

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held in the Church Knowle Village Hall
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 27th September, 2022

PRESENT

Council Members:

Cllr Mrs Hazel Parker [HP] (in Chair)
Cllr Mrs Jayne Wilson [JW] (Vice Chair)
Cllr Mrs Debbie Evans [DE]
Cllr Mrs Nicola Pitcher [NP]
Cllr Mr Carl Grice [CG]
Cllr Mrs Pippa Edwards [PE]

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

Mr Derek Burt

Dorset Council

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

215.22 Cllr Billa Edwards (CKPC) and Cllr Brookes (Dorset Council) sent their apologies for non-attendance.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL – (Current Meeting)

216.22 There were declarations of interest and it was established that no-one was recording the meeting.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

217.22 No members of the public raised any topics for discussion.

RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN AND CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

218.22 As Cllr Fry was absent Cllr Parker chaired the meeting from the start. It was proposed that she continue in the chair and that Cllr Wilson be vice-chairman. Proposed by DE seconded by NP and the motion to appoint them was passed unanimously.

DEATH OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

219.22 The Council agreed that no action was required..

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th AUGUST 2022

220.22 The minutes which had been previously circulated were read. Cllr Wilson proposed that they should be accepted as a true record of the proceedings and her proposal was seconded by Cllr Edwards. The minutes were duly approved by a unanimous vote.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 9th AUGUST 2022 MEETING

221.22 **Approval of Memorials** (168.22). Details and dimensions of the proposed memorial bench for Edward and Patricia Simpson have been received from Louise Simpson.

The Council reserved the right to approve the position of this bench and stipulated that the stone uprights must be secured in concrete footings in order that they remain upright and that the bench remain safe. Any subsequent maintenance of the bench will be met by the family.

The motion to approve this was proposed by CG, seconded by DE and passed unanimously.

It was noted that the memorial stone previously approved (168.22) must have the plot number carved on its reverse, be a flat stone and meet the cemetery regulations.

222.22 It was noted that items 194.22 – write to Mr Green about strimming around the gravestones and item 197.22 – write to the Blue Pool explaining the law regarding camping were still outstanding.

Action: Clerk to write to Mr Jones of the Blue Pool and to include a note about strimming in the next payment to Mr Green.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

223.22 Survey forms have been hand delivered to all of the households in the parish. The drop-in session at Church Knowle Village Hall on Saturday 24th September was attended by 24 parishioners and it is anticipated that some parishioners will join the Steering Group to bring its number up the recommended strength of 10 members.

224.22 The original consultant Paul Weston has decided to withdraw from the Church Knowle Neighbourhood Plan and the Steering Group is seeking to appoint a new consultant after the surveys are in.

225.22 It was observed that the parish contains a number of settlements and that it is important to engage them all in the process. The first drop-in/community consultation session has been held in the Church Knowle Village Hall and it was resolved that the next session would be held in the Furzebrook Village Hall to provide some balance throughout the parish. Concern was expressed that if all activities are centred on Church Knowle Village the other parts of the Parish are in danger of neglect and disengagement.

226.22 **Ex-gratia payment to Paul Weston.** The question of a payment to Paul Weston for the consulting work that he has done before withdrawing from the Neighbourhood Plan was discussed.

The Clerk advised that he should be paid something otherwise the Council could be seen to have acted unreasonably and be in peril.

It was resolved to make an ex-gratia payment of £500 to Paul Weston. This was proposed by CG and seconded by DE. The resolution was passed by a vote of 4 for and 2 abstentions.

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications

227.22 **P/PABA/2022/05421 – Bradle Farm** Erect an Agricultural Building

The Council had no objection to the application.

