

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council  
held in the Furzebrook Village Hall  
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

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**PRESENT**

**Council Members:**

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

**Clerk to the Parish Council:**

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

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

- none -

**Dorset County Councillor:**

Cllr Mrs Cherry Brookes

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

370.23 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllrs Billa Edwards, Hazel Parker and Jayne Wilson.

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

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

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

372.23 There was no public discussion.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

373.23 Cllr Burt continues in the Chair, Cllr Grice was proposed as Vice Chair.  
Their nominations were passed unanimously.

**VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS AND CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER**

374.23 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**

375.23 Cllr Brooks said that much of the Dorset Councils efforts had been dealing with flooding owing to the high rainfall over the past month or so. She said that while the Council made its best efforts the work of land owners keeping drains and ditches in their care clear of debris and flowing properly would assist greatly.

376.23 Cllr Brooks said that she had just received notification that the 30mph speed limit through the Church Knowle Village had been approved.

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

377.23 The minutes which had previously been circulated were read.

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

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING**

378.23 The Clerk is to follow up the replenishing of the Council's winter road salt stocks (357.23) and it was agreed that the Council would purchase additional stacks from the County if required.

## **THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

379.23 The Clerk reported that the full grant remaining to the Parish Council had been awarded and was now in the bank account. Cllr Grice said that the steering committee was being reconvened and that the Neighbourhood Plan was being put back on course.

## **PLANNING MATTERS**

### **Planning Applications**

380.23 P/PABA/2023/06747 - Construction of new slurry storage tank at Bradle Farm.  
The Council resolved to have no objection to the proposal.

## **HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

381.23 Cllr Brookes reported that she had received very recent notification that the 30mph speed limit through Church Knowle village had been approved. The proper regulatory processes would have to be implemented but the speed would be put in place.

The Parish Council thanked her for the news and reiterated its full support for this.

382.23 The winter salt stock pile is to be replenished (see 378.23).

## **THE CEMETERY**

### **Administration and Applications**

- No new applications -

## **FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### **ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 TO C.O.B, 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

384.23 The accounts were examined and approved.

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

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

385.23 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.

## **THE PARISH PRECEPT**

386.23 The Clerk said that the precept had to be decided by the middle of January. It was decided to defer the decision on this until January's meeting when there should be a full council.

## **ITEMS IN PROGRESS**

387.23 East Creech notice board. This has been repaired and is back in place. The Council expressed its gratitude to Wareham Men in Sheds for a job well done.

388.23 The Cemetery Easement. The Clerk reported that he had the paperwork in hand and it was progressing.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- 389.23 Notification has been received that the Perenco community consultative committee will meet on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 in Westport House. Cllr Grice will attend on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 390.23 A complaint has been received about the commercial signs at the Barnston crossroads. This was discussed and the Council agreed any proliferation of signs would adversely affect the Parish environment. It was decided to write to the owner of the signs .
- 391.23 Advance notification of the Jurassic Cycle Race on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024 has been received.

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

- 392.23 No other items.

**PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION**

- 393.23 The clerk noted that the stone footbridge over the Corfe River was in a very poor condition and in danger of complete collapse in a few years. The Council agreed that this would be a worthwhile project but that it would be expensive and require considerable resources and organisation. It was agreed that with a good fundraising campaign tackling heritage and other grant funds that the project should prove feasible. It was decided to discuss this further at the next meeting and keep it on the agenda.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR JANUARY 2024 AGENDA**

- 394.23 The following additional items were proposed for inclusion in the January 2024 Agenda:
  - Report on Perenco meeting
  - Church Knowle Parish Precept
  - Stone footbridge over Corfe River

**NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

- 395.23 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 6-30pm.
- 396.23 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:30pm

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