

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held in the Church Knowle Village Hall
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 14th January, 2025

PRESENT

Council Members:

Cllr Mr Derek Burt [DB] (Chair)
Cllr Mrs Jayne Wilson [JW] (Vice Chair)
Cllr Mr Howard Fry [HF]
Cllr Mrs Judi Newns [JN]
Cllr Mr Will Slack [WS]
Cllr Mrs Hazel Parker [HP]

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

Mr Ben Edwards
Mrs Pippa Edwards

Dorset County Councillor:

Cllr Ben Wilson

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

001.25 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllrs Carl Grice and Ian Gilbert.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

003.25 The damage done by offroad vehicles to the public rights of way at Cucknowle and along the hill tops has concerned the council previously (148.24, 174.24). Mr Edwards reported that the problem was continuing and that the damage done, in wet weather particularly, is leading to these tracks becoming impassable. These unmade up roads have designations D52004 and D50604 and are subject to the Highways Acts. It is possible to put a statutory restriction by way of a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) on these tracks and this possibility, with other solutions, will be investigated with Dorset Highways.

004.25 The Council agreed that this is a serious problem causing permanent damage to an environmental asset within this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Discussion of this will be a specific item on the February agenda. This will be advertised in the Corfe Valley News to invite members of the parish to attend, participate and help investigate possible solutions.

VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS AND CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

005.25 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 10th DECEMBER 2024

006.25 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 Wilson, seconded by Cllr Newns and passed unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING

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

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

008.25 Cllr Newns reported that the Neighbourhood Plan steering committee had not held a meeting since the Christmas break..

009.25 Cllr Parker expressed a concern that all of the available funds were being spent on a consultant and that there would be no funds available to complete the process. The possibility of applying to the National Lottery and the Dorset Council for funding was discussed.

REPORT FROM THE DORSET COUNCILLOR

010.25 Cllr Ben Wilson said that the main item of interest in Purbeck was the Ferry enquiry that is scheduled for 21st January in Poole.

011.25 The Dorset Council budget has been approved by the full council and includes a 4.99% council tax increase.

012.25 The replacement and resizing of the highway storm water drain at East Creech is on the list of works required but is not a priority. The council expressed dissatisfaction and will continue to lobby Glen Hallam of Dorset Highways

PLANNING MATTERS

013.25 There were no new Planning Applications.

THE PLAYING FIELD

014.25 - No matters regarding the Playing Field -

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

015.25 The Council fully supports the campaign to prevent the damage being done by offroaders to the historic public rights of way along the top of the Church Knowle hills. This will be done in collaboration with Dorset Highways who are authority in this matter.

THE CORFE RIVER

016.25 Cllr Newns (Planning and Environment) reported that Wessex Water had not had their proposed business case and budget approved by OFWAT. In the event of the WW capital budget being cut we will make direct representations to ensure that the local work remains a high priority.

THE CEMETERY

Administration and Applications

017.25 No new applications.

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

• **ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 11th DECEMBER 2024 to C.O.B. 14th JANUARY 2025**

018.25 The accounts were examined and approved.

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

• SETTLEMENT OF INVOICES PAYABLE AT THE MEETING

019.25 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

020.25 A request for a financial contribution has been received from Dorset Citizen’s Advice Bureau. A resolution to contribute £100 was proposed by Cllr Newns.

Voting: 3 for, 4 against (inc casting vote). The resolution was not passed

021.25 Correspondence and an invitation to meetings from PTAG (Purbeck Transport Action Group) has been received. This will be forwarded to Cllr Gilbert (Highways).

OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS OF IMPORTANCE

022.25 - No other items -

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

023.25 The Parish is pleased to welcome a new baby born to the family who have recently moved into the parish.

024.25 Cllr Wilson reported that she has often encountered unmanned vehicular railway crossing gates negligently left open. There is a £1000 fine for leaving these gates open. Apart from the obvious danger, this represents a real hazard to animals who can wander down the track. It was agreed that the need to keep these gates closed would be included in the Parish Council’s report in the Corfe Valley News.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR THE JANUARY 2025 AGENDA

025.25 No additional items were proposed for inclusion in the February 2025 Agenda:

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

026.24 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday 11th February 2025 at 6-30pm.

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

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