas there should be a 50m buffer in all directions.

Richard Bourne stated this recent application is an intensification of what was a bad decision in the first place.

All residents concerned whether Middle Jump could collapse with the development as there are tunnels underneath it.

Richard Nobbs stated the PIR at Farnborough was starting on 24 February (post meeting note - subsequently delayed to 27 March). He has written to Jeremy Hunt and Damian Hinds and received a reply saying the PIR is conducted by the CAA.

Cllr Harmer mentioned the ways in which SCC is transforming itself, particularly in relation to transportation. Local committees will decide on policies in liaison with their local member, instead of the Highways Authority.

SCC has lost 2 Rights of Way specialists as well as Steve Lindsay Clark. Cllr Harmer to provide Clerk with new contacts.

22/14 Apologies for absence

Apologies were given from Cllrs Petty, Law, Shorthose and Burch (CPC) and Potts (WBC)

22/15 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

None

22/16 Minutes of the meeting of 12 January 2022

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2022 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Johnson, **seconded** by Cllr Raeside.

22/17 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) £4000 transferred to RGT account
- 2) Cllr Lisa Martin now an online signatory for Lloyds Bank
- 3) Co-option notice posted 14 January 2022
- 4) Symondstone and Wishanger residents carried out local litter pick Sun 20 Feb

22/18.1 Community and Environment

22/18.1.1 Report from Environment Working Group (MJ)

Cllr Johnson took delivery of the trees from SCC, the 50 whips have been planted in Pond Lane woodland by 3 volunteers plus 10 feathers.

Inspection of woodland carried out, there is some standing dead wood close to the footpath. Following Storm Eunice the dead trees are still standing but a couple of live trees fell. SCC have inspected as near to a right of way but said it is down to Churt PC to deal.

Jon Stringer and James Gray attending on 25 Feb to take down the trees. Neighbours have been informed and signs will be in place advising the footpath will be temporarily closed for safety reasons.

The 7 new fruit trees in the community orchard have been planted. Thanks to Viv Raeside for overseeing this.

The inter parish group has now been joined by Chiddingfold. There will be a climate workshop held on 24 March at Wonersh.

Cllr Johnson has sent in comments to WBC regarding their suggested biodiversity policy. The road safety review has now been carried out by SCC in relation to the school. SCC hope to be able to fix the puddle that forms in front of the Honda garage and have endorsed a school crossing patrol across Barford Lane. Understood to be funded by SCC. Nature News for Feb has been published on website and FB page.

Tilford PC have launched an eco-programme at the Tilford Institute giving monthly presentations to the public.

A number of suggestions for names were put forward for the woodland at Pond Lane. **Wicket Wood** was the favoured suggestion. This gives a nod to its past as the village

cricket ground. Additional names for the two parts of the wood will be **Cover Point** and **Extra Cover**.

Cllr Martin asked to arrange to have a walk around the wood.

22/18.1.2 Village centre portfolio (RR)

The footpaths have been being cleared from Jumps Road to the village centre.

A crane has arrived for the building works opposite the school on Barford Lane and have installed temporary traffic lights, presumably without authority to do so???

David Harmer asked if a utility company was involved and will look into this.

22/18.1.3 Crime and Disorder (DR)

Recent online presentation by the Police. Cllr Raeside unable to attend but the Clerk will be sent Minutes of the presentation.

22/18.2 Roads and Transport

22/18.2.1 Jumps Road Parking and Sculpture Park (KL)

Cllr Law provided a report. SP decision now published by planning inspectorate.

Cllr Harmer commented the area being claimed as entitlement is not as large as the area actually being used and this extra land should be put back to the same profile as the rest of the land. Area of new hard standing should be reinstated as was.

Further meeting required with Frensham PC, the Bel and Dragon and the Sculpture Park.

22/18.2.2 Cycling and pedestrian matters (LM)

Cllr Martin had a good meeting with Tom Lankester of WBC re input to the Local Cycle and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) which are currently being developed for each Borough within Surrey. He asked for our contribution to determine key destinations within and away from the village that infrastructure should be provided for to enable people to travel there by foot or by bicycle.

Cllr Harmer stated we need to get County and District Councils aligned for best use of central and local government money. With the Hindhead Tunnel there are now a number of options for crossing points over the surrounding roads. Churt sadly will be a low priority on the list. Cllr Martin to send map provided by Tom Lankester to Cllr Harmer and Cllr Raeside.

22/19 Financial Matters

22/19.1 Payments for authorisation - January 2022

Jan accounts **Proposed** by Cllr Rowe , **Seconded** by Cllr Raeside and **Agreed** by all.

Appendix 2 - Payments for January 2022 - circulated

22/19.2 Budget Update and Income report - January 2022

Noted and agreed.

Appendix 3 - Expenditure v Budget - circulated

22/19.3 Individual monthly costs exceeding £500 for January 2022

8/1/2022 The Surrey Pension Fund - £2675.76 - PC contribution to Clerk's pension Jun to Dec 2021

22/20.1 -To note and comment on current planning applications (LM)

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Martin.

Borrow House - 2 x 3m garden room, no comment

Lerryn, Redhearn Fields - looks quite substantial on paper but good use of additional space as an annexe for a son with special needs.

Gatefield, Farnham Road, application for large scale conversion and annexe. No neighbour comments.

Green Cross Farm - admin issues with application

Borrow House Farm - Carefully worded objection required, agreed by all. Application for 4 dwellings. Cllr Potts of WBC suggests this is called in by the planning committee.

22/20.2 Online meeting with Zak Ellwood WBC planning

Clerks met Zak online and voiced concerns over the time taken to process applications, lack of environmental/ecological criteria for objections, lack of continuity with planning officers and missing applications on weekly list of planning applications.

22/21 Farnborough PIR.

See earlier Minutes 22/13. Churt PC has received responses to concerns raised, from both Jeremy Hunt MP and Damian Hinds MP.

22/22 Memorial for David Crossley

Clerk has organised a brass plaque for the cedar bench, to be put on by Cllr Raeside and a posthumous Freedom of the Parish certificate, to be presented to Ann Crossley at March's meeting.

22/23 Co-option of Councillor

Cllr Martin will continue as acting chair until May. Clerk to contact two gentlemen who have shown an interest in becoming a councillor. Chairman can rotate at each meeting but this leads to a lack of continuity for the Clerk.

22/24 Plans for Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June.

Clerk to approach Hugh Trotter plus a few others to put together a small committee to decide on the sort of event to be held on the Rec. Maybe something akin to the Party in the Park.

Other matters

Richard Bourne asked us to note the recent sad death of Councillor Brian Adams of WBC. The Council expressed its thanks for the invaluable contribution Brian has made on behalf of Churt PC over many years.

There being no other business the meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.14pm . There then followed a meeting of the Churt Recreation Ground Trust (See separate Minutes).

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Signed:
Acting Chairman

Date:

The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Churt Recreation Ground Trust will be held on **Wednesday 16 March 2022 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.**