

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held in the Church Knowle Village Hall
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 8th November, 2022

PRESENT

Council Members:

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

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

Mr Derek Burt
Mrs Sue Lewis

Dorset Council

Cllr Cherry Brooks

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

272.22 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllr Billa Edwards and Cllr Carl Grice.

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

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

274.22 **Playing field** It was noted by Derek Burt that a badger had rooted up the freshly laid bank around the plinth for the tree seat in the playing field. There was nothing to be done but he was repairing the damage when it occurred.

RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN AND CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

275.22 Cllr Wilson resigned as chairman and Cllr Evans as the previous vice-chairman took the chair. Cllr Pippa Edwards was nominated as vice-chair. Their appointments were proposed by HP, seconded by NP and the motion to appoint them was passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th OCTOBER 2022

276.22 The minutes which had been previously circulated were read. Cllr Pitcher noted that she had undertaken to contact the Police about rural crime and requested that the minutes be amended to show this. It was proposed that, with the amendment, they should be accepted as a true record of the proceedings and the proposal by JW was seconded by PE. The minutes were duly approved by a unanimous vote.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 11th OCTOBER 2022 MEETING

277.22 **Highways Matters (258.22).** The Clerk reported that these were being logged on line.

278.22 **Rural Crime (264.22).** Cllr. Pitcher reported that she was in contact with the Police who were willing to make a presentation on Rural Crime Prevention measures. The Council decided that a public presentation starting at 6:00pm before the February Parish Council meeting at the Furzebrook Village Hall would be ideal and that Cllr Pitcher would contact the Police to see if this could be arranged.

When this arrangement was in place the presentation would be advertised in the Corfe Valley News and elsewhere.

Action: Cllr Pitcher to contact Police.

279.22 **Data Protection (268.22)**. It was decided that as the Council was collecting data as part of the Neighbourhood Plan Survey a formal Data Protection Policy needs to be in place and placed on the website.

Action: Clerk to research this (DAPTC), submit it to the Council and display it on the Website.

280.22 **Planet Purbeck (269.22)**. It was decided that the Council would maintain a friendly link with the organisation but would not enter into anything formal.

281.22 **Commercial Camping (222.22)**. The Council is concerned about the level of commercial camping in the Parish and enquiries will be made about the regulatory framework that applies to this.

Action: Clerk to investigate regulations that apply to commercial camping. Licensing Officer/Planning Department.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

282.22 The Neighbourhood Plan group reported that over 80 replies had been received from the N.P. Survey and that 6 people were interested in joining the Steering Group, this would bring it up to the desired strength of 10.

Cllr Pitcher reported that three consultants had been contacted to help guide the N.P. process through to completion. Of the three the Steering Group recommended Lee Searles of Andrea Pellegram as the best fit for the project.

The Parish Council resolved to appoint Lee Searles as the consultant to see the Neighbourhood Plan through to completion. Proposed by PE, seconded by NP and passed with 2 abstentions (HP, JW).

It was agreed that the N.P. must be completed within the grant funding and that no funds were available from the Parish Council finances.

283.22 The next meeting of the NP Steering Group is scheduled for 22nd November.

284.22 Cllr Evans provided a written progress report for the Neighbourhood Plan.

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications

285.22 **P/TRC/2022/06816** The Old Rectory, Church Knowle. Fell diseased ash trees and other tree work. The Council unanimously resolved to have **No Objection**.

286.22 **P/HOU/2022/06555** 3 Church Knowle. Erect carport and single storey extension. Remodel driveway and access.

The Council examined the drawings and documents. Two of the councillors objected citing the objections to the previous application of height and increased traffic. It was decided that the other Councillors would make their decision after a site visit.

After the site visit (14/11/2022) the Council vote is 5 objections and 1 abstention. The Council therefore resolves to Object to the application.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

287.22 The presentation by Tim Kavanagh about the rerouting of footpath 30 was discussed. It was decided to support his contention that the footpath in fact takes the lower route not mentioned in the rerouting notice. Cllr Fry said there was a strong possibility that the route proposed by Mr Kavanagh was in fact a permissive path and as such was subject to the permission by the landowner.

Proposed by JW, seconded by DE and passed with one abstention HF.

Action: Clerk to write to Dorset Council.

288.22 Mrs Sue Lewis from the floor suggested that a standard "Danger Concealed Farm Entrance" sign warning of the track by 3 Church Knowle may be effective. The Council resolved to investigate this further.

Action: Clerk to apply for road sign to Dorset Highways.

THE GRAVEYARD

289.22 Administration and Applications

An application for a double burial plot has been received from a member of the public for his parents. The Council considered the application and unanimously resolved to approve it. As the family is from outside of the Parish the external fee scale will apply.

ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 12th OCTOBER 2022 TO C.O.B, 8th NOVEMBER 2022

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

SETTLEMENT OF INVOICES PAYABLE AT THE MEETING

291.22 The Chairman and Clerk presented the invoices payable. These were examined and it was resolved to accept and pay them. It was decided that the Parish Council would pay the full cost of the tree for the Les Bugler Memorial Seat, reimbursing Cllr Evans £124.95 for this tree.

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

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

292.22 The budget for the coming year was discussed based on the Clerk's figures that had been distributed to the Council in advance of the meeting. The Council decided that not enough had been allowed for projects, contingencies and possible price increases. Cllr Pitcher and the Clerk are to examine the figures and present them again for approval at the December meeting.

293.22 The Furzebrook notice board is no longer supported as its supporting uprights have failed. It has fallen over. Cllr Fry said that he would rescue the notice board and give an assessment of what needed to be done.

Action: Cllr Fry to assess work required to repair Furzebrook noticeboard.

CORRESPONDENCE

294.22 An email has been received from a ramblers group about the historic Lime Kiln that has become overgrown.

It was established that the Lime Kiln is the property of the Scott Estate and that the best contact is their office at South Street, Kingston, Corfe Castle BH20 5LQ.

Action: Clerk to put ramblers group in touch with the Scott Estate.

OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS OF IMPORTANCE

295.22 No further items.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR THE NOVEMBER 2022 AGENDA

296.22 No additional items were proposed for the December 2022 Agenda.

The following items will be on the December 2022 agenda:

- The budget for the coming year.
- Putting a GDPR policy in place
- A review of Standing Orders

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

297.22 Cllr Wilson said that she had been given a contact of a local “Men in Sheds” group that may be willing to undertake small repair jobs (benches, noticeboards etc) in the Parish. It was agreed by the Council that this should be followed up.

Action: Clerk to contact the group and report back.

298.22 A member of the public expressed disappointment in aspects of the conduct of the meeting. He indicated that he felt that the Council had become unnecessarily adversarial and that cheerier more harmonious meetings would give a much better public impression.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

299.22 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday 13th December at 6-30pm.

300.22 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:20hr