

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

PRESENT

Council Members:

Cllr Mr Derek Burt [DB] (Chair)
Cllr Mrs Jayne Wilson [JW] (Vice-chair)
Cllr Mr Will Slack [WS]
Cllr Mr Howard Fry [HF]
Cllr Mr Carl Grice [CG]

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

Sue Lewis

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

314.23 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllr Billa Edwards and Cllr Hazel Parker. Cllr Parker is recovering from a medical procedure and the Council sends their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

315.23 There were no declarations of interest. Cllr Grice said that he was recording the meeting.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

316.23 It was agreed that Mrs Lewis would deliver letters from the Parish Council about parking in the vicinity of the H-bar to properties nearby.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

317.23 It was proposed by Cllr Wilson that Cllr Burt continue in the Chair, seconded by Cllr Fry and passed unanimously. Cllr Fry proposed Cllr Wilson as Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr Slack and passed unanimously.

VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS AND CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

318.23 There are currently two vacancies for Parish Councillors which are being advertised through the usual channels. No new applications have been received.

REPORT FROM DORSET COUNCILLOR

319.23 The report from Cllr Brookes had been previously circulated. There were no issues arising from this.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th SEPTEMBER 2023

320.23 The minutes which had previously been circulated were read. It was agreed that the minutes be amended at 298.23 to reflect that Cllr Grice declared an interest, took no part in the discussion and abstained from the vote.

It was resolved that the amended minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.
Proposed by Cllr Grice, seconded by Cllr Slack and passed unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

321.23 Cars parking and obstructing the road and property access by the H bar is still an ongoing problem. A letter is to be delivered to nearby properties – see 316.23.

322.23 Furzebrook Farm developments. Concern was again expressed about the on-going alteration and development work near Furzebrook Farm with no planning permission. The clerk reported that he had submitted an enforcement request and would follow this up.

323.23 The question of whether the the Parish Council would provide the financial administration for the Smedmore Estate Local Pass scheme was discussed. It was agreed to vote on this. The votes were:

For: 1 [GC] Against: 2 [JW][DB] Abstentions: 2 [HF][WS]

The resolution was not carried and the Parish Council will not administer the Smedmore Pass scheme.

ADOPTION OF THE NEW STANDING ORDERS

324.23 The resolution to adopt the Parish Council Standing Orders dated 25th April 2023 was passed with the following vote:

Abstentions: 1 For: 2 Against: 2. Chairman's casting vote: For.

The resolution the adopt the Standing Orders was duly passed.

325.23 The resolution to adopt the Code of Conduct and the Financial Regulations was passed unanimously.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

326.23 The Clerk reported that the funding application had been lodged with the grant body and that some details were being clarified with the grant body.

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications

327.23 P/LBC/2023/04840 - The Old Rectory - Chimney Restoration.

The Council resolve to support this application

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

328.23 Letters from the Parish Council about parking in the vicinity of the H bar are to be delivered to relevant properties. (see 294.23).

329.23 The Chairman praised the work that some parishioners have put in to maintain the hedges and other aspects of the highway by their properties. East Creech Farm is a fine example of this and the work put in by Mr Best is appreciated.

THE CEMETERY

330.23 **Administration and Applications**

- No new applications -

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 13th SEPTEMBER 2023 TO C.O.B, 10th OCTOBER 2023

331.23 The accounts were examined and approved.

Approval proposed by WS, seconded by HF and passed unanimously.

SETTLEMENT OF INVOICES PAYABLE AT THE MEETING

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

333.23 It was decided that no formal contingency facility was required but that Councillors and others may rely on the principle that:

The Council will act fairly and reasonably with regard to the reimbursement of any out of pocket expenses.

PLAYING FIELD - REPAIRS TO SWING

334.23 The Clerk reported that both of the cradle swing seats on the childs swing had been replaced with new seats supplied by the manufacturers.

The Council is seeking tenders for treating all of the woodwork in the Playing field with a clear preservative. Preparation will involve sanding out any splinters and rough sanding the wood to remove lichen etc. prior to application of the preservative. This is being advertised in the Corfe Valley News.

ITEMS IN PROGRESS

335.23 Council website – This is in hand.

CORRESPONDENCE

336.23 - No correspondence -

OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS OF IMPORTANCE

337.23 No other items.

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

338.23 It was agreed that the Cllr Grice should attend the Perenco liaison meeting on 9th November.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR NOVEMBER 2023 AGENDA

339.23 No additional items were proposed for inclusion in the November 2023 Agenda:

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

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

341.23 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:18pm

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