

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council  
held in the Furzebrook Village Hall  
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2024

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## **PRESENT**

### **Council Members:**

Cllr Mr Derek Burt [DB] (Chair)  
Cllr Mr Carl Grice [CG]  
Cllr Mrs Hazel Parker [HP]  
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:**

Mr T. Bailey  
Mr and Mrs Thomas

### **Dorset County Councillor:**

Cllr Ben Wilson

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

160.24 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllr Wilson, Cllr Slack and Cllr Fry.

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

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

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

162.24 Mr and Mrs Thomas who live next to the Playing field gave an account of the anti-social behaviour by adults using the playing field and children's play equipment, usually accompanied by drinking, and causing distress and disturbance to adjacent properties.

They requested that the council examine the possibility of moving the see-saw and swings to other side of the field away from the houses.

Owing to the public liability aspect of a children's playground this work would have to be done by a specialist contractor and certified. It was agreed that the council would explore the cost of this.

The proper course of action here would be to notify the police. The council will erect signage as a deterrent.

163.24 Mr Bailey reiterated his concern that the crash barriers at the Furzebrook road over rail bridge were inadequate and did not meet the current regulations. It was agreed that the council would continue to pursue this and copy him, Swanage Railway and the ward councillor in on correspondence.

164.24 The need for a speed limits on the main roads in Knowle parish was raised and discussed. The council agreed and has been pressing Dorset Council for many years to have speed limits implemented but to no avail. The position taken by Dorset Council is that as there have been no incidents reported this is a very low priority.

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

165.24 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**

166.24 The new councillor for the South East Purbeck ward, Cllr Ben Wilson was welcomed to the meeting and presented his report that had been previously circulated.

## **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024**

167.24 The minutes which had previously been circulated were read.

It was resolved that the minutes, with the amendment, be accepted as a true record of the meeting.  
Proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Newns and passed unanimously.

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

168.24 Cllr Newns offered to research low cost, community housing.

## **THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

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

170.24. The draft plan is being prepared based on community input.

171.24 The grant scheme is continuing and a new application will be made for the remaining portion of the grant available to the council.

## **PLANNING MATTERS**

### **Planning Applications**

172.24 P/FUL/2024/02338 Stansfield BH20 5NQ Erect side extensions and re-roof conservatory.

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

## **HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

173.24 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.

174.24 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**

175.24 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.

## **FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

## **ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 15<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 to C.O.B. 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**

176.24 The accounts were examined and approved.

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

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

177.24 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 JN and passed unanimously. All of the invoices were duly paid.

### **SUBMISSION OF SMALL COUNCIL ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN - AGAR**

178.24 The Clerk presented the AGAR form. It was resolved to accept and submit this.  
Proposed HP, Seconded CG passed unanimously.

### **ITEMS IN PROGRESS**

179.24 The Cemetery Easement. - This is now an annual license and is in progress (175.24) .

180.24 The Footbridge. - In hand.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

181.24 The council considered the correspondence from Mr Ben Edwards regarding the reckless use of off road vehicles on the ridge at Cucknowle and wholeheartedly supports his campaign to curb this environmentally damaging activity.

182.24 A report was received of a large lorry delivering materials to the yard at Cotness Lakes and trees being felled with a chainsaw. It seems that log cabins are to be built and that the owners are confident that they do not need planning permission.

The council resolved to wait until actual construction was taking place before raising a report to Dorset Planning.

183.24 A notification was received from Maverick Race events that they will be holding an evening running event on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024. This appears well organised and is for our information only requiring no input from the council.

184.24 Correspondence was received from Dr Daniel Prater regarding speeding on Grange Road and requesting a speed limit of 40 mph.

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

185.24 No other items.

### **PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION**

186.24 Cllr Parker reported that the diocese has appointed a married couple from Hull to replace the retiring Rev Ian Jackson.

187.24 The felling of large trees at the Old Mission Hall was noted and there has been no application made for permission from planning. The clerk is to pursue this with the tree officer.

### **ITEMS PROPOSED FOR JULY 2024 AGENDA**

188.24 The following additional items were proposed for inclusion in the July 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**

189.24 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 6-30pm.

190.24 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:30pm

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