

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held in the Church Knowle Village Hall
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 14th March, 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]
Cllr Mrs Billa Edwards [BE]

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

070.23 There were no apologies for non-attendance.

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

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

072.23 The applicant for the Whiteways Farm planning application for solar panels explained his application. He said that as the farm was listed it was not possible to place solar panels on the roof and that the farm is working towards a sustainable and as far as possible energy independent installation which will include storage batteries.

RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN AND CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

073.23 Cllr Pitcher resigned as chairman and Cllr Grice as the previous vice chair is nominated for the chair. For the position of vice-chair:

Cllr Parker is nominated by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Fry.

Cllr Evans is nominated by Cllr Grice and seconded by Cllr Pippa Edwards.

The nomination is put to the vote. 3 voted for Cllr Parker and 3 voted for Cllr Evans. The chairman Cllr Pitcher has the casting vote and as she voted for Cllr Evans, Cllr Evans becomes the vice chair.

The motion to appoint Cllr Grice to the chair and Cllr Evans to the vice chair was passed unanimously.

ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS, CODE OF CONDUCT AND GDPR

074.23 The motion to adopt the latest version of the Standing Orders was passed unanimously.

075.23 The motion to adopt the Code of Conduct was passed, 6 votes for, 2 abstentions.

076.23 The motion to adopt the the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) was passed unanimously.

VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR AND ELECTION

077.23 The management of the upcoming election is being handled by Democratic Services at Dorset Council and they have allowed a one week extension of time in order to facilitate further advertising of the vacancy through the Corfe Valley News. Democratic Services have produced a timetable for the election and the closure time for nominations is 4:00 15th March (tomorrow).

Democratic Services have undertaken to inform the clerk of the number of nominations as soon as possible after the closure time.

078.23 The vacancy on the Parish Council has been well advertised. The statutory notices have been displayed on the notice boards, the vacancy has been prominently displayed in the Corfe Valley News and a leaflet drop has been undertaken to every household in the parish.

Mr. Derek Burt was elected unopposed on 15th March, being the only candidate.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th FEBRUARY

079.23 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.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 14th FEBRUARY MEETING

080.23 Flooding of Furzebrook Village by stormwater from highway (36.23). Cllr Wilson reported that a local contractor, engaged and paid for by Furzebrook Village Hall, had cleared the blocked drainage ditches and culverts and the problem seemed to be resolved.

081.23 General Data Protection Regulations (043.23). These are to be added to the website.

082.23 A 20mph speed limit for the parish (053.23). Cllr Brookes (Dorset Council) reported that the highways department were reviewing the speed limit policy and that it the Council should apply again.

083.23 Derelict buildings (047.23). Still outstanding.

084.23 Gritting lorry run (054.23). Still outstanding.

085.23 Slow and other road markings (056.23). Still outstanding.

086.23 Corrected accounts (058.23) – Clerk to present at next meeting.

087.23 Website (064.23) – advertised in Corfe Valley News and quotes will be sought.

088.23 Kimmeridge pass proposal. Cllr Parker said that the Parish Council should not enter into a contract with the Smedmore Estate and that Steeple is not part of the Church Knowle Parish. It was agreed that informal negotiations would be best with a view to having the Smedmore Estate make an offer to provide an annual pass at a preferential rate to local residents.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

089.23 Cllr Evans gave an update of The Neighbourhood Plan. She said that the key themes that have emerged from the consultation and surveys are:

Infrastructure, Accessibility and Transport, Affordable Housing, Preserving the Environment, Maintain the excellent qualities of the surrounding countryside in the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

It is proposed to hold a wider meeting to examine these themes and actions in detail.

090.23 It was confirmed that the Steering Group has delegated authority to approve invoices and expenditure up to the remainder of the grant before the end of March 2023.

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications

091.23 **P/FUL/2023/01088** Whiteways Farm – Erect Solar Photovoltaic Array.

The Council examined the application that been introduced by the applicant in the Public Discussion period and resolved to have **No Objection** to the application. Proposed HP, seconded JW passed unanimously.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

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

093.23 It was noted that the Parish Council owns one winter grit bin that is situated at Creech.

THE CEMETERY

094.23 **Administration and Applications**

A application for approval for a headstone for K.G. and N.M. Fooks was received. The Council approved the application subject to the material being changed from granite to a Purbeck stone.

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

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

SETTLEMENT OF INVOICES PAYABLE AT THE MEETING

096.23 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
Clerk: £459.82 passed unanimously.

The invoices were duly paid.

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

097.23 Cllr Pitcher undertook to research any grants that may be available to the Council.

098.23 It was noted that the Creech Bottom post box has still not been replaced and it was resolved to pursue this.

CORRESPONDENCE

099.23 A letter from Amelia and John Coffen has been received supporting an upcoming planning application. They noted that they were not able to attend the meeting in person as they have a family member who cannot be left alone.

100.23 Information from Dorset Council about the licensing for commercial camping was circulated.

OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS OF IMPORTANCE

101.23 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.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR APRIL 2023 AGENDA

102.23 The following additional items were proposed for inclusion in the April 2023 Agenda:
- Corrected accounts for January 2023
- Application for the 20mph Speed Limit
- The Creech Bottom Post Box

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

103.23 The problem of wild deer was raised. A member of the public noted that most estates have stalkers who quietly cull them. The sensitivity of the culling to visitors who do not have the problem was appreciated.

104.23 The Council owns the defibrillator outside of the New Inn and was proposed that this should be regularly checked. The clerk noted that it had been checked about six months ago, the pads had been replaced and it checked out as being in good working order. The cabinet heater needs attention and it was resolved to put the repairs for this in hand.

105.23 The problem of out of control dogs now that visitor numbers are increasing was discussed. It was resolved to include this with a reference to the appropriate Acts in the Corfe Valley News.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

106.23 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday 11th April at 6-30pm.

107.23 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:10hr

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