

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council  
held in the Furzebrook Village Hall  
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

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**PRESENT**

**Council Members:**

Cllr Mr Derek Burt [DB] (Chair)  
Cllr Mr Howard Fry [HF]  
Cllr Mrs Judi Newns [JN]  
Cllr Mr Will Slack [WS]  
Cllr Mr Carl Grice [CG]  
Cllr Mr Ian Gilbert [IG]

**Clerk to the Parish Council:**

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

**C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:**

Mr Bond  
Mr Mark Dando

**Dorset County Councillor:**

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**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

028.25 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllrs Parker, Wilson and Dorset Cllr Wilson.

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

029.25 It was established that no-one was recording the meeting. There were no declarations of interest by members of the Council.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

030.25 The problem of the damage done by offroad vehicles to the public rights of way at Cucknowle and along the hill tops was discussed. It appears that this is a known site among the off road fraternity and someone has been asked by a team of mini mokes for directions to the "off road place". In fact this is a protected site with monuments, tumuli and rare Skylands orchids. These all have the protection of environmental law and damage to them is a criminal offence. The site is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and subject to SSSI and other protective legislation.

031.25 Mr Bond said that the Dorset Council had suggested that he could fence off the right of way but he was reluctant to do that as it would change the nature of the hill top.

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

032.25 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 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025**

033.25 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 Slack, seconded by Cllr Newns and passed unanimously.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING**

034.25 There were none arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

## **THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

035.25 Mrs Philippa Edwards has taken over the chair of the Steering Committee,

036.25 Jacqui Cuff from the Dorset Council is assisting the Steering Committee in completing the Neighbourhood Plan.

037.25 Cllr Grice said that there should be enough grant funding remaining to achieve the completion of the Plan. If there is a small shortfall in funding, a grant may be available from Dorset Council or the National Lottery.

## **PLANNING MATTERS**

039.25 P/CLP/2025/00295 – Extension at 3 Tyneham Road.

This was submitted under Permitted Development and no Council decision was required.

040.25 It was noted that the previous applications at the Blue Pool had been refused.

## **THE PLAYING FIELD**

041.25 The recommended treatment for the Playing Field woodwork was still outstanding and this will be put in hand now that the weather is improving.

## **HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

042.25 East Creech Culvert – Dorset Highways will put the work to resize and replace this on 11th-13th March.

043.25 Deer signs – The Council was pleased to note that Dorset Highways have installed these in response to the Parish Council's request.

044.25 Rail bridge

## **THE CORFE RIVER**

045.25 Cllr Newns (Planning and Environment) is continuing to liaise with Wessex Water to ensure that this remains high on their work list. A visit to the local facilities will be organised.

## **THE CEMETERY**

### **Administration and Applications**

046.25 The stone to be placed over Derek Taylor's ashes was approved.

## **FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### **• ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025 to C.O.B. 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

047.25 The accounts were examined and approved.

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

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

048.25 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.

049.25 Bank Mandate – Clerk to chase this up with Lloyds bank.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

050.25 Tree work at Cotness Lakes. Some email correspondence has been received complaining about this. The Council has investigated and decided this before and is satisfied that all is now in order and the people are following the proper procedures.

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

051.25 - No other items -

**PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION**

052.25 Cllr Grice was thanked for his organising a special pass for local people to access Kimmeridge.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR THE MARCH 2025 AGENDA**

053.25 The damage being done by offroad vehicles at Cucknowle.

**NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

054.25 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 6-30pm.

055.25 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:50pm

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