

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held in the Furzebrook Village Hall
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 14th February, 2023

PRESENT

Council Members:

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

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

8 Members of the public were present.

Dorset Council

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Clerk to the Parish Council:

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

034.23 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllr Billa Edwards and also Cllr Cherry Brookes of Dorset Council.

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

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

036.23 Ian Holland of the Furzebrook Village Hall sought the help of the Council in reaching a solution to the problem of the Hall flooding and suffering water damage from stormwater from the highway. It appears that the existing culverts under the highway that lead the stormwater away are undersized and block easily. A proper permanent solution would be to increase the size of these culverts. Since they run close to a Perenco pipeline Perenco have indicated that they would be happy to be involved in any work undertaken.

Action: Clerk to write again to Dorset Highways supporting the Furzebrook Village Hall's application to have this problem resolved.

RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN AND CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

038.23 Cllr Edwards resigned as chairman and Cllr Pitcher as the previous vice-chairman took the chair. Cllr Wilson was proposed by Cllr Parker as vice-chair. Cllr Grice was proposed by Cllr Evans as vice-chair. Cllr Grice's nomination was seconded by PE, there was no seconder for Cllr Wilson. The appointments of Cllr Pitcher as chair and Cllr Grice as vice-chair were proposed by PE, seconded by DE and the motion to appoint them was passed unanimously.

VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR AND ELECTION

039.23 There have been two applications to date for the vacant parish councillor position, Mr Derek Burt and Mr Tom Trevor. The statutory notices advertising the vacancy posted on the parish noticeboards have prompted the required number of parishioners (10 or more) to request an election. This will be implemented by the elections office at Dorset Council.

040.23 The Council asked the clerk to ascertain from the elections office:

- Whether an extension of time can be granted to allow wider advertising of the vacancy
- Whether candidates are allowed to claim any expenses related to their standing and canvassing
- Is the Parish Council allowed to have more than 9 councillors
- Is there a time limit to the number of years a parish councillor is allowed to serve.
- Further details, timetables etc. for the election.

041.23 The advertising of the election was discussed and relying solely on the noticeboards with a very limited readership was deemed impractical. It was resolved to seek a postponement of the election date to facilitate a leaflet drop to ensure transparency and equal opportunity for all parishioners. Notification of the election also will feature prominently in the Corfe Valley News and a postponed election date will allow this to have full exposure.

Action: clerk to seek to have the election date postponed to allow full advertisement of the election.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10th JANUARY 2023

042.23 The minutes which had been previously circulated were read. It was proposed that they should be accepted as a true record of the proceedings and the proposal by DE was seconded by PE. The minutes were duly approved by a unanimous vote.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 10th JANUARY 2022 MEETING

042.23 **Furzebrook Notice Board (293.22)**. The clerk reported that he had received a realistically costed proposal to refurbish and refix this noticeboard from the Men in Sheds organisation.

The proposal that this be accepted and that they be instructed to proceed by DE was seconded by NP and passed unanimously.

043.23 **Data Protection for Website (279.22)**. Cllr. Pitcher indicated that this was still outstanding and was urgent. The clerk undertook to add this to the website immediately.

044.23 **Cumulus Activity at Cotness Lakes (009.23)** The Clerk said that an enforcement complaint has been made and steps will be pursued towards Cumulus making a proper planning application.

The correspondence on the Cumulus Outdoor activities to date will be made available to Mr Trevorrow.

045.23 **Road Sign (288.22)**. Clerk to follow this up.

046.23 **Deer Management (016.23)** This was discussed at length, there is no question that the large numbers have become a problem but it appears that it is up to individual landowners to manage them. Inquiries will be made to DEFRA. Ben Edwards is liaising with local landowners and other interested parties to see if he can co-ordinate a local plan and will feed back on progress.

047.23 **Derelict Buildings (017.23)** This will be followed up with Planning and the status of Randall's Barn will also be addressed

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

048.23 Cllr Evans gave an update of The Neighbourhood Plan progress. She said that the key themes that have emerged from the consultation and surveys will be carried forward into actions. There will be another meeting of the Steering Group in late February.

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications

049.23 **P/HOU/2022/05768** Puddle Mill Cottage – Renovations, Garage rebuild and Kitchen extension.

