

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council  
held in the Furzebrook Village Hall  
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

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## **PRESENT**

### **Council Members:**

Cllr Mr Derek Burt [DB] (Chair)  
Cllr Mr Carl Grice [CG] (Vice-chair)  
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:**

Mr and Mrs Elliott  
Mr and Mrs Harbury  
Ian Gilbert  
Trevor Bailey

### **Dorset County Councillor:**

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## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

026.24 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllr Brooks (Dorset), Cllr Slack, Cllr Wilson and Cllr Edwards.

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

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

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

028.24 The absence of the latest draft minutes from the website and the Furzebrook notice board were noted. The Clerk said that this was an oversight that would be remedied.

029.24 Mr Elliott said that there was a serious problem with flooding of Furzebrook Road between No 150 and Imerys. He reported that the floodwater was flooding his sewage plant with public health implications. The piping under the road is very outdated, blocks regularly and should be replaced with a new properly sized culvert.

030.24 Mr Harbury spoke in support of his planning application to build a tennis court at the end of his garden.

031.24 Mr Bailey raised the following points on the Furzebrook Road:

- A speed limit is required as the current National Limit of 60 mph is far too fast and there is a problem with speeding traffic.
- To his knowledge there have been 3 collisions with deer since Christmas and beware deer roadsigns would warn motorists of this danger. It was generally acknowledged that there are now large herds of deer, often over a hundred in number, roaming free about the parish and Purbeck.
- The road barriers on either side of the railway bridge do not appear to meet the usual standard and these should be checked for compliance.
- When notified of a deer carcass on the road and in a layby the Dorset Council waste Department failed to properly dispose of it and left it to be a public nuisance.

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

032.24 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**

033.24 There are currently two vacancies for Parish Councillors which are being advertised through the usual channels. No new applications have been received. Mr Gilbert (present at meeting) undertook to submit an application to the clerk which will be considered by the council at the March meeting.

## **REPORT FROM DORSET COUNCILLOR**

034.24 The report from Cllr Brooks had been circulated previously. There were no items arising from this.

## **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024**

035.24 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 Parker, seconded by Cllr Grice and passed unanimously.

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING**

036.24 There were no matters arising from the minutes.

## **THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

037.24 Cllr Grice reported that the steering committee was reviewing the current draft plan and is putting a greater emphasis on issues that have been identified by parishes. There will be a public forum in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in April.

038.24 It is unlikely that the current tranche of the grant will be used in this grant period.

## **PLANNING MATTERS**

### **Planning Applications**

039.24 P/FUL/2023/07201 - Build Tennis Court on agricultural land at the Old Rectory. The Council resolved to have no objection to the application. The vote was unanimous.

040.24 P/FUL/2024/00337 – Create New Access to Mushroom Field from Furzebrook Road. The Council resolved to object to the application concurring with the Decision Notice (refusal) from Dorset Council for application P/FUL/2023/05723 and further citing that the proposed access is within 400m of protected heathland.

The vote was 3 against the application and 1 for. The Council has therefore resolved to object to the application.

## **HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

041.24 The request for a £3000 contribution to the Dorset Council Highways Department to implement the approved speed limit was discussed. The parish council has no budget for this unexpected expense and resolved not to make this contribution. Proposed DB, seconded CG, passed unanimously.

## **THE CEMETERY**

042.24 **Administration and Applications**

- No new applications -

**FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024 to C.O.B. 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

043.24 The accounts were examined and approved.

Approval proposed by DB, seconded by CG and passed unanimously.

**SETTLEMENT OF INVOICES PAYABLE AT THE MEETING**

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

**ITEMS IN PROGRESS**

045.24 - The Cemetery Easement  
The Clerk reported that Ellis Jones had been contacted.

046.24 - The Footbridge.  
The Clerk reported that Suttles Civil Engineering had visited the site, were enthusiastic about the project and would be providing an estimate that could be used for fund raising.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

047.24 The Clerk reported that the Dorset Council is seeking community consultation via a survey for the Local Transport Plan. As Church Knowle has no public transport services it was agreed that this was not applicable to the Parish.

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

048.24 No other items.

**PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION**

049.24 No further topics for discussion.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR MARCH 2024 AGENDA**

050.24 The following additional items were proposed for inclusion in the March 2024 Agenda:

- The Highways problems on the Furzebrook Road (031.24).

**NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

051.24 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 6-30pm.

052.24 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:43pm

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