

**Churt Parish Council**

*Clerk to the Council*

Mrs Dawn Barrow

**Minutes of the 'virtual' annual meeting of Churt Parish Council  
held on Wednesday 5 May 2021  
at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present**

Churt Councillors: David Crossley (Chair), Myra Johnson, Dominic Raeside, Lisa Martin, Sally Shorthose, Roger Rowe, Eunice Burch, Katy Law, John Petty

Surrey County Council: Cllr Harmer

Waverley Borough Council: Cllr Potts

Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow

Members of the Public: 3 (Richard Bourne, Rob Douglas DL, Anne Bott)

**21/46 Chairman's welcome**

Cllr Crossley welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Rob Douglas DL and Anne Bott of SALC. Cllrs Harmer and Potts said they could only attend the meeting for a short while. Cllr Crossley informed everyone of the exciting news that Dawn Barrow, the Clerk, was to receive a Lord Lieutenant's Certificate of Appreciation. Rob Douglas explained a bit about the background to the award. The Lord Lieutenant was conscious of the number of people supporting their communities throughout the Covid pandemic and that the national honours system was not set up to recognise people on a more local level. This is a new award and Dawn is one of the first recipients. Cllrs Harmer and Potts reiterated their congratulations to Dawn, as did Anne Bott who said how appropriate it was that this was her first Parish meeting since SALC came into existence.

Dawn responded with her thanks and said she was humbled and honoured but saw it as an award for the whole community who had helped with the Covid Support Group.

**Cllrs Harmer, Potts, Anne Bott and Rob Douglas left the meeting.**

**21/47 Election of Chairman (signing of Acceptance of Office forms to follow)**

Cllr Crossley was **nominated** by Cllr Shorthose, **seconded** by Cllr Martin, there were no other nominations, **all in favour**, Cllr Crossley was duly elected to remain as chairman.

**21/48 Election of Vice Chairman (signing of Acceptance of Office forms to follow)**

Cllr Martin was **nominated** by Cllr Crossley, **seconded** by Cllr Rowe, there were no other nominations, **all in favour**, Cllr Martin was duly elected to remain as vice chairman.

Cllr Martin will continue as chair of the planning sub committee

Cllr Burch will continue as chair of the RGT sub committee

Cllr Crossley will continue as chair the finance sub committee

Cllr Johnson will continue as chair of the environment working group.

The Clerk confirmed she would hand deliver the Acceptance of Office forms in the next 2 days.

**21/49 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were given from Cllr Adams.

**21/50 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests**

None

#### **21/51 Minutes of the virtual meeting of 14 April 2021**

The Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 14 April 2021 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Rowe, **seconded** by Cllr Burch.

#### **21/52 Report of the Clerk to the Council**

- 1) **Online banking set up for Lloyds and CAF banks**
- 2) **Internal audit signed off. Sections 1 and 2 of AGAR to be authorised at June's meeting.**

#### **21/53.1 Community and Environment**

##### **21/53.1.1 Report from Environment Working Group (MJ)**

Cllr Johnson reported a disappointing response to Earth Day. Only input was from CHAPS, the scouts and the school.

Recently held a one hour long inter parish environment meeting at which the various parishes advised what they were doing. Next meeting end of May, at which Cllr Johnson will be the chair. Discussion points to include flowers, trees, EV charging points.

WBC have approached Churt to see if we would be interested in an EV charger. WBC would pay the capital costs but the parish would be expected to pay the connection charge and any running costs. The latter could be recovered via the charging costs.

Installation could be between £1200 and £2400. Where would Churt put a charger? A double charger would take up 2 parking spaces.

Cllr Martin said she was very supportive of the electric car agenda. However residents may leave their car on charge all night. Could one be sited in a residential area? The new community centre development will include some rapid chargers.

Cllr Crossley felt this proposal was too premature for us at the moment. We need to understand the types of chargers and who they would serve?

Cllr Johnson to speak to Teresa at the Crossways to see if she would be interested in having a charger in the pub car park.

Regarding Pond Lane, Cllr Johnson would like to have an ecological assessment carried out which could be put out to consultation with residents.

Surrey Wildlife Trust can carry out an ecological survey for £450 plus VAT. Cllr Johnson proposed she would like to have such a survey carried out. No seconders. Cllr Shorthose suggested we delay until we know about the registration of the second tract of land.

In the more immediate term and after the nesting season, we do need to carry out management works on unstable trees and some members of the CHEWG group have the necessary equipment. John Stringer is a tree surgeon.

**Cllr Shorthose left the meeting**

##### **21/53.1.2 Village centre portfolio (RR)**

Nothing to report.

##### **21/53.1.3 Crime and Disorder (DR)**

Nothing to report

#### **21/53.1.4 Ongoing litter problem**

We have received an email from a resident in Old Kiln Lane who states he is happy to litter pick OKL but would encourage us to arrange a village wide litter pick. This can be carried out post Covid and will be an agenda item at our June meeting.

Cllr Crossley to contact Jeremy Hunt MP asking him to petition central government to find ways to make people more culpable for dropping litter.

Cllr Martin supports this suggestion but says we also need more bins eg near the school and outside the village shop. Clerk to contact WBC.

#### **21/53.2 Roads and Transport**

##### **21/53.2.1 Jumps Road Parking and Sculpture Park (KL)**

John Bennett has confirmed that following objections, the appeal relating to the Sculpture Park will now proceed as a public hearing. Those who have objected will be notified of the date.

##### **21/53.2.2 Cycling and pedestrian matters (LM)**

Government has launched a new bus strategy with changes as to how buses are managed. Councils and operators will form an alliance. We need to reiterate how important bus transport is to Churt.

Cllr Crossley said he has been notified of an 'epic ride' taking place from Dorking to Hindhead. Cllr Harmer met with the relevant parties earlier in the week.

#### **21/54 Financial Matters**

##### **21/54.1 Payments for authorisation - Apr 2021**

Apr accounts **Proposed** by Cllr Rowe , **seconded** by Cllr Raeside and **AGREED** by all.  
Appendix 2 - Payments for Apr 2021 - circulated

##### **21/54.2 Budget Update and Income report - Apr 2021**

Noted and agreed.

Appendix 3 - Expenditure v Budget - circulated

##### **21/54.3 Individual monthly costs exceeding £500 for Apr 2021**

£1171.68 Clerk's salary for April.

#### **21/55 -To note and comment on current planning applications (LM)**

Report circulated in advance of meeting by Cllr Martin.

No applications this month.

#### **21/56 Pond Lane**

See Minute 21/53.1.1

#### **21/57 Annual Assembly 2021**

Attended by all village societies except the cricket club. All reported limited activity over the past year but were all looking to the future.

#### **21/58 'Party in the Park' 11 September 2021**

Band, ice creams, hay bales booked. Churt Club will run the bar. Flyers and posters have gone out. People encouraged to bring their own chairs and picnics.

**21/59 Churt.org email addresses for councillors.**

Cllr Martin now using her churt.org email address. Emails come into a different server. Cllr Johnson asked if this was mandatory? Cllr Law said from a professional point of view it is good to have a separate email address, especially if yours reflects your home address. There is no cost implication. Adrian Waller happy to set one up for anyone who wants one.

**Other matters**

Cllr Crossley to carry out Clerk's appraisal and pay review backdated to April. There is a pay freeze for public sector workers. Agenda item for June's meeting.

Cllr Johnson to remind Steve Williams of WBC that he is invited to June's meeting which will be held in the pavilion.

There being no other business the virtual meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.03pm. There then followed a virtual 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 16 June 2021 at 7.30pm in the Churt pavilion.****