The Council examined the drawings that had now been provided and resolved to have **No Objection** to the application.

050.23 **P/HOU/2022/06555** Fossil Cottage, 3 Church Knowle – Erect Car Port and single story side extension.

Dorset Planning has requested details of the Council's objection to this. These are as submitted previously and include:

- This represents overdevelopment of the site.
- The proposed building is too high.
- The access lane is insufficient for the increased traffic

Other Planning Matters

051.23 Mr Matthew Jones of the Blue Pool who was present addressed the Council at the behest of the Chair. He said that the Blue Pool would be holding camping again this year and that all the government regulations and existing legislation will be complied with. He also said that the Blue Pool has an events licence and that it will be holding weddings, and open air cinema and various other events throughout the year.,

Mr Jones' debate and update was resulting from a robust and direct questioning from a Councillor and although outside of the Public Discussion period he was invited to speak by the Chair as he has specialist knowledge of the item under consideration.

Cllr Wilson who had previously indicated that she had no intention of entering the debate sought leave to speak and suggested that the agenda be moved forward following Mr. Jones responses.

052.23 An enforcement complaint has been lodged with the Dorset Council to enable them to enforce the relevant planning laws applicable to the Cumulus Outdoor activities.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

053.23 The Council resolved to lend its weight to the proposed 20 mph speed limit for villages throughout the district. The clerk is to liaise with Corfe Castle Parish Council.

054.23 A request has been received that the gritting and salting lorry for freezing weather include the road to Bradle in its run.

Action: Clerk to make this request to Highways and request a map of the runs that the gritting lorry makes.

055.23 The status of the grit bins in the parish was discussed and it was resolved to research this. It was noted that there is a stockpile of salt and grit for parish use at the Perenco yard. It was noted that in bad weather it would be the responsibility of the parish to ensure the bins were stocked.

056.23 The SLOW road markings by the church need to be repainted and the H-bar to keep the road junction clear are still outstanding.

THE CEMETERY

057.23 **Administration and Applications**

No new applications.

ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 8th NOVEMBER 2022 TO C.O.B, 10th JANUARY 2023

058.23 The accounts were examined and it was found that while the balances were correct there was an arithmetic error in the presentation. Clerk is to correct this and represent the accounts at the next meeting.

SETTLEMENT OF INVOICES PAYABLE AT THE MEETING

059.23 The Chairman and Clerk presented the invoices payable. These were examined and it was resolved to accept and pay them.

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

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

060.23 The mandate has now been updated by Lloyds Bank and HP, JW, NP, PE, CG, DE and the clerk AP all now have signatory status.

CORRESPONDENCE

061.23 A letter from Jill Bugler thanking the Parish Council for providing and installing the memorial tree seat and tree in memory of Les Bugler was read by the clerk. This also thanked all those who had kindly contributed to this memorial.

062.23 Information from Wessex Water and Scottish and Southern Electricity has been received describing their priority service register for vulnerable people in the event of a service outage. This is free to join and the forms will be put on the website and the service noted in the Corfe Valley News.

OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS OF IMPORTANCE

063.23 It was noted that the current grant period for the Neighbourhood Plan was coming to an end and that an account of the spending of the grant and the return of any unspent funds would be imminent. It was anticipated but not certain that these would be available in a further grant.

Clerk to liaise with Cllr Pitcher regarding the accounting for the grant funds.

064.23 The website is still incomplete and the clerk is to look into finding someone who can manage it.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR MARCH 2023 AGENDA

065.23 No additional items were proposed for the March 2023 Agenda.

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

066.23 Cllr Grice said that he would approach the Smedmore Estate to see if an annual pass to Kimmeridge can be negotiated for Church Knowle parishioners. Cllr Wilson suggested that he may wish to approach Steeple to see if they were interested in the the scheme as it could be beneficial to include other groups in the interests of economy of scale increase the revenue from the scheme. He would report back on progress and whether any input from the Parish Council would be required.

067.23 It was decided that in order to save paper the Councillors would familiarise themselves with the planning applications on the agenda, reading the information from the Dorset County website and being prepared to vote and discuss the applications ahead of the meeting. The clerk would still provide one copy of any relevant drawings if appropriate.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

068.23 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 14th March at 6-30pm.

069.23 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:30hr

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