228.22 **P/FUL/2022/05664 – Withy Lakes** Retain existing cabin and erect new toilet and storage building

The Council resolved to Oppose this application. Several reasons were given:

1. The Council will not approve retrospective planning applications.
2. When objections to these buildings were formally raised with the County Planning Department the parish council was informed that these buildings did not need planning permission. This indicates to the Council that either the Planning Department had made a very basic error, was being disingenuous or that there is an alternative agenda.
3. It is not clear either from the application or the layout of the site what the provision is for foul drainage. Given that the land is being used as a school the volume and treatment of sewage must be given serious consideration.
4. This application is effectively seeking to replace a portaloo with a permanent structure claiming that the portaloo is an existing building.
5. There has been no application for a change of lawful use for the property which still has a strict and historically rigorously enforced agricultural tie.
6. As this application has been drafted by Alan Davies who until recently was the head of the Purbeck Planning and the application is being submitted to this same office the application must be heard by

the full planning committee according to the provisions of **Dorset Council Policy Document (PG-17.05.17 Item 8 Appendix 1)**. Regardless of this policy document for a recently employed head of Planning to be submitting applications on a commercial basis back into his old office must raise serious questions of propriety in even the most lax of administrations.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

229.22 Clerk to liaise with Dorset Council Highways regarding outstanding items.

THE GRAVEYARD

230.22 Approval of Memorials

The Simpson memorial bench was approved by the Council (192.22 above).

231.22 Administration and Applications

No new applications have been received.

A report on the state of the benches in the cemetery was submitted by Cllr Pitcher. The wooden benches could do with some care and a coat of paint. It was agreed that a notice would be put into the Corfe Valley News to establish whether these are family memorials and whether the families would like to see to their upkeep.

ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 10th AUGUST 2022 TO C.O.B, 27th SEPTEMBER 2022

232.22 The accounts were examined and approved. Proposed by JW, seconded by HP and passed unanimously.

SETTLEMENT OF INVOICES PAYABLE AT THE MEETING

233.22 The Chairman and Clerk presented the invoices payable. These were examined and it was resolved to accept and pay them. In addition a payment of £100 was made to Corfe Valley News (207.22) and £500 to Paul Weston (226.22).

JW proposed the invoices should be accepted and paid. This was seconded by HP and they were duly paid following a unanimous vote by the Members.

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

234.22 No further Financial and Administrative matters.

CORRESPONDENCE

235.22 The clerk informed the Council of a trail running event on Saturday 15th October that runs along the ridge above Cucknowle and starts and finishes at Burnbake Campsite. This is for information only and no action is required.

236.22 A quote has been received from Craig Wells at Ellis Jones for the legal work to establish an easement across the farm land to give the grave diggers access to the cemetery with their machine. It was decided that an easement was the best course as this was attached to the land and would continue regardless of whether the land was ever to change hands. A licence would not. The expense of simply instructing a lawyer to do the work is considerable, thousands of pounds and more consideration needs to be given as to how this might most efficiently be achieved.

Action: Clerk to investigate possible routes to obtaining an easement.

OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS OF IMPORTANCE

- 237.22 The installation of the memorial seat in the Playing Field needs to be co-ordinated. It was agreed that the Clerk, Cllr Fry and Derek Burt would liaise via email and get this job done. The required concrete ballast and cement had been delivered to Bucknowle Farm.
- 238.22 It was noted that quotes had still not been obtained for the painting of the Archive Container.
- 239.22 The new post box at Creech Bottom has not yet been installed and it was decided to wait until the November meeting before chasing this with the Royal Mail.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR THE OCTOBER 2022 AGENDA

- 240.22 No additional items were proposed for the October 2022 agenda:

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

- 241.22 Cllr Wilson noted a piece in the Purbeck Gazette reporting that Wareham Council had declined an application from Jurassic Broadband to site an equipment building. It was felt that this was not a forward looking move and that the region could do with more hi-tech infrastructure giving competition and improved facilities.
- 242.22 Cllr Wilson reported that the Furzebrook Village Hall had been booked for Parish Council meetings on even months for 2023 and it was agreed that the existing schedule where the Council meets on odd months at the Church Knowle Village Hall and even months at the Furzebrook Village Hall worked well and would continue.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

- 243.22 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday 11th October at 6-30pm. There will be a planning review session with Dorset Council planning officers that will start at 5-00pm.
- 244.22 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:36hr