

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held in the Church Knowle Village Hall
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 14th May, 2024

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]
Cllr Mrs Judi Newns [JN]

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

Mrs Susan Lewis
Mrs Debbie Evans
Mrs Kath Best

Dorset County Councillor:

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

128.24 No apologies for non-attendance were received.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

130.24 Having received the draft cemetery easement from the solicitors, Ellis Jones, Mrs Best has elected to allow passage of the gravedigger over her farmland by means of an annual license rather than an easement.

131.24 The possibility of some land being made available to the Council for the purpose of building affordable housing was discussed.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

132.24 At this annual meeting the officers for the Parish Council are elected for the coming year. The Clerk sought nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair but there were none.

133.24 It was proposed that Cllr Burt continue as Chairman for a further 6 months.
Proposed JW, seconded WS and passed unanimously. He accepted the post.

134.24 It was proposed that Cllr Wilson continue as Vice Chair for a further 6 months.
Proposed HP, seconded by HF and passed unanimously. She accepted the post.

135.24 It was agreed that Cllr Grice would continue to be the Imerys and Perenco liaison.

VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS AND CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

136.24 All eight of the re-elected parish councillors signed their new Declarations of Acceptance of Office before the start of the meeting.

137.24 Mrs Newns has submitted a letter of application to join the parish council. She gave a brief presentation to the Council then left the meeting while her co-option was considered. Her co-option was proposed by Cllr Grice, seconded by Cllr Slack and passed unanimously. She signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took her place on the council.

This leaves one vacancy for a Parish Councillors which will continue to be advertised through the usual channels.

REPORT FROM DORSET COUNCILLOR

138.24 The new ward councillor was unable to make the meeting.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th APRIL 2024

139.24 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 Gilbert, seconded by Cllr Parker and passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th APRIL 2024

140.24 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 Gilbert and passed unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETINGS

141.24 There were no matters arising from these meetings.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

142.24 Cllr Grice reported that the public meeting on 20th April and the leaflet drop had yielded a lot of useful information that would be used to take the Plan forward.

143.24. Cllr Burt reported that no leaflets had been dropped in East Creech.

144.24 The Clerk will return the unspent portion of the latest grant: £2765. Should the grant scheme continue this will be available to the Neighbourhood Plan in the future.

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications

145.24 P/FUL/2024/00337 Create new access from Mushroom Field onto Furzebrook Road.

The Parish Council resolved to object to this application for the reasons given in the refusal decision for P/FUL/2023/05723 and:

- the proposal is within 400m of SSSI
- there is an existing entrance to the field
- the proposal will be building over a stormwater drain

The motion to object was passed with 6 for and 2 abstentions

146.25 P/HABR/2024/01984 Permitted development – camping Regulation 77

An application has been made by the Blue Pool for camping from 3-12 May, 24 May – 2 June, 24 July – 1 September. This is a notice and the Parish Council is not required to comment.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

147.24 The flooding on Grange Road continues when there is heavy rain and while the Highways department is prompt in clearing the culverts a permanent solution involving resizing and replacing these is required.

148.24 The damage done by off-road vehicles at Cucknowle continues to be a problem and although there are notices these are being ignored.

THE CEMETERY

Administration and Applications

149.24 The Council resolved to approve the head stone for Mrs. Mary Williamson.

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 9th APRIL 2024 to C.O.B. 14th MAY 2024

150.24 The accounts were examined and approved.

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

SETTLEMENT OF INVOICES PAYABLE AT THE MEETING

151.24 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 WS and passed unanimously. All of the invoices were duly paid.

ITEMS IN PROGRESS

152.24 The Cemetery Easement. - The Bests have requested an annual license instead of an easement. The clerk is to draft this.

153.24 The Footbridge. - Funding opportunities including the National Lottery are to be explored based on the Suttles estimate.

CORRESPONDENCE

154.24 There was no correspondence to consider.

OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS OF IMPORTANCE

155.24 There is much training and information available from DAPTC, the Clerk is asked to forward these notifications to the Council. Of particular interest is the chairman's course and the courses applicable to new councillors.

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

156.24 Cllr Wilson noted that many of the wooden signposts marking footpaths have rotted and are lying flat.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR APRIL 2024 AGENDA

157.24 The following additional items were proposed for inclusion in the June 2024 Agenda:

- The allocation of responsibilities for specific functions of the Parish Council (eg planning, graveyard etc) to individual councillors.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

158.24 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday 11th June 2024 at 6-30pm.

159.24 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:58pm

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