

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council  
held in the Church Knowle Village Hall  
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 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 Will Slack [WS]  
Cllr Mr Ian Gilbert [IG]  
Cllr Mrs Judi Newns [JN]  
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:**

Dr D. Evans  
Mrs P. Edwards  
Mr M. Jones  
Mr Hole  
Mr R. Cawley  
Mr M. Estop

### **Dorset County Councillor:**

Mr Ben Wilson

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

258.24 No apologies for non-attendance were received.

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

259.24 It was established that no-one was recording the meeting. Cllr Parker said that she was a friend of the planning applicants and has supported the New Inn application.

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

260.24 Mr Estop, the landlord of the New Inn reported that his application for a permit from Dorset Planning for camping at the small campsite behind the pub had been refused. This includes the overnight parking of motorhomes. He said that there had been camping at the New Inn before he took over as landlord and that it was a long established activity. His application had been well supported by members of the community. During the winter overnight stays by motorhomes are particularly important to the business as the visitors will spend the evening in the nice warm pub and usually have a full evening meal. The loss of this trade could force the has to close during the winter months.

261.24 It was agreed that the clerk and Cllr Newns (Planning) would contact Dorset Planning and see what extra evidence might be produced to strengthen the application. The Parish Council had previously resolved to support this application (P/CLE/2023/03804).

262.24 Mr. Hole presented his amended plans for the alterations to the farm cottage, 3 Bradle.

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

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

## **REPORT FROM DORSET COUNCILLOR**

264.24 Cllr Ben Wilson presented his report that had been previously circulated. He noted that there had been a change to the delegation scheme at planning and that there was a Big Conversation event at Wareham on 31<sup>st</sup> August. The Briefing Note for the Big Conversation was attached to his report.

265.24 The Briefing Note for the Big Conversation was circulated and it was noted that the support for local and sustainable tourism is listed as one of the goals of the Dorset Council.

266.24 The Studland Ferry has applied for a further increase in fares beyond the staged increase scheme that was agreed at the last public enquiry and that a consortium of councils and affected organisations was being assembled to oppose this further fare increase. There will be a public enquiry in December.

### **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2024**

267.24 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 AUGUST MEETING**

268.24 It was noted that the invitation to inspect the deer shooting arrangements at the Blue Pool was still open.

### **THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

269.24 Cllr Grice reported that the Neighbourhood Plan was progressing. A Housing Needs Survey is recommended by Jacqui Cuff, a specialist in this area who is advising the Steering Committee and is funded by Dorset Council. The Parish Council agreed that it would endorse a Housing Needs Survey.

### **PLANNING MATTERS**

#### **Planning Applications**

270.24 P/VOC/2024/04836      3 Bradle Pool BH20 5NU      Amended plans – alterations to cottage.

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

271.24 P/LBC/2024/04209      11 and 12 Church Knowle BH20 5NG      Repairs to chimney.

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

272.24 P/TRC/2024/04631      Willow Corner BH20 5NQ      Reduce weeping willow.

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

### **THE PLAYING FIELD**

273.24 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.

274.24 The feasibility of moving the swing and see-saw, which have been in place for some 70 years will be assessed by the working party.

### **HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

275.24 The Furzebrook road over rail bridge. Cllr Gilbert (Highways) said that he had researched this and that the safety barriers had been formally handed over to Dorset Council by the previous responsible authority. Dorset Council are to send out engineers to assess the work required.

### **THE CORFE RIVER**

- 276.24 Cllr Newns (Planning and Environment) reported that she has contacted Corfe, Arne and Kimmeridge Parish Councils to canvas combined support to hold Wessex Water to account for the dumping of sewage into the Corfe River and to push for the investment in engineering work needed to prevent this dumping.
- 276.24 She described the problem as occurring when there is a lot of stormwater and the Wessex Water storage tank behind the Margaret Green Animal Sanctuary, which is undersized, cannot store this effluent for later processing. The untreated effluent is then simply dumped into the river.
- 277.24 It was noted by other councillors that the regulations regarding household septic tanks are strict regarding the quality of their output and that farmers are similarly under strict regulation regarding leachate into rivers and the water table.

## **THE CEMETERY**

### **Administration and Applications**

- 278.24 No new applications.
- 279.24 Cllr Parker (Cemetery) reported that the farmer, Mrs Best and the cemetery maintenance contractor Mr Green are in agreement where the gate is to go and the work can proceed.
- 280.24 It was agreed that the gate and associated fixtures would be purchased by the Parish Council and that Mr Green is to perform and invoice for the work.

## **FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### **ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2024 to C.O.B. 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024**

- 281.24 The accounts were examined and approved.
- Approval proposed by HP, seconded by WS and passed unanimously.

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

- 282.24 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.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 283.24 Mr. Bailey forwarded reports of deer and vehicle collisions that he has sent to Dorset Highways in support of a request to have deer warning signs on roads in the parish.
- 284.24 A notice from the environmental group Planet Purbeck has been received.
- 285.24 A request for an annual donation to the Corfe Valley News has been received. A donation of £200 was proposed by JW, seconded by HP and passed unanimously.
- 286.24 Mr Thomas wrote regarding moving the play equipment in the Playing Field

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

287.24 The increase in the fares on the Studland Ferry and the introduction of tolls on the approach road maintained by the Ferry Company was discussed. The Parish Council resolved: To Object to the increase in the Ferry fares and imposition of fares on the approach road.

Proposed by JN seconded by CG and passed unanimously.

**PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION**

288.24 Cllr Parker sought clarification of the organisation of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee. Cllr Grice responded that the Nicola Pitcher was the secretary and treasurer and was taking the minutes of the meetings.

289.24 The safe capacity of the rope bridge that was the subject of planning application P/FUL/2024/3999 was discussed. Mr Jones said that the bridge was insured and rated for a maximum of 6 people. He said that Dorset Council had assisted in preparing the Risk Assessment.

290.24 Cllr Grice said he would continue as Perenco liaison and attend the meeting held by Dorset Council on 18<sup>th</sup> September.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR OCTOBER 2024 AGENDA**

291.24 The following items were proposed for inclusion in the October 2024 Agenda:  
- A Community Lands Trust  
- A Housing Needs Survey

**NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

292.24 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 6-30pm.

293.24 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:08pm

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