

Churt Parish Council
Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

**Minutes of the 'virtual' meeting of Churt Parish Council
held on Wednesday 21 October 2020
at 7.30 p.m.**

Present

Churt Councillors: David Crossley (Chair), Myra Johnson, Dominic Raeside, Eunice Burch, Roger Rowe

Surrey County Council: Cllr Harmer

Waverley Borough Council: 0

Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow

Members of the Public: 3 (Leslie Sharp, Sally Shorthose and Richard Bourne)

20/81 Chairman's welcome

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

Cllr Harmer confirmed that County Hall will be vacated by Xmas and SCC will be moving to a building near Reigate. Part of the old County Hall will become part of Kingston University and will be used for education, the rest for residential and public services.

Re. Government's active travel programme, this year's money will be used for towns and next year's for outlying villages. Critical to find safe routes for children to get to school.

Waverley cycle forum useful for showing cycleways.

Tilford East Bridge will reopen in next couple of weeks.

Cllr Crossley thanked Cllr Harmer again for his SCC grant towards the cedar bench.

Richard Bourne stated that people need to respond to SCC about how they envisage the parking improvements near the Sculpture Park. Now out for public consultation.

Enforcement notice has been served on the SP on 6 October, effective from 6 November. They then have 6 months to rectify issues.

20/82 Apologies for absence

Apologies were given and **ACCEPTED** from Cllrs Petty, Martin and Law (CPC) and Potts (WBC).

20/83 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

None

20/84 Appointment of new councillor and portfolio responsibilities..

Cllr Cordell stood down following September's meeting and has been presented with the customary Frances Frith print of Churt and a letter of thanks.

We have 2 outstanding applicants for the vacancy, Sally Shorthose and Leslie Sharp. Cllr Crossley invited them both to speak.

Sally has lived around Churt for more than 30 years and in Churt itself for the last 7. She feels it is a very special community with great vision. Her husband is a governor at St John's School. She works as a solicitor but puts a lot into the community. Is happy to be a team player or a leader. Has helped extensively at Woolmer Hill Sports Association.

Leslie has recently been involved in the planning issue at Furze Hill Stud and has lived between Churt and Haslemere for the last 30 years. Very interested in technology, the environment and green issues. Happy to join the environment working group if not voted in as a councillor.

Cllr Crossley invited both to leave the meeting but said they could stay if they wished.

Sally was voted in as the new councillor with 5 votes to 3. (3 by proxy)

Portfolio responsibilities:

Chair of recreation ground committee - Cllr Crossley **proposed** Cllr Burch become the new chair, **seconded** by Cllr Rowe, **agreed** by all. Cllr Crossley suggested Sally joins the playground inspection rota.

Cllr Rowe will take on the village centre portfolio and Cllr Raeside will head up crime and disorder and open up lines of communication with the new police inspector.

Clerk to provide Cllr Raeside with various contacts and local policing and crime links.

20/85 Minutes of the virtual meeting of 16 September 2020

The Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 16 Sept 2020 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Rowe, **seconded** by Cllr Burch.

20/86 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) £5000 transferred to RGT 24 September
- 2) War Memorial Restoration Company have returned for a second visit to rectify poor workmanship first time around. Piers and column now look very smart.
- 3) VAT reclaim received in sum of £4699.80
- 4) Member's allocation grant received in sum of £400
- 5) Annual insurance renewal paid for Churt PC and RGT in sum of £1883.83

20/87.1 Community and Environment

20/87.1.1 Report from Environment Working Group (MJ)

Cllr Johnson attended the online climate conference on 30 Sept, facilitated by the Centre for Sustainable Energy. Sadly a low attendance by neighbouring parishes and there has been no sharing of information further to the conference.

Cllr Johnson has set up a good dialogue with John Swift from Thursley PC who is actively engaging the public in Thursley. He has put a motion to his PC akin to a charter and regularly prepares infographics.

Cllr Johnson asked if she could use the Zoom subscription to recommence meetings of the environment group in Churt.

20/84 (con't) Sally and Leslie re-joined the meeting. Cllr Crossley congratulated Sally on becoming the new councillor and asked Leslie if he would join the environment working group and stay in the wings until the next casual vacancy arises.

Clerk to arrange a meeting with Sally and Cllr Crossley to explain how the PC and RGT run and get the requisite new councillor forms signed. Clerk to send Good Councillor Guide and any other pertinent papers to Sally.

Cllr Harmer left the meeting.

20/87.1.2 Village centre portfolio

Nothing to report

20/87.1.3 Crime and Disorder

Nothing to report.

20/88.2 Roads and Transport

20/88.2.1 Jumps Road Parking (DC)

Richard Bourne has mobilised local residents to speak/write to SCC re parking issues. He will provide Clerk with link to put on website and on FB for anyone who wishes to write in.

Planners have visited the SP site and have taken Counsel's opinion.

20/88.2.2 Cycling and pedestrian matters

In the last newsletter Cllr Crossley asked residents to write in with thoughts about footpath routes but only had 1 response.

Footpath from Jumps Road to Redhearn Green is narrow in places and non-existent in others.

Cllr Johnson said it would be useful to have a footpath map of Churt.

20/89 Financial Matters

20/89.1 Payments for authorisation - Sept 2020

Sept accounts **Proposed** by Cllr Johnson , **seconded** by Cllr Burch and **AGREED** by all.

Appendix 2 - Payments for Sept 2020 - circulated

20/89.2 Budget Update and Income report - Sept 2020

Noted.

Appendix 3 - Expenditure v Budget - circulated

20/90.1 -To note and comment on current planning applications (LM)

Report circulated in advance of meeting.

Concern about stables being converted into dwelling houses. Cllr Johnson said she had looked at the ones on the land opposite Old Barn Lane and in fact the dwelling has a smaller footprint than the original stables. Cllr Martin will ask for clarification from WBC about this issue.

WA/2020/1521, Rise Cottage, Hale House Lane, Churt. Cllr Martin to send the following to WBC planning department:

"CPC objects to the application in its current form due to the additional windows which directly look onto neighbouring properties with no proposed screening."

All other applications neither supported nor objected to by CPC.

20/91 Churt Community Support Group (MJ)

4 duty officers now up and running. Very quiet so far but ready to spring into action when required if we go into lockdown again. Will email all volunteers asking if they are still on board. Cllr Crossley recorded his thanks again to Jo Connah for all she did during the first lockdown.

20/92 Western Villages meeting 21 Sept and WBC planning meeting 12 Oct. (DC/Clerk)

£5000 for Lengthsman Scheme for the coming year.

WBC reported they are inundated with planning applications.

20/93 Village Cheer 2020

Due to Covid 19 this event will need to be cancelled this year.

Richard Bourne and Leslie Sharp left the meeting.

Other matters

There being no other business the virtual meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.00pm. There then followed a virtual meeting of the Churt Recreation Ground Trust (See separate Minutes).

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Signed:

Date:

Chairman

The next 'virtual' meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Churt Recreation Ground Trust will be held on **Wednesday 18 November at 7.30pm. Agenda and access codes to follow.**