

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held in the Church Knowle Village Hall
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 9th January, 2024

PRESENT

Council Members:

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

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

Mrs. K. Best

Dorset County Councillor:

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

001.24 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllr Brooks.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

002.24 It was established that no-one was recording the meeting. Cllr Parker said that she would take no part in discussion of the Shotts Meade planning as Mrs Best is a tenant of hers.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

003.24 The cemetery easement was discussed. Mrs Best agreed to the proposed easement provided that there was no expense to Church Farm, that the easement would not be fenced, that the gate to the cemetery be a single gate and that any legal expenses be met by the Parish Council.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

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

VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS AND CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

005.24 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

006.24 Cllr Brooks was absent owing to illness and there was no report.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th DECEMBER 2023

007.24 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 Fry, seconded by Cllr Slack and passed unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING

008.24 It was reported that the 4 bags of road salt are now stored in Imerys yard (382.23).

009.24 The proposed extent of the new 30mph speed limit was discussed (381.23). It was agreed that it should run between the Church Knowle settlement signs at either end of the village and that the clerk would write to Dorset Council with this recommendation.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

010.24 Cllr Grice reported that the steering committee had met on the previous night (8th Jan) and is liaising with the consultant.

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications

011.24 P/HOU/2023/06579 - Erect first floor side extension at Shotts Meade BH20 5NG.
The Council resolved to support the application. Proposed by CG seconded by WS passed unanimously HP abstaining.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

012.24 The clerk is to write to Dorset Council regarding the extent of the speed limit (009.24 above).

THE CEMETERY

013.24 Administration and Applications

- No new applications -

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 15th DECEMBER 2023 TO C.O.B, 9th JANUARY 2024

014.24 The accounts were examined, corrected and then approved.

Approval proposed by HP, seconded by JW and passed unanimously.

SETTLEMENT OF INVOICES PAYABLE AT THE MEETING

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

THE PARISH PRECEPT

016.24 The Parish expenses and liabilities for the coming year prepared the clerk were examined and discussed. It was resolved to set the Parish Precept at £15,500 for the coming year.

Proposed by WS, seconded by JW and passed unanimously.

ITEMS IN PROGRESS

017.24 - The Cemetery Easement
Mrs Best agreed to the proposed easement (003.24). The clerk is to formalise the paperwork and proceed.

018.24 - The Footbridge.
This footbridge is known as the Orchard Footbridge. The Council resolves to fully support the rebuilding of this bridge and all efforts to secure funding and put the scheme in place. Suttles Civil Engineering is visit the site and produce an estimate that can be used to seek grants.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 018.24 Cllr Grice gave an account of the Perenco meeting that he attended on behalf of the Parish Council. These meetings will be scheduled every six months in the future. Perenco indicated that they had a considerable funds available for community projects and that the rebuilding of the footbridge would likely be eligible for a grant from these. The clerk is to contact Perenco to pursue this.
- 019.24 The owner of the signs at Barnston crossroads (390.23) has undertaken to remove them in a the next few days.
- 020.24 A letter asking for a contribution has been received from the Citizen’s Advice Bureau. The Council decided against making a contribution.

OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS OF IMPORTANCE

- 021.24 No other items.

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

- 022.24 The telephone box at Furzebrook which is owned by the Parish Council has not been refitted in any way. It was decided to seek suggestions from the community via the Corfe Valley News.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR FEBRUARY 2024 AGENDA

- 023.24 The following additional items were proposed for inclusion in the February 2024 Agenda:
 - Stone footbridge over Corfe River

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

- 024.24 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday 13th February 2024 at 6-30pm.
- 025.24 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:03pm

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