

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held in the Church Knowle Village Hall
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 9th May, 2023

This Annual Meeting includes the May meeting of the Parish Council

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]
Cllr Mrs Billa Edwards [BE]

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

4 Members of the public were present.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

144.23 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllr. Brookes (Dorset Council).

ELIGIBILITY OF COUNCILLORS

145.23 At the April meeting it was resolved (141.23) to establish the eligibility of all of the councillors to hold office under the Local Government Act 1972 s79. The Chair asked each councillor to confirm that they had met the criteria required by the Act at the time of their election or co-option and it was established that all had been eligible.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

146.23 The Clerk advised the Council that at the Annual Meeting the first item on the agenda must be the election of the Chairman and that the post should run for a year.

147.23 The Council proposed that chairman have the option of stepping down and being replaced after 6 months. This was agreed.
Vote: 5 for, 3 against, 1 abstention.

148.23 Cllr Pippa Edwards was proposed as the chairman and accepted the nomination.
Her appointment was proposed by HP seconded by JW and carried by a unanimous vote.

149.23 The Council proposed that the vice chairman also have the option of stepping down and being replaced after 6 months. Proposed HP seconded JW, carried unanimously.

150.23 Cllr Burt stood for the post of vice-chairman. His appointment was proposed by JW seconded by HP and carried unanimously.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR EDWARDS

151.23 Cllr Pippa Edwards resigned from the Council.

CHAIR ADJOURNS MEETING

152.23 The meeting had become disorderly and it was adjourned by the Chair (Cllr Evans) and closed at 7:35pm.

Cllr Evans had been advised in a telephone conversation with Cllr Brookes that morning that owing to the Extraordinary meeting (for which he sent his apologies) before the monthly Parish Council meeting that it could be considered that Cllr Burt had not signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the first meeting after his election. Cllr Evans was advised that afternoon by email from the Monitoring Officer that this was the case and that Cllr Burt's seat must be considered vacant as a consequence.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

153.23 The Clerk proposed that a meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council in order to complete the agenda and conduct the essential business of the Parish be held in one weeks time at the Church Knowle Village Hall at 6:30pm on Tuesday 16th May 2023.

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