

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council  
held in the Furzebrook Village Hall  
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

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## **PRESENT**

### **Council Members:**

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

### **Clerk to the Parish Council:**

Absent on leave – notes on proceedings taken by JW

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

Mr Trevor Bailey

### **Dorset County Councillor:**

Cllr Cherry Brooks

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

082.24 No apologies for non-attendance were received.

083.24 A letter of resignation has been received from Cllr Billa Edwards.

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

084.24 There were no declarations of interest.

085.24 The chairman requested that Cllr Grice record the meeting to assist with the drafting of minutes.

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

086.24 Mr Bailey addressed the Council and expressed a concern that Furzebrook Road was not given proper consideration in the Parish. He reiterated his previous suggestion that deer warning signs be installed on the road and suggested that support be sought from Arne Parish Council as part of the road is in their parish.

087.24 Mr Bailey reiterated his concern that the crash protection at the approaches to the Furzebrook Road railway bridge do not meet the required standards and would like this rectified without delay. Cllr Brookes confirmed that Mr Hannam of Dorset Highways was aware of the situation and would be dealing with this.

088.24 In response to Mr Bailey's request for a speed limit on Furzebrook Road Cllr Brooks said that the process was complicated, difficult and required a legal process.

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

089.24 Cllr Burt continues in the Chair, proposed by HF, seconded by WS  
Cllr Wilson was nominated as Vice Chair, proposed by HP, seconded by WS  
Their nominations were passed unanimously.

## **VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS AND CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

090.24 Dorset Council has sent a notice that all of the current councillors are re-elected unopposed.

091.24 The resignation of Mrs. Edwards leaves the council with two vacancies to bring it up to its full strength of nine. This will continue to be advertised in the Corfe Valley News and parishioners interested can apply to the clerk.

092.24 A vote of thanks for the many years of dedicated service, wisdom and love of the area that Mrs. Billa Edwards has brought to the Council and the community. The Chairman has written to her.

Proposed Cllr Parker, seconded Cllr Burt and passed unanimously.

### **REPORT FROM DORSET COUNCILLOR**

093.24 Cllr Brooks said that there was no report this month as we are in a busy election period. There is nothing in particular that effects Church Knowle.

094.24 The Dorset Plan is on hold as there are changes to planning guidance. There is therefore currently no Dorset Plan and it should be in place by the end of 2024.

### **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024**

095.24 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 Grice, seconded by Cllr Gilbert and passed unanimously.

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

096.24 The Chairman has met with Glen Hannam of Dorset Highways to discuss a solution to the continual flooding (064.24). Mr Hannam agreed to address the problem and would keep the Council up to date with action. It was agreed that the Council would deal with Mr Hannam directly.

### **THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

097.24 Cllr Grice reported there will be public consultation meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> in the Church Knowle Village Hall to prepare a draft plan. The focus will be on infrastructure and development including footpaths and byways.

098.24 Cllr Parker referred to the minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan committee and asked that the accounts be brought up to date and settled. She reiterated the resolution of the Parish Council that all Neighbourhood Plan expenditure be met from the grant and that the Parish Council would not be liable for any shortfall.

### **PLANNING MATTERS**

#### **Planning Applications**

099.24 P/HOU/2024/01569 Whiteway Farm – New garage and amendments to main house.  
P/HOU/2024/01570 Whiteway Farm – New garage and amendments to main house.

The Council was concerned that the proposed alterations were not in keeping with this Grade II listed building and resolved to convene an extraordinary meeting to study the proposal documents in detail and give the Council's response.

The extraordinary meeting will be in the Church Knowle Village Hall at 6:30 on 16<sup>th</sup> April.

### **HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

100.24 Flooding at East Creech – see 096.24 above.

101.24 Crash protection at the approaches to the Furzebrook railway bridge. This is in the hands of Dorset Highways – see 087.24 above.

102.24 Deer Warning Road Signs – The Council is to contact Arne Parish Council and follow this up with Dorset Highways.

## **THE CEMETERY**

### **Administration and Applications**

- 103.24 An application by the groundskeeper to use a mulching mower on the cemetery was approved.
- 104.24 The reservation of cremation plot L131 by Ginette Boyd was approved by the council. Clerk to send Mrs. Boyd the paperwork.
- 105.24 The Council to approve the headstone for Mary Williamson at the next meeting.
- 106.24 The scope of the cemetery easement as drafted was discussed. An account of the fees to date was requested.
- 107.24 The requirement for listed building/conservation consent if any alterations are made to historic walls was discussed.

## **FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### **ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024 to C.O.B. 9<sup>h</sup> APRIL 2024**

- 108.24 The accounts were examined and approved.

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

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

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

### **ITEMS IN PROGRESS**

- 110.24 - The Cemetery Easement  
The solicitors have produced the proposed easement deed. This will be discussed in detail at the May meeting.
- 111.24 - The Footbridge.  
Suttles Civil Engineering have produced an estimate for the project. Grant and contribution funding can now be sought.
- 112.24 - The Defibrillator.  
This has been upgraded, has a new battery and is back in place at the New Inn.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 113.24 A letter has been received from Linda Hammick thanking the Parish Council for its support in resolving the water supply problem and the disturbance caused by the activities of Cumulus.

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

- 114.24 The Chairman noted that all of the current Councillors who applied for election were deemed elected unopposed.

### **PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION**

- 115.24 The glass in the East Creech notice board is cracked. Work to repair this is to be put in hand.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR MAY 2024 AGENDA**

116.24 The following additional items were proposed for inclusion in the May 2024 Agenda:

- The damage being done to the Cocknowle ridge by the irresponsible use of 4 wheel drive vehicles.
- Approval of the gravestone for Mary Williamson.
- Discussion of Cemetery Easement.
- Fly tipping at Church.
- Whiteway Farm planning and declarations of interest.

**NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

117.24 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 6-30pm.

118.24 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:04pm

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