

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held in the Furzebrook Village Hall
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 11th April, 2023

PRESENT

Council Members:

Cllr Mrs Debbie Evans [DE] (Chair)
Cllr Mrs Pippa Edwards [PE] (Vice Chair)
Cllr Mrs Nicola Pitcher [NP]
Cllr Mr Carl Grice [CG]
Cllr Mrs Hazel Parker [HP]
Cllr Mr Howard Fry [HF]
Cllr Mrs Jayne Wilson [JW]
Cllr Mr Derek Burt [DB]

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

4 Members of the public were present.

Dorset Council

Cllr Cherry Brookes

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

117.23 There were no apologies for non-attendance.

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

118.23 There were no declarations of interest. It was established that no-one was recording the meeting.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

119.23 Members of public reported that the activities of Cumulus Outdoors are still causing disturbance to the local residents at Cotness Lakes and requested a record of any enforcement action initiated by the parish council.

RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN

120.23 Cllr Grice resigned as chairman and Cllr Evans as the previous vice chair took the chair. Cllr Pippa Edwards was nominated for the position of vice-chair.

Proposed by CG seconded by NP and passed unanimously.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

121.23 Mr Derek Burt who was elected unopposed at the recent election for the vacancy on the Parish Council was welcomed to the Council, signed the Declaration of Office and took his seat.

ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS, CODE OF CONDUCT AND GDPR

122.23 The Council was unclear on the versions of the Standing Orders and Code of Conduct that had been adopted at the last meeting and it was agreed that the clerk would circulate these again for further review.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th MARCH

123.23 The minutes which had previously been circulated were read. It was proposed that they be accepted as a true record of the proceedings and the proposal by GC was seconded by HP and passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 3rd APRIL 2023

124.23 The minutes which had previously been circulated were read. Cllr Pitcher requested that they be amended to reflect the increased saving in nutrient run-off claimed by the applicants. It was agreed that Cllr Pitcher would send the amendments to the clerk for approval by the Chairman and the amended minutes would be presented at the next meeting.

Action: Cllr Pitcher to send the clerk the amendments.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 14th FEBRUARY MEETING

125.23 There were no matters arising.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

126.23 The current grant period for the Neighbourhood Plan ended on 31st March 2023. The Clerk reported that the accounts including the unspent portion to be returned had been approved by Groundwork who manage the grants.

Cllr Evans reported that the consultant considered that there was now enough information to prepare a good draft Plan.

It was agreed that should further grant funding become available the Council would apply for the remaining funds required to complete the Plan.

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications

127.23 **P/HOU/2023/01167** Barn House Steeple – Erect triple garage with workroom over.

The Council examined the application and resolved to have **No Objection** to the application.

The voting was: 5 for No Objection, 3 abstentions.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

128.23 The Council resolved to investigate the new 20mph policy and follow the process to an application to the Dorset Council.

129.23 A site meeting to review signage and other highways related matters is being arranged with Stephen Mephram of Dorset Council.

THE CEMETERY

130.23 **Administration and Applications**

No new applications have been received.

131.23 Cllr Parker noted that the rule was that headstones could only be placed at least 12 months after the interment.

ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 14th FEBRUARY 2023 TO C.O.B, 14th MARCH 2023

132.23 The accounts were examined and approved. Proposed by DE seconded by PE and passed unanimously.

SETTLEMENT OF INVOICES PAYABLE AT THE MEETING

133.23 The Chairman and Clerk presented the invoices payable. These were examined and a resolution to pay them was proposed:

Octopress – election leaflet printing: £26.00 passed: 4 for, 2 against, 2 abstentions

The resolution to accept and pay the other invoices was proposed by DE, seconded by PE and passed unanimously. All of the invoices were duly paid.

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

134.23 The Clerk presented the corrected accounts (arithmetic error) for January 2023 which were approved.

135.23 Cllr Parker gave the clerk £35 for deposit being the proceeds of map sales from the Reading Room.

CORRESPONDENCE

136.23 A note from Chris Boone has been received noting that the main telephone box in Church Knowle Village had had a new door but that there were still outstanding faults that needed to be repaired. These include:

- the light does not work.
- there is a missing pane in the top of the box that will allow rain in.
- the equipment will not permit outgoing calls and the screen gives a “fault – BT apologies” message.

137.23 Tim Kavanagh who has been campaigning with Dorset Council to have the official route of footpath 30 changed where it is near his house requested copies of any Parish Council correspondence with Dorset Council..

OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS OF IMPORTANCE

138.23 It was proposed that a brief report of any developments or policies at Dorset Council that may have a bearing on the parish be provided by Cllr Brookes and made a regular item on the agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR MAY 2023 AGENDA

139.23 The following additional items were proposed for inclusion in the May 2023 Agenda:

- Signs prohibiting overnight camping on the road and in laybys

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

140.23 A good deal of fencing has been erected along the roads in parts of the parish owing to the problem of large herds of wild deer. The planning and regulations regarding this are to be researched with the Planning Department.

141.23 The question of whether all of the newer parish councillors had been in the parish long enough to be eligible to be on the council or were on the electoral roll had been raised by some parishioners with Cllr Burt.

The Clerk said that he would confirm the eligibility criteria and process with the elections department at Dorset Council so that the question could be resolved at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

142.23 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 9th May at 6-30pm. This will also be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

143.23 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:15hr

Approved by Chairman :..... Date:.....