

# CHURT PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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*This free newsletter is intended to keep the people of Churt informed about the work of Churt Parish Council.*

Clive Davies has been elected from two candidates for co-option to fill the vacancy on the Council arising from the resignation of Clare Pierson. He has lived in Hale House Lane for the whole of his life. Existing Cllrs welcome Cllr Davies to the Council and thank both candidates for volunteering to serve the community in this way.

The Council has received an unsatisfactory reply to its correspondence with Stagecoach concerning the No. 19 bus service through the village. The Council is conducting its own survey and residents are urged to respond by 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Unsurprisingly, the Council has been advised that Waverley Borough Council (WBC) budgets are to be drastically cut in the next financial year. This threatens to affect adversely the annual compensatory grant received from WBC to help maintain the Recreation Ground; £4390 in the current year, frozen at the same level as 2009/10. The Council has no measure of the size of the cut for 2011/12 but intends to join with other parish councils similarly affected to lobby WBC on this matter.

One of the glories of the Recreation ground is the trees around the edge. In order to maintain them in the best possible condition the Council will be arranging for a regular survey by qualified professionals.

No high-risk items have been identified by the independent examination of the playground. Minor repairs to the playhut, zipwire and roundabout will be attended to and the seesaw will be removed. Other maintenance and regular upkeep of the playground will be carried out as routine.

Batteries from the temporary traffic lights on Churt road were stolen twice; an arrest has been made. There has been one domestic incident and one theft of garden furniture (garden bench) in the last month. There have also been three road traffic collisions on the Churt road; one neighbourhood dispute and a couple of suspicious incidents including the bin cleaning scam. There is another scam that involves someone calling landline numbers and claiming they work for Surrey Police. They ask about what sort of home security measures are in place and offer a free crime prevention consultation. Police do not make such calls and anyone receiving one is advised to report these calls straight away on 0845125 2222.

A small programme of maintenance and improvements around the village has been agreed with a representative of Surrey Highways.

According to WBC there are seven people in Churt registered as needing 1 bed accommodation and one needing 2 bed accommodation.

WBC will be inviting tenders for three of its principal environmental services: waste and recycling, environmental cleaning and grounds maintenance. CPC will take part in the consultation process.

The Village Design Statement is nearing completion and will be displayed for public consultation in the pavilion from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> August. It is important that residents of Churt have their say about this document and it is hoped that as many people as possible will take this opportunity to comment.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on  
Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion.**

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