

Minutes of the Meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held in the Church Knowle Village Hall
at 6:40pm on Tuesday 14th July, 2026

PRESENT

Council Members:

Cllr Mrs Judi News (Chair) [JN]
Cllr Mr Derek Burt (Vice Chair) [DB]
Cllr Mr Will Slack [WS]
Cllr Mr Howard Fry [HF]
Cllr Mr Carl Grice [CG]
Cllr Mr Peter Thompsett [PT]

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

1 Member of the public.

Dorset County Councillor:

Cllr Ben Wilson

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

184.26 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllr Parker.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

186.26 - No Public Discussion -

VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS AND CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

187.26 Cllr Thompsett signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the meeting.

188.26 There are two vacancies on the Parish Council which has a full membership of nine. 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

Dorset Councillor Ben Wilson gave a report on items specific to Church Knowle.

189.26 Housing needs surveys are being undertaken at Corfe Castle. Worth Matravers and Harmons Cross.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th JUNE 2026

190.26 The minutes that had been previously circulated were read.

It was resolved that minutes be amended at 171.26 to read that "Dorset Wildlife Trust is in a financial ..." and they can then be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Passed unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

191.26 - No matters arising -

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

192.26 Jacqui Cuff who was preparing the housing survey has retired owing to ill health.

PLANNING MATTERS

193.26 There were no new planning applications to consider.

194.26 The planning application P/FUL/2025/06766 is listed by Dorset Planning as 'Delegated' despite there being some 40 objections. The Parish Council is of the opinion that there has been a failure of simple democracy and proper procedure here and the Clerk is to arrange a meeting with Dr Howe, the Chief Executive of Dorset Council to examine how this has occurred and why a contentious planning application with significant community objection has been forced through on a delegated decision..

THE PLAYING FIELD

195.26 A quote from Ellis Jones for the registration of the Playing Field has been received. It was agreed that this needed clarification as it included a number of potential extras that would make it overly expensive.

196.26 The Clerk in collaboration with Cllr Fry is to produce a schedule of works based on the recommendations of the annual safety report with a view to going to tender for the work.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

197.26 The Dorset Council has issued a consultation on an order (T428) to alter the definitive line of the footpath at Creech Barrow. The Council expressed the reservation that this might be a precursor to changing the designation of the footpath to a bridleway and resolved to make it clear that the Council opposes any move to to change the designation of this right of way and request that the consultation period be extended.

The Council is of the opinion that this right of way must stay as a footpath so that bicycles cannot use it and incorporate it into the recreational bike run nearby. This footpath is well used and enjoyed by walkers and must remain a walking route ie footpath.

THE CORFE RIVER

198.26 The latest meeting with Wessex Water indicates that they will be putting the work to prevent untreated sewage into the Corfe River in hand.

THE NEW INN

199.26 The Council is supporting an application to have the New Inn designated an Asset of Community Value. The Chairman will be meeting with the landlady of the New Inn to gather the information needed.

THE CEMETERY

200.26 It was agreed that the sick and unsightly tree in the cemetery be removed and the work put in hand by Arbor Nature if an acceptable quote is received.

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

• ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 10th JUNE to C.O.B. 14th JULY 2026

201.26 The accounts were examined and approved unanimously

• SETTLEMENT OF INVOICES PAYABLE AT THE MEETING

202.26 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**

203.26 - No applicable grants -

ITEMS IN PROGRESS

204.26 The supply of the Dog Bin for the Playing Field is being actively pursued.

CORRESPONDENCE

205.26 - No correspondence to consider -

OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS OF IMPORTANCE

206.26 - None -

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

207.26 It was noted that the Purbeck Defibrillator Partnership has installed a Defibrillator at East Creech. It was resolved that the Clerk would write a letter of thanks.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR THE AUGUST 2026 AGENDA

208.26 - No additional items -.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

209.26 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday 11th August 2026 at 6-30pm.

210.26 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:53pm

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