

Churt Parish Council
Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Barrow

**Minutes of the 'virtual' meeting of Churt Parish Council
held on Wednesday 17 June 2020
at 7.30 p.m.**

Present

Churt Councillors: David Crossley, Robert Cordell, Roger Rowe, Lisa Martin, Myra Johnson, Dominic Raeside, Eunice Burch

Surrey County Council: 1 (Cllr David Harmer)
Waverley Borough Council: 2 (Cllrs Potts and Adams)
Clerk to the Council: Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public: 3 (Richard Bourne, Malcolm Young, Jo Corfield)

20/49 Chairman's welcome

Cllr Crossley welcomed all to the meeting and went through a few procedural matters. He welcomed Richard Bourne and Malcolm Young and invited them to speak.

M.Y is a Churt resident living along Jumps Road and a property developer. Has witnessed a number of near misses due to the bad parking near the Sculpture Park. He has asked a traffic engineer for his view who has concluded that the suggestion of double yellow lines on one side of the road would not work. He has drawn up a petition which now has over 50 signatures. Too late however for annual review so will need to wait until 2021. His view of an ideal solution would be to mirror the rural clearway at Frensham Pond.

WBC has gone to Counsel regarding the SP. Should have their opinion by end of week. If a new development like the SP was to be built today it would require 50-70 car spaces, drop offs for coaches and better toilet facilities. However there is no land available nearby to help solve these issues.

There was a meeting on June 16 with SCC, WBC and Frensham PC.

R.B stated the Sculpture Park will be opening soon with special viewings and copious advertising. There is illegal activity on the plot adjacent with people living on site in caravans and having bonfires.

Advertising 1000 sculptures but original planning permission was for only 600.

WBC will be sending out their tree officer as there are concerns over what the development is doing to the tree roots. Environmental Health office also involved due to the bonfires. Joined up approach with everyone involved who could be involved.

Brian Adams asked if there was any follow up from SCC re Jumps Road? Do we need a separate Joint Action Group for the Jumps Road issue? Has anyone involved the Police as there will be terrible congestion with the high numbers of visitors expected?

JP and BA will ask the community safety team at WBC to liaise directly with Inspector Gary Smith, the Borough Police Commander.

M.Y stated his view is the SP is the wrong sort of development given its location as it is becoming increasingly retail orientated.

Cllr Crossley concluded that everyone is pulling together and people are taking note of the issues.

M.Y and R.B left the meeting.

20/50 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Law and Petty.

20/51 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

None

20/52 Minutes of the virtual meeting of 20 May 2020

The Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 20 May 2020 were **AGREED** by all. **Proposed** by Cllr Cordell, **seconded** by Cllr Johnson.

20/53 Report of the Clerk to the Council

- 1) PWLB repayment of £2083.74 due 22 June 2020
- 2) George Woods has quoted £120 to make and install new Churt village sign

20/54.1 Community and Environment

20/54.1.1 Report from Environment Working Group (MJ)

The environment is healing due to Covid 19.

Tragic fire at Thursley Common, volunteers from Churt have been helping restore the nature reserve. Thursley and Elstead PC's have set up a Gofundme page, achieved over £20,000 in a matter of days. Ranger is getting quotes to restore boardwalk and common. Churt volunteers also helping with litter picking at Frensham Pond.

MJ has reviewed the Churt Emergency Plan, felt to be thorough and robust.

Cllr Johnson has been doing postcards for the website, well received. Has also uploaded bird, butterfly and dragonfly spotting sheets.

20/54.1.2 Village centre portfolio (RC)

Cllr Cordell has spoken to the village traders. Mower shop v busy, hairdresser not opening until early July. Petra who lives next to the Spar is happy to have a new WBC bin on her land adjacent to the shop.

Clerk to contact SCC re dead looking trees overhanging Hale House Lane. Do they belong to pub?

Need to tell Churt Club about the ash tree in their garden which was covered in the recent arboriculturist report.

20/54.1.3 Crime and Disorder (RC)

No useful information coming from the Police.

20/54.2.1 Jumps Road Parking (KL)

See previous discussions earlier in Minutes.

20/54.2.2 Pond Lane and Frensham Pond parking issues.(DC/Clerk)

Churt and Frensham PC's working together. Wooden posts have been put up around the Green opposite St Mary's School in Frensham. JAG set up including WBC, SCC, Police, NT and EHDC has been invited to join. Police were present at last hot weekend.

Clerk asked anyone who witnesses parking infringements to take photos.

BA confirmed the NT are looking to put more wooden posts and yellow lines along Bacon Lane. Proposal to make a one way circuit from Pond Lane to Bacon Lane.

Cllr Cordell stated we did not want a one way system but a robust parking system.

