

Minutes of the Meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held in the Furzebrook Village Hall
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 10th February, 2026

PRESENT

Council Members:

Cllr Mr Ian Gilbert [IG] (Chair)
Cllr Mrs Jayne Wilson [JW] (Vice Chair)
Cllr Mrs Judi News [JN]
Cllr Mr Derek Burt [DB]
Cllr Mr Howard Fry [HF]
Cllr Mr Will Slack
Cllr Mr Carl Grice

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

3 Members of the public.

Dorset County Councillor:

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

030.26 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllrs Parker and Wilson (Dorset Council).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

031.26 There were no declarations of interest. The meeting was not recorded.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

032.26 It was noted that the Blue Pool in discussions with Swanage Railway about making a Blue Pool halt on the line.

033.26 It was noted that the Illuminate events at the Blue Pool spill light over a wider area and cause a nuisance to local residents and will like disrupt nocturnal wildlife. It suggested that this constituted a statutory nuisance.

VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS AND CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

034.26 There is still a vacancy on the Parish Council. There have been no new applications to join the Parish Council and the vacancies will continue to be advertised as usual.

REPORT BY DORSET COUNCILLOR

035.26 The report from Dorset Councillor Ben Wilson had been circulated to the Council before the meeting.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13th JANUARY 2026

036.26 The minutes that had been previously circulated were read. It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Passed unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

037.26 The clerk reported that he had emailed BT regarding the Church Knowle village phone box (026.26).

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Burt spoke on behalf of Cllr Parker who was absent and made these points:

038.26 Lighting in agricultural barns is a necessity for animal welfare.

039.26 An alternative source of funding, not from the Parish Council, must be found for the Plan now that the grant funding has ceased. Cllr News suggested that if the Neighbourhood Plan achieves Parish Council approval the Parish Council should consider meeting the expenses, mainly printing, for a Regulation 14 consultation.

PLANNING MATTERS

One planning application was considered:

040.26 P/HOU/2026/00138 Construct single storey extension at 5 Higher Barracks.

The Council resolved to have no objection but stipulated that the existing playing field fence must be kept in place.

The status of the various planning issues concerning the Blue Pool was discussed

041.26 The proposed Garden Centre will have an impact on the Poole Harbour run-off controls as the proposed 86 seat cafe will use the existing septic tank. Any work on this site will have to be overseen by an Ecologist. It is being recommended that this planning application be decided by the full planning committee.

042.26 The tree houses that were built in SSSI without planning permission have been allowed to remain but are restricted to having no overnight stays. Any change in the tree house use will require a new planning application.

THE PLAYING FIELD

043.26 The purchase and planting of the replacement tree is to be put in hand.

044.26 The new bin for dog waste is to be put in hand in co-ordination with Dorset Council

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

045.26 The Cotness road needs to be resurfaced.

046.26 The Cotness ridge roads are being monitored for damage with a view to closing them in the winter.

047.26 The Public Footpath at the Blue Pool is blocked by a tree trunk.

THE CORFE RIVER

048.26 Wessex Water is putting works in hand to construct surge tanks to prevent untreated sewage overflowing into the river.

THE CEMETERY

049.26 Two applications for the interment of ashes in the cemetery were considered:

- Mrs Bugler
- Christine Richards

Both applications have good local connections and were approved.

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

• **ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 14th JANUARY to C.O.B. 10th FEBRUARY 2026**

050.26 The accounts were examined and approved unanimously

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

051.26 The Chairman and Clerk presented the invoices payable. These were examined and the resolution to accept and pay the invoices was passed unanimously. All of the invoices were duly paid.

• **APPLICATION FOR GRANTS**

052.26 - No applications -

CORRESPONDENCE

053.26 A complaint has been received by a parishioner about the bright lights at Long Ground Cottages managed by Stonewater. The company has been notified about these already and the complaint will be raised again.

OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS OF IMPORTANCE

054.26 - None -

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

055.26 Cllr Newns suggested that the notice warning of illegal off road use of the Cucknowle ridge roads be posted on the Parish Council notice boards and the website.

056.26 The possibility of putting a directory of local producers on the Church Knowle Parish Council website was suggested.

057.26 The Church Knowle Food Fayre held a few years back was discussed.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

058.26 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 10th March 2026 at 6-30pm.

059.26 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:07pm

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