

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council  
held in the Furzebrook Village Hall  
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

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## **PRESENT**

### **Council Members:**

Cllr Mrs Hazel Parker [HP] (Chair)  
Cllr Mrs Jayne Wilson [JW] (Vice-chair)  
Cllr Mr Carl Grice [CG]  
Cllr Mr Howard Fry [HF]

### **Clerk to the Parish Council:**

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

### **C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:**

6 Members of the public were present:  
John, Gillian and Mark Hole  
Jonathan Evans  
Sue Lewis  
Tim Kavanagh

### **Dorset Council**

Cllr Cherry Brookes

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

186.23 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllr Billa Edwards.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

187.23 Cllrs Parker and Fry declared that they knew or were neighbours of the parties involved in the camping at the New Inn complaint should this arise. They had no financial or other prejudicial interest. It was established that no-one was recording the meeting.

## **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

188.23 It was proposed by Cllr Wilson that Cllr Parker continue as Chairman. Seconded by Cllr Fry and passed unanimously. Cllr Parker proposed Cllr Wilson as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Cllr Grice and passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

189.23 Mr John Hole, the applicant, presented planning application P/FUL/2023/03016 that will be considered by the Council later in the meeting. He said that the purpose of the application was to create a house for him and his wife to move into from the main farmhouse. This would allow his son Mark and his young family to move into the main farmhouse and continue running the farm.

190.23 Mr Kavanagh from Charmswell requested that the Council hold a site meeting at the disputed part of footpath 30.

## **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> AND 16<sup>th</sup> MAY**

191.23 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 HF was seconded by JW and passed unanimously.

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETINGS**

192.23 No matters arising.

## **VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS**

193.23 There are vacancies for three Councillors on the Parish Council. These are advertised on the notice boards and in the Corfe Valley News so all members of the Parish will be aware of them.

## CO-OPTION OF MR DEREK BURT TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

194.23 Mr Derek Burt has applied to rejoin the Council after his seat became vacant at the last meeting and is happy to be co-opted in his absence. Cllr Wilson proposed that Derek Burt be co-opted onto the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Fry.

The motion to co-opt Derek Burt was passed with a vote of 3 For and 1 Against.

195.23 The Local Government Act 1972 s.83(4)(c) requires that if a Councillor is to sign his Declaration of Acceptance of Office at a date later than his appointment a formal resolution is required to permit this.

The resolution that Derek Burt be permitted to sign his Declaration of Acceptance of Office at or before the next Parish Council meeting was proposed by JW and seconded by HF.

The resolution was carried, the voting being 3 For and 1 Against.

## THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

196.23 The future funding of the Neighbourhood Plan was discussed. The Clerk indicated that should government funding of Plans continue then the Parish Council could apply for the unspent fund returned (in the order of £4k) from the last funding period. He also said that Lottery Funding had been awarded to complete Neighbourhood Plans where no other grants were available.

197.23 The resignation of Debbie Evans as the Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been received.

It was agreed that the Steering Group would call a meeting, appoint a new Chair and chart a course forward.

## PLANNING MATTERS

### Planning Applications

198.23 **P/FUL/2023/0** Bradle Farm – Change .

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Mr Hole to answer questions about the application.

- He said that the materials used were Purbeck Stone and Slate with as much of the existing stone being used as possible.

- The run-off into the Poole Harbour catchment would be unchanged or reduced as there will be fewer people using the dwellings.

- A new sewage treatment plant will be installed.

The meeting was resumed.

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

Proposed by CG, seconded by JW, passed unanimously.

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

199.23 The Clerk reported that all the necessary applications with supporting data had be submitted some months ago for a 20mph speed limit through Church Knowle.

200.23 The Highways Engineer met on site in Church Knowle with Cllr Brookes (Dorset Council), Cllr Fry (CKPC) and Cllr Pitcher (CKPC). The clerk is to obtain an account of this meeting and present it at the next meeting.

201.23 There was a discussion about Mr Kavanagh's campaign to re-route footpath 30 so that it is not shown crossing his property. Cllr Fry said that the present route of the footpath taken by walkers was a permissive

path and not a proper designated footpath enshrined in statute. A permissive path relies on the permission of the land owner that could be rescinded leaving a discontinuity in this important footpath. Cllr Parker said that there was no Council support for

202.23 Any correspondence from the clerk regarding this will be reviewed as will the October 2022 and November 2022 minutes.

203.23 Wessex Water have moved their proposed closure of the Church Knowle to Corfe Road to November which is out of the holiday season and should minimise the disruption this closure will cause.

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#### **THE CEMETERY**

##### **205.23 Administration and Applications**

There were no new applications.

#### **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (AGAR) 2022/2023**

206.23 The Council unanimously agreed to approve the presented return and it was signed by the Chairman.

#### **ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023 TO C.O.B, 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023**

207.23 The accounts were examined and approved. Proposed by BE, seconded by JW and passed unanimously.

#### **SETTLEMENT OF INVOICES PAYABLE AT THE MEETING**

208.23 It was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute £200 towards the running costs of the Corfe Valley News.

Proposed CG, seconded HP and passed unanimously.

209.23 The Chairman and Clerk presented the invoices payable. These were examined and the resolution to accept and pay the invoices was proposed by JW, seconded by HF and passed unanimously. All of the invoices were duly paid.

#### **ITEMS IN PROGRESS**

210.23 Creech Bottom Post Box – This is now fully operational.

211.23 Council website – This is progressing.

212.23 Painting archive container – A tender document has been prepared which has been sent out to 9 different contractors.

#### **REPORT FROM DORSET COUNCILLOR**

213.23 Cllr Brookes gave a report on Dorset Council items that may have an impact on the parish. This included:

- The Low Income Support Fund. This is available to low income families and details may be obtained from the Citizens Advice Bureau or Dorset Council Customer Services.
- Community grants of up to £5,000 for activities that bring communities together are available.
- Dorset Council is opposing the plan to house asylum seekers on the Portland barge.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

214.23 Dorset Echo April 7<sup>th</sup> – It was agreed that while the piece was inaccurate in almost every aspect that pursuing this would not be a good use of the Council's time or resources.

215.23 An offer to make a presentation outlining the effects on health and wildlife of 5G masts has been received. It was agreed to invite a short presentation for the next meeting and to advertise this in the Corfe Valley News.

216.23 The Clerk reported that he had received quotes for professionally inspecting the Children's Playground. It was resolved that the Clerk be authorised to engage appropriate companies and report back to the Council.

**OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS OF IMPORTANCE**

217.23 No other items.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR JULY 2023 AGENDA**

218.23 The following additional items were proposed for inclusion in the July 2023 Agenda:

- Footpath 30
- 5G Masts presentation.
- The Adoption of the new Standing Orders.

**PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION**

219.23 The upcoming retirement of the Rev Ian Jackson was discussed. It was decided that this was best handled by the Church and the community and that the Parish Council need not be formally involved.

220.23 Many of the direction roadsigns are obscured by hedgerow growth and the roadside verges are in need of cutting.

**NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

221.23 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 6-30pm.

222.23 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:18hr

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