

Churt Parish Council Newsletter January 2019

Unfortunately our vice chairman, Councillor Kevin Lower has resigned from Churt Parish Council. Last year Kevin took on the chairmanship of the Eddystone Housing Association and Quinnettes and needed to cut back somewhat on his commitments. Kevin exerted a common sense and calm approach to council business and he will be sorely missed. Thank you Kevin and all best wishes in your future projects and endeavours.

Work is soon to commence on a footpath which is to be constructed on the edge of the recreation ground from the pavilion car park to the rear of the village hall. We look forward to its completion which I am sure you will agree will be a valued asset to the village.

The unwelcome development at Symondstone Farm has again raised its ugly head. The current owners of the site have applied for a lawful development certificate to give the site permission to class the "caravans", "mobile", "holiday" homes (call them what you will) on the site as sole or main places of residence. This is a repeat of an application made by the previous owners which was turned down by East Hampshire District Council. Needless to say that this latest development, should it be granted, would have a severe impact on the infrastructure of Churt, not to mention the potential impact on local schools and GP surgeries. It is believed that should such permission be granted it could relate to as many as 140 new units. As this is a repeat application, EHDC is not circulating details and the deadline for comments is 7th February 2019. For further details please see the item on the Churt website by following the following link:

<https://www.churt.org/symondstonefarm>

There is a further link contained within the article which will take you directly to the application on the East Hampshire District Council website from where comments can be made. The council has already lodged a robust objection.

Surrey County Council has recently cut back vegetation and generally tidied things up in several areas of roadside verge throughout the village. We are very pleased with the results.

I am delighted to report that following severe pressure from Churt Parish Council, Waverley Borough Council eventually decided the planning application for Southdown House, The Crossways (next door to the Post Office and stores). This should have been decided in June 2018 and on 17th December 2018 the planning

department gave full permission for all the building and refurbishment work required to turn the house into modern habitable accommodation together with a small tea and coffee and cake shop. I am led to believe that building works will commence soon. I am sure that you will all agree that this will be a most welcome development to a semi derelict looking building, and which will also bring a small and innovative new business and enterprise to the village.

David Crossley. Chairman

The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust will take place on Weds 20th February 2019 in the pavilion at 7.30pm