Residents of Pond Lane know to contact WBC if they see people with BBQ's or there are serious parking issues along their road.

20/54.2.3 Cycling and pedestrian matters (LM)

More money coming forward for cycling and pedestrian matters. Recent meeting of Waverley cycle forum. They would like ideas of how to improve these matters for our village. BA said that SCC has published a Surrey Cycle Route map of the cycling routes they would like to maintain. He will ask David Harmer for a copy. Cllr Cordell mentioned there is a good footpath network in the village, which we need to raise awareness of. LM reminded everyone she did some work on footpaths, bridleways and cycleways a few years ago.

Cllr Johnson said that there is sometimes conflict between horses and bikes on bridleways.

20/55 Financial Matters

20/55.1 Payments for authorisation - May 2020

Proposed by Cllr Raeside , **seconded** by Cllr Martin and **AGREED** by all.

Appendix 2 - Payments for May 2020 - circulated

20/55.2 Budget Update and Income report - May 2020

Noted.

Appendix 3 - Expenditure v Budget - circulated

20/55.3 Clerk's pay review effective 1 April 2020

Hourly rate increased by £1.75, annual allowance increased to £1500.

Proposed by Cllr Crossley, **seconded** by Cllr Cordell, **agreed by all**.

Cllr Crossley thanked the Clerk for her ongoing hard work and diligence.

20/55.4 Possible grant of £250 to Thursley Common Appeal

Cllr Johnson **proposed** we grant £250 to this appeal, **seconded** by Cllr Raeside and **agreed by all**. Clerk to send cheque.

20/56.1 -To note and comment on current planning applications:

Report circulated in advance of meeting.

WA/2020/0758 Lane Top, Crosswater Lane, Churt - application to knock down a single storey dwelling and rebuild as a double storey with a 10% increase in floor area. Property is visible from public bridleway in winter and sits in a cluster of other buildings. One of the other neighbours has objected, LM sees no reason why the PC should object.

WA/2020/0068 Green Cross Farm, Green Cross Lane, Churt - refused

20/57 Covid 19

Jo Corfield joined the meeting. She reported there were fewer **new** requests for help from the support group but still many jobs being done by the buddies and other volunteers. Some volunteers now returning to work so it may be more difficult to respond speedily to some of the requests. However some people may be contacted by Track and Trace and will need to shield for 14 days and they will then require assistance. Milena is now helping 2 days a week, Mons and Thurs.

Cllr Crossley agreed we need to hang onto the volunteer group, esp as some of them are younger. Clerk updated on hampers delivered for birthdays and looking into buying a mobile phone for the volunteer coordinators. Monies coming from SSEN grant.

Cllr Cordell asked if we were qualified to set up what appears to be a social care network. Cllr Crossley responded that the support group would not be in this guise moving forward but would

continue to offer aspects of help. Clerk to speak to Thursley and Elstead about their care groups' mandates.

Cllr Johnson has sourced face coverings from Frensham Heights sewing initiative and delivered to volunteers and help requesters.

Jo Corfield suggested it would be nice, when the time was right, to host some sort of gathering for people to meet, venture out and build confidence.

20/58 Churt Twitter and Facebook (LM/Clerk)

More traffic to website, Cllr Crossley thanked Myra Johnson for her website updates. These will now reduce to twice weekly. Small working party set up, now have a Twitter handle, and 2 FB pages, one for official PC matters run by the Clerk and one for more newsy, discussion matters run by Milena Sartoris.

Incumbent chair of PC should be a moderator on FB page and Twitter.

Clerk asked should other societies also pay the webmaster for anything he does on their behalf?

20/59 Arboriculturist's report

23 trees need some remedial action, nothing of urgency. 15 trees need reassessing in 18 months' time, 6 are on Red Green overhanging the A287. High Court ruling re Witley PC had huge implications for land owners. Some work we can do at ground level, Cllrs Cordell and Raeside to look into this.

Clerk to ask Arboriculturist for a quote for interim 18 month report.

Tree no 35 located in Churt Club garden.

After a storm someone needs to inspect trees. Needn't be qualified.

Clerk to ask for 3 quotes for remedial works.

Clerk to check insurance policy re tree cover.

20/60 Update on war memorial and piers

Awaiting comeback from War Memorial Restoration Company re cleaning. We have until May 2021 to complete works.

Other matters

None.

There being no other business the virtual meeting of the Churt Parish Council closed at 9.40pm.

There then followed a virtual meeting of the Churt Recreation Ground Trust (See separate Minutes).

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Signed:

Chairman

Date:

The next 'virtual' meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Churt Recreation Ground Trust will be held on **Wednesday 15 July 2020 at 7.30pm using Webex. Agenda and access codes to follow.**