

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council  
held in the Church Knowle Village Hall  
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2021

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**PRESENT**

**Council Members:**

Cllr Mr Anthony Higgins [AH](in Chair)  
Cllr Mrs Hazel Parker [HP]  
Cllr Mr Howard Fry [HF]  
Cllr Mrs Deborah Evans [DE] (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Mrs Billa Edwards [BE]  
Cllr Mr Derek Burt [DB]

**Clerk to the Parish Council:**

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

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

None

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

034.21 Cllr Jayne Wilson gave her apologies for non-attendance.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL – (Current Meeting)**

035.21 None.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

036.21 No members of the public present

**RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN**

037.21 Cllr Parker resigned as Chairman and proposes Cllr Higgins as Chairman and Cllr Evans as Vice Chairman. Both accepted the posts and the motion to appoint them was passed unanimously. It was agreed that in general the Vice Chair of this meeting would be the Chair of the next meeting.

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021**

038.21 The minutes which had been previously circulated were read. Cllr Parker proposed that they should be accepted as a true record of the proceedings and her proposal was seconded by Cllr Fry. The minutes were duly approved in a unanimous vote.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021 MEETING**

039.21 **Finger Posts:**

The Clerk advised that he had driven the roads in the Parish and identified 3 finger posts:

1) **At the crossroads to Bradle.** In very poor condition with 3 fingers missing and in need of complete replacement.

2) **At the tee junction to East Creech.** In moderate condition but with one finger missing and the others showing evidence of wear and being non Dorset standard. It was noted that the original East Creech finial is in place and this can be preserved.

3) **On the Grange Road at the East Creech tee junction.** This has has evidently been fairly recently reinstated to the high standard and specification laid out in the Dorset AONB Fingerpost Refurbishment guide and needs no work. Indeed it should be good for many years to come.

The Council resolved to reinstate posts 1) and 2) to the high standard specified in the AONB Fingerpost Refurbishment guide and the clerk is to obtain a cost estimate or quotation for this work following the process laid out in the AONB guide. The clerk is to investigate whether there is any original hardware (finials, letters, fingers) from these posts in storage and to see if there is any record of the original text on the fingers.

**Action:** Clerk

## **PLANNING MATTERS**

### **Planning Applications**

040.21 **TPO/2021/049 Dr. N. Harbury, The Old Rectory, Church Knowle.**

Reduce crown of Yew back to strong growth to reinvigorate the tree as advised by professional Arboricultural report.

Council has no objection to the work.

041.21 **6/2021/0182 Gemma and Lewis Donoghue, 130 Furzebrook Road BH20 5AR**

Extension to semi-detached house.

Council has no objection to the work.

The resolution not to object to these Planning Applications was proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Edwards and passed unanimously by the Council.

### **Unlawful Developments**

It was noted at the Meeting that no Planning Application had been made at Wither lakes.

### **Note:**

An enquiry to the East Dorset Planning Department by the Clerk **on 9<sup>th</sup> June after the Meeting** revealed that the Planning Department had in fact received an Application on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 but that this had not yet been validated by the Planning Department, displayed on the Planning Portal or sent to the Parish.

### **Planning Applications Received after Publication of Agenda**

The Clerk advised the meeting that none had been received

## **HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

042.21 **Speed Limit**

The Council agreed that it would seek to impose a speed limit of 40 mph throughout the parish and a speed limit of 30 mph through Church Knowle village. It was noted that although traffic is restricted to 30 mph through Harmans Cross in theory traffic could travel at 60 mph through Church Knowle. Up to date information would be useful in supporting this and the council is to ask the Dorset Council Highways Department to install an automatic recorder at one of the points where the traffic tends to speed.

The motion was proposed by Cllr. Burt and seconded by Cllr. Evens

**Action:** Clerk to apply for speed limit and seek installation of recording device. Clerk to write to other Purbeck councils seeking support for a Purbeck wide 40 mph speed limit, except for arterial roads.

043.21 **Pot Holes**

It was noted that there are potholes in the road at East Creech and Cotness.

There is also a pothole east of the Church that needs to be repaired.

**Action:** Clerk to contact Highways to have these repaired.

### **FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

044.21 It was proposed that Mr Micheal Bune be retained as the Council's Internal Auditor and it was noted that the accounts and governance of the Council were being submitted to him for the Annual Audit.

It was advised by the Clerk that as the Council had an Income and an Expenditure of less than £25,000 that an external audit was not required and it was proposed that the Council apply for a "Certificate of Exemption" from this.

Proposed by Cllr Higgins, Seconded by Cllr Edwards, Passed unanimously.

045.21 It was agreed that the clerk would investigate and organise new Councillor and Clerk training.

**Action:** Clerk

### **ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 2021 TO 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021**

046.21 The accounts were examined and approved. Proposed by HP, seconded by AH.

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

047.21 The Chairman and Clerk presented the invoices payable. These were examined. DB proposed the invoices should be accepted and paid. This was seconded by HP and they were duly paid following unanimous vote by the Members.

### **THE QUEENS GREEN CANOPY PLATINUM JUBILEE INITIATIVE**

048.21 It was agreed that as a community Church Knowle would embrace this Jubilee initiative and Cllr. Evans volunteered to lead this. It was agreed that an invitation to anyone interested in helping with this be placed in the Corfe Valley News. It was agreed that the Council would take advantage of any offers or special rates associated with the Jubilee Initiative.

Proposed by Cllr. Evans, seconded by Cllr. Parker, passed unanimously.

### **RED PUBLIC TELEPHONE BOXES**

049.21 A list of these telephone boxes in Purbeck has been received from BT with a request to inform them whether the Councils would like to retain them and give a reason, adopt them or have them removed. It was agreed that these were an irreplaceable part of cultural history and that the Council would apply to have those in the parish retained and if BT would not keep them the Council would adopt them.

Proposed by Cllr. Parker, seconded by Cllr. Edwards.

**Action:** Clerk to apply to have those boxes in the parish retained or adopted.

### **DISCUSSION PERIOD**

050.21 It was noted that there were ongoing problems with the East Creech water supply in periods of high demand. This was a historical problem that was persisting to the present time and made worse now by the season demand placed on this supply by the tourist trade. This is a private supply provided by Imrys. However it was noted that as a water supply provider Imrys would be regulated by Ofwat and is required to have in place a "Water Resources Management Plan" to provide for present and future demand.

It was agreed that Cllr. Edwards as the Imrys Liaison would bring this water supply difficulty up at the next Imrys liaison meeting.

051.21 It was noted that a seven foot fence had been constructed in front of a caravan on part of the Blue Pool access road and that someone appeared to be in full time residence in it. Since this is not zoned residential and is part of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty it was agreed that this was in the nature of an unlawful development and that a letter should be sent to the Planning Department of Dorset Council.

**Action:** Clerk to write to Dorset Council.

#### **ITEMS PROPOSED FOR JULY 2021 AGENDA**

052.21 The following items were proposed for the Agenda of the next Parish Council meeting:

- The Commemorative Bench
- Refurbishment/renewal of highway fingerposts.
- Councillor and Clerk training from Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils (DAPTC).
- Introduction of Speed Limits in the Parish.
- Parish participation in the Queen's Green Canopy Platinum Jubilee initiative.

#### **NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

053.21 It was agreed that the next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council would be held at the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 6-30pm

054.21 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:45hr