

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held in the Church Knowle Village Hall
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 9th July, 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 Ian Gilbert [IG]
Cllr Mrs Judi Newns [JN]
Cllr Mr Howard Fry [HF]

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

Mr T. Bailey
Mr and Mrs Thomas
Mrs M. Sutton

Jacqui Cuff – Presenting Community Housing.

Dorset County Councillor:

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

191.24 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllr Parker, Cllr Ben Wilson (Dorset County).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

193.24 Mr and Mrs Thomas who live next to the Playing field reported that there was more anti-social behaviour by adults drinking and smoking recreational drugs. The council is to research the costs of moving the swings and see-saw.

It was reiterated that the proper course of action here would be to notify the police. The council is erecting signage against anti-social behaviour.

194.24 Mr Bailey stated that the crash barriers at the Furzebrook road over rail bridge did not meet the current regulations. The Council is to pursue this further with the Dorset Council Bridge Engineer.

PRESENTATION BY DORSET COMMUNITY ACTION

195.24 Jacqui Cuff gave a very informative presentation and answered questions on the various ways that affordable housing can be funded and managed by a parish.

VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS AND CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

196.24 There have been no new applications to join the Parish Council and the one remaining vacancy will continued to be advertised in the usual places.

REPORT FROM DORSET COUNCILLOR

197.24 Cllr Ben Wilson was unable to attend the meeting and his report had been previously circulated.

COUNCILLORS ASSUMING SPECIALIST ROLES

198.24 Cllr News undertook to specialise in planning for the Parish Council.

199.24 Other roles will be discussed at a later meeting.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th MAY 2024

200.24 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 News, seconded by Cllr Gilbert and passed unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING

201.24 There were no matters arising.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

202.24 Cllr Grice reported that the Neighbourhood Plan was progressing and would be taking the Arne Neighbourhood Plan as a rough template.

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications

203.24 P/FUL/2024/03317 Old Blacksmiths BH20 5NQ Change of use from agricultural to dog exercise business.

The Parish Council resolved to have no objection to the application.
Proposed JW, seconded WS and passed unanimously.

204.24 P/HOU/2024/03439 Bucknowle Cottage New Porch.

The Parish Council resolved to have no objection to the application.
Proposed JN, seconded WS and passed unanimously.

THE PLAYING FIELD

205.24 It was agreed that a working party of Councillors would do the work, mostly sanding and applying preservative to the woodwork, recommended by the last two professional surveys.

206.24 The expense and feasibility of moving the swing and see-saw, which have been in place for some 70 years will be investigated.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

207.24 Furzebrook bridge crash barriers discussed earlier at 194.24

THE CEMETERY

Administration and Applications

208.24 The Best's have signed the license for the gravedigger to take his machine across the farm field and a gate will be put into the cemetery fence at the Council's expense after a site meeting with all the interested parties.

The Council approved the license drafted by the clerk to permit the gravedigger to take his machine across the Best's field. This will be submitted to the Bests for approval.

209.24 The Council approved the additional lettering adding Barbara Davis to the existing gravestone.

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 12th JUNE 2024 to C.O.B. 9th JULY 2024

210.24 The accounts were examined and approved.

Approval proposed by JN, seconded by IG and passed unanimously.

211.24 The Clerk noted that the insurance premium with Clear Councils insurance had been paid and that the Council was now covered to 13 August 2025.

SETTLEMENT OF INVOICES PAYABLE AT THE MEETING

212.24 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 IG and passed unanimously. All of the invoices were duly paid.

ITEMS IN PROGRESS

213.24 The Footbridge. - In hand.

CORRESPONDENCE

214.24 Perenco protest by Extinction Rebellion – Monday 15th July. Correspondence between the Furzebrook VH and ER was copied to the Council for information. No action required.

215.24 A reply from Dorset Planning on the enquiries received from parishioners whether a development at Withy Lakes being constructed by a contractor could be classed as "self build rural exception". Dorset Planning Officers are satisfied that this meets the definition of self-build set out in the Self-Build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015.

OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS OF IMPORTANCE

216.24 - No other items.

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

217.24 Cllr Newns raised the very poor environmental state of the Corfe River and proposed that she contact the other parishes bordering the river and environmental groups for their support making sure the proper measures are being taken to clean up the river.

The Council agreed that she could do this on behalf of the Council.

218.24 Cllr Wilson observed that regulations on septic tanks had changed recently in an effort to reduce the possibility of their polluting river catchments and groundwater.

219.24 The correspondence from Dorset Highways regarding speed limits in the parish was discussed. It was resolved that:

- The Parish Council was not in a financial position to and cannot make a contribution to the Dorset Highways speed limit budget.

Proposed by HF, seconded by JW and passed unanimously.

- The Parish Council would undertake and pay for the speed surveys on Grange Road and Furzebrook proposed by Dorset Highways as a first step in implementing a speed limits.

Proposed by JW, seconded by IG and passed unanimously.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR AUGUST 2024 AGENDA

220.24 The following additional items were proposed for inclusion in the August 2024 Agenda:

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

- The poor environmental state of the Corfe River.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

221.24 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday 13th August 2024 at 6-30pm.

222.24 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:07pm

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