

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held in the Furzebrook Village Hall
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 8th October, 2024

PRESENT

Council Members:

Cllr Mr Derek Burt [DB] (Chair)
Cllr Mrs Jayne Wilson [JW] (Vice Chair)
Cllr Mr Carl Grice [CG]
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:

Mr and Mrs Elliott
Mrs Carolyn Snook
Mr T. Bailey
Mr and Mrs K. Vye

Dorset County Councillor:

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

294.24 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllr Ben Wilson (Dorset Council) and Cllr Slack.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

295.24 It was established that no-one was recording the meeting and there were no declarations of interest.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

296.24 A statement from the Blue Pool was read, in response to a query at the last meeting, stating that the rope bridge was fully insured and that the risk assessments had been prepared in collaboration with Dorset Council. Environmental Impact Assessments will be prepared for any future applications. Cllr Newns (Environment and Planning) supported this move.

297.24 Mr Elliott said, with reference to the Blue Pool applications, that the proper operation of the planning system relied on applications being submitted and permissions sought before work commenced. Retrospective planning could not be supported. He further said that the Blue Pool is classified as a low impact tourist attraction subject to many environment constraints and considerations including SSSI and there will likely be a commercial tendency towards over development that must be resisted.

298.24 A letter from Mr Ben Edwards was read stating his fundamental objection in principle to retrospective planning applications and supporting the Parish Council's stand against these.

299.24 Mr Bailey asked about the safety barriers at the Furzebrook road over rail bridge. Cllr Gilbert (Highways) said that the Dorset Council engineers will be undertaking a site inspection. In his researches British Rail engineers had said that the barriers on the bridge do not meet that the current regulations and that they would not consider it safe.

VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS AND CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

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

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10th SEPTEMBER 2024

301.24 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 Wilson, seconded by Cllr Newns and passed unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

302.24 There were no arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

303.24 Cllr Grice reported that the Neighbourhood Plan was progressing and that a Housing Needs Survey would be conducted in the near future. The Steering Group is continuing to work well with Jacqui Cuff on housing needs. The minutes of the last Steering Group meeting were distributed to the Council.

PLANNING MATTERS

304.24 Cllr Newns (Planning) reported that the Dorset Council is reconsidering the New Inn camping application in the light of further evidence provided by Mr Estop.

Planning Applications

305.24 P/TRC/2024/05268 Denorah BH20 5NF Fell Cypresses.

The Parish Council resolved to have no objection to the application.

THE PLAYING FIELD

306.24 There will be a working party of Councillors undertaking the light work, mostly sanding and applying preservative to the woodwork, recommended by the last two professional surveys.

307.24 The application to the parish council by Mr Thomas of No 4 to move the swing and see-saw at the eastern side of the playing field was discussed and considered. The council has decided that more evidence of serious anti-social behaviour, police reports etc. are required before moving equipment can be considered. The original siting of the play equipment was to separate the equipment used by older children from that used by younger children.

The council resolved not to move the equipment at this time.

308.24 The application to the parish council by the solicitors for the new purchasers of No 5 for an easement along the eastern edge of the playing field to give access to their garden parcel at the northern end of the garden of No 4 was discussed. The council considered that no easement was necessary as there is already a free right of passage over this public land.

The council resolved to refuse the application for an easement.
Proposed HP, seconded HF and passed unanimously.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

309.24 In response to a query about the Furzebrook road over rail bridge Cllr Gilbert (Highways) said that Dorset Council are to send out engineers to assess the work required. He reported that British Rail engineers he had contacted said that in their opinion the present arrangement was not safe.

310.24 Dorset Highways have contacted the parish council requesting proposed sites for deer warning signs on the parishes roads. Cllr Gilbert (Highways) and Mr Trevor Bailey who has lead this initiative marked up a map that will be sent to Dorset Highways.

THE CORFE RIVER

- 311.24 Cllr News (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.
- 312.24 Reported that according to Wessex Water's own monitoring there had been some 65 sewage overflows into the Corfe River in the past year.

THE CEMETERY

Administration and Applications

- 313.24 No new applications.

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 11th SEPTEMBER 2024 to C.O.B. 8th OCTOBER 2024

- 314.24 The accounts were examined and approved.

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

SETTLEMENT OF INVOICES PAYABLE AT THE MEETING

- 315.24 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 316.24 - None to consider -

OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS OF IMPORTANCE

- 317.24 The Chairman, Cllr Burt said that although he had originally undertook to act as Chair for a period of six months he was happy to continue as Chair. The council welcomed this decision and thanked him for his work.

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

- 318.24 Cllr Parker asked for a report on the Perenco Liaison Committee meeting. Cllr Grice said that he was only able to attend the later part of the meeting and would present the minutes of the meeting when they had been drafted. He was able to ask about possible funding for rebuilding the Orchard Footbridge and this was received favourably and will be followed up.
- 319.24 Cllr Parker asked for the status of the implementation of speed limits. The clerk is to follow this up.
- 320.24 Cllr Fry said that Horses highway warning sign has become obscured by hedge growth. The council asked him to trim this growth.
- 321.24 Cllr Grice said that he was looking into the community liaison meetings of the other large companies in the parish.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR OCTOBER 2024 AGENDA

322.24 No additional items were proposed for inclusion in the November 2024 Agenda:

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

323.24 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 12th Novemeber 2024 at 6-30pm.

324.24 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:46pm

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