

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held in the Church Knowle Village Hall
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 10th January, 2023

PRESENT

Council Members:

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

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

Mr Derek Burt

Dorset Council

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Clerk to the Parish Council:

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

001.23 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllr Billa Edwards, Cllr Carl Grice, Cllr Jayne Wilson and also Cllr Cherry Brookes of Dorset Council.

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

002.23 Cllrs Evans declared that she had made the complaint about the BT green junction box, and Cllr Parker declared an interest in this but it was decided that theirs was not a material interest that would preclude participation or voting. It was established that no-one was recording the meeting.

003.23 Councillors were reminded that they should fill out the on line declaration of interests form.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

004.23 There was no public discussion.

RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN AND CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

005.23 Cllr Evans resigned as chairman and Cllr Edwards as the previous vice-chairman took the chair. Cllr Nicola Pitcher was nominated as vice-chair. Their appointments were proposed by DE, seconded by HP and the motion to appoint them was passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8th NOVEMBER 2022

006.23 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 NP was seconded by DE. The minutes were duly approved by a unanimous vote.

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

007.23 **Furzebrook Notice Board (293.22).** Cllr Fry reported that the upright posts had failed and that it would take a couple of people to replace these and refix the board. It was decided to contact the “Men in Sheds” organisation to see about getting this reinstated. The Clerk reported that he had received a positive reply from the local organisation and would pursue this.

008.23 **Data Protection for Website (279.22).** Cllr. Pitcher and the Clerk reported that enquiries of DAPTC about this involved signing up for a course. It was resolved to source the required policy elsewhere.

009.23 **Cumulus Activity at Cotness Lakes (Oct 247.22)** The Clerk showed the correspondence from Dorset Council Planning indicating that they were unable to pursue the query about the requirement for change of use or other planning requirement unless an enforcement complaint were made. It was resolved that the Clerk would make this complaint on behalf of the Council with a view to having Cumulus make a proper planning application.

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

011.23 Cllr Evans gave an account of The Neighbourhood Plan progress. She reported that a good number of people were interested and that the steering group is at full strength of 10. An engagement meeting is planned for February. The Plan is proceeding well and the expertise of the consultant will be used in a directed manner and that much use will be made of the expertise of the group.

012.23 Cllr Evans made reference to the new policies in the NPPF, part of the Levelling Up initiative, which would have to be considered in the Neighbourhood Plan.

013.23 It was proposed that the contract with the consultant Andrea Pellegram be accepted. Cllr Edwards proposed, Cllr Pitcher seconded, passed unanimously.

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications

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

The Council examined the design statement provided but was unable to make a decision owing to the lack of drawings. It was resolved to request drawings together with an extension of time for comment.

Other Planning Matters

015.23 Commercial Camping is prevalent throughout the Parish and it was resolved to contact Dorset Council to obtain a list of those sites that have the proper licenses and planning permission.

016.23 It was reported that there are large herds (over a hundred) of deer roaming throughout the Parish and that some landowners have erected high fences to keep them out and protect their grazing. Enquiries will be made of the Dorset Council who is responsible for controlling/culling these when they present a nuisance.

017.23 Willow Cottage BH20 5NQ has been derelict for some time and the Council resolved to make a formal notification to the Dorset Council of this.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

018.23 It was noted that a 20 mph speed throughout the district has been proposed. The Council will watch the progress of this.

THE CEMETERY

Administration and Applications

The cemetery fees for people who are eligible to be buried in the cemetery but are no longer resident in the Parish were considered. It was proposed that a 50% loading be applied to the normal fees for people not resident in the Parish. As always the eligibility of a person to be buried in the cemetery must be decided by the Council.

020.23 The access for the gravedigger's excavator was discussed and it was resolved that an easement would be sought at this runs with the property in perpetuity rather than a licence which is personal to the parties.

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

021.23 The accounts were examined and approved. Proposed by PE, seconded by NP and passed unanimously.

SETTLEMENT OF INVOICES PAYABLE AT THE MEETING

022.23 The Chairman and Clerk presented the invoices payable. These were examined and it was resolved to accept and pay them. As, owing to delays in the bank's updating the mandate, there is only one signatory present it was resolved that the Clerk, who has signatory status, would provide the second signature.

PE 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

023.23 The completed mandate form was submitted to the Clerk to be sent to the bank. This will give CG, DE, PE and NP signatory status on the Council bank account.

024.23 The spreadsheet of costs for the past year and projected costs for 2023 prepared by the Clerk was examined by the Council and it was resolved to set the precept at £13,750. No information was available on the precepts of other Parish Councils but this precept has been set by balancing the financial inputs and outputs of the Parish Council with no accommodation for increasing reserves.

Proposed by Cllr Edwards, seconded by Cllr Fry and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

025.23 A complaint has been received about the fixing of a No Parking notice to the BT green junction box at BH20 5NG. The box itself was installed with no planning permission or consultation and restricts one of the few parking places available in the village.

It was resolved that a complaint be made to BT about this.

026.23 Cllr Pitcher reported that she had attended the community consultation meeting at Perenco and gave an account of the meeting.

OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS OF IMPORTANCE

027.23 The promised replacement of the Creech Bottom postbox is to be followed up.

028.23 The presentation by the Police on the Prevention of Rural Crime at the Furzebrook Village Hall and starting at 5:30pm before the 6:30pm Parish Council meeting on 14th February is to be advertised in the Corfe Valley News, on the Website and the Notice Boards.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR FEBRUARY 2023 AGENDA

029.23 No additional items were proposed for the February 2023 Agenda.

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

030.23 There were no further points for discussion.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

- 031.23 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday 14th February at 6-30pm. There will be presentation by the Police on the Prevention of Rural Crime starting at 5:30pm.
- 032.23 It should be noted that the **December 2022 meeting of the Parish Council was cancelled** owing to hazardous weather conditions.
- 033.23 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:50hr

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