

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held in the Furzebrook Village Hall
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 10th December, 2024

PRESENT

Council Members:

Cllr Mr Derek Burt [DB] (Chair)
Cllr Mrs Jayne Wilson [JW] (Vice Chair)
Cllr Mr Ian Gilbert [IG]
Cllr Mrs Judi Newns [JN]
Cllr Mr Will Slack [WS]

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

Mrs Hammick
Mr Trevorrow
Mr John Alford
Mr Matthew Jones
Mr and Mrs Seaton
Mr Ross Cook
Mr Edward Elwood

Dorset County Councillor:

Cllr Ben Wilson

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

356.24 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllrs Carl Grice, Hazel Parker and Howard Fry.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

357.24 It was established that no-one was recording the meeting. Cllr Newns declared that her planning application would be considered and that she would leave the meeting for the discussion and vote on this.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

358.24 Complaints had been made to the chairman of the Parish Council and Forestry England about the tree work that had been ongoing at the Cotness Lakes. Mr Cook who was one of the people doing the work explained the work to the meeting and answered questions.

359.24 The work was being undertaken to fell diseased trees, perform maintenance work on trees that were hazardous and clean up overgrowth to enable visitors to the lake to pass safely. Forestry England had visited the site and were satisfied that all was in order. The work is paused for the time being pending an application to the Dorset Council tree officer but will be completed when this is processed.

360.24 The aim, supported by Mr Alford the owner of the land, is to return the lakes to their previous use as a recreational fishing spot and ultimately to provide pontoons and moveable huts for people to stay in. Mr Cook assured the meeting that when anything requiring planning permission is proposed the proper procedures will be followed and the correct approvals obtained.

361.24 It was observed that the complaints had arisen owing to the absence of communication with nearby properties about what was proposed. The previous use of the lakes by Cumulus Outdoors that had disturbed the neighbourhood has made people living nearby very cautious.. It was generally agreed that the Parish Council was the natural discussion forum to air and resolve community concerns.

VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS AND CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

362.24 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 THE DORSET COUNCILLOR

- 363.24 Cllr Ben Wilson said that the main item of interest in Purbeck was the Ferry enquiry that is scheduled for 21st January in Poole.
- 364.24 It was confirmed that Dorset Council is contributing to the funding of the proposed Electric Vehicle charging points at the Church Knowle Village Hall.
- 365.24 Reports have been received and the Enforcement Officer has been notified of a right of way being altered by the residents at no 39 Furzebrook Road. This runs along the boundary of the Church Knowle parish and is being investigated by Dorset Council who are responsible for Rights of Way.
- 366.24 The Chairman and Mr Seaton asked about the possibility of increasing the size of the under road drain at East Creech. This regularly blocks sending a sheet of water across the road which, should this freeze will provide a serious hazard to road users..
Dorset Council say that they have no funding for this and that they have conducted a risk assessment.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th NOVEMBER 2024

- 367.24 The minutes which had previously been circulated were read. Cllr Newns requested that 333.24 be amended to read:

Cllr Newns (Planning) reported that Mr Estop is gathering further evidence to support the New Inn camping application.

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING

- 368.24 There were none arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- 367.24 Cllr Newns reported that the Neighbourhood Plan steering committee had not held a meeting since the last parish council meeting.

PLANNING MATTERS

- 368.24 Cllr Newns (Planning) left the meeting while her application (P/VOC/2024/03369) was considered.

Planning Applications

- 369.24 P/VOC/2024/03369 Whiteway Farm BH20 5NX - Amendments to P/HOU/2024/01569 Erect new garage with office above

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

- 370.24 Cllr Newns rejoined the meeting.

THE PLAYING FIELD

- 371.24 - No matters regarding the Playing Field -

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- 372.24 Cllr Gilbert reported that he had spoken with Mr Arscott of Dorset Council about the safety barriers on the Furzebrook Road road over rail bridge, Dorset Highways has determined that it does not score highly enough on a points based evaluation system and have determined to take no action.
- 373.24 The council decided to order two extra bags of winter road salt from Dorset Highways.

THE CORFE RIVER

- 374.24 Cllr Newns (Planning and Environment) and the Clerk met with the Wessex Water Commercial and Strategic Manager Julian Okoye in Dorchester. A detailed letter from the Chief Executive of Wessex Water, Ruth Jefferson, has been received in response to letter from Cllr Newns.

THE CEMETERY

Administration and Applications

- 375.24 No new applications.

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

• ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 13th NOVEMBER 2024 to C.O.B. 10th DECEMBER 2024

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

• SETTLEMENT OF INVOICES PAYABLE AT THE MEETING

- 377.24 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 JW and passed unanimously. All of the invoices were duly paid.

• ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNT

- 378.24 The Clerk reported that he had re-organised the parish accounts so that the bulk of the funds are now invested in the best interest bearing account. The account report shows this.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 379.24 A email has been received from the Information Commissioner's Office saying:
"Thank you for your dated 15th Novemeber 2024. We are writing to confirm receipt, and thank you for setting out the Parish Council's position."

OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS OF IMPORTANCE

- 380.24 The Chairman thanked the local farmers for the excellent work they have put in cutting the hedges in the parish. The parish is looking very good and their work is appreciated.

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

381.24 - No items to discuss -

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR DECEMBER 2024 AGENDA

382.24 No additional items were proposed for inclusion in the January 2025 Agenda:

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

383.24 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 6-30pm.

384.24 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:40pm

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