

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held in the Church Knowle Village Hall
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 9th November, 2021

PRESENT

Council Members:

Cllr Mr Derek Burt [DB] (in Chair)
Cllr Mrs Hazel Parker [HP]
Cllr Mr Colin Page [CP]
Cllr Mr Howard Fry [HF]

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

None present

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

162.21 Cllrs Debbie Evans, Jayne Wilson and Dorset Cllr Cherry Brooks all gave their apologies for non-attendance owing to Covid isolation considerations.

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

163.21 None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

164.21 There being no members of the public present there was no discussion period.

RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN

165.21 Cllr Burt resigned as Chairman and proposed that Cllr Parker take the Chair. Cllr Parker accepted the nomination and proposed that Cllr Burt be Vice Chairman. Both accepted the posts and the motion to appoint them was passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th OCTOBER 2021

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 12th OCTOBER 2021 MEETING

167.21 **Defibrillators.**

Cllr Page reported that it had been decided that the Blue Pool would provide their own defibrillator and that Furzebrook Village Hall would also provide their own. The Council has a defibrillator outside of the New Inn and this will be inspected to ensure that it is in full working order.

168.21 **Telephone Boxes.**

Cllr Page reported Imerys had undertaken to paint the telephone box at Creech when the opportunity arose, having already painted the one at Furzebrook. The Clerk has already written to Imerys thanking them for this generous work.

Action: Clerk to organise inspection of New Inn defibrillator.

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications

169.21 **6/2021/0323 – The Grange Gallery, Grange Road BH20 5DG** Change of use from furniture making workshop (Class B1) with ancillary artist's studio and furniture display / art gallery (Class A1) to: - Furniture making workshop with ancillary artist's studio and office - Ancillary art gallery / furniture showroom /cafe / space for creative art workshops / wellbeing classes (mixed use Classes E and F). Erection of lean-to extension and toilet facilities ancillary to the changes of use (retrospective).

The Council resolved to object to this development, concurring with the Planning Officers report that the proposed development is out of scale in bulk and is inappropriate and would detract rather than enhance the site in this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Council resolved to restate its previous objection to the application at this site.

170.21 **6/2021/0237 – Swallow Cottage, Grange Road.** The Applicant is concerned that Dorset Planning is awaiting a further response from the Parish Council. The Clerk has contacted the Dorset Planning who have confirmed that nothing further is required from the Parish Council and that the delay in processing the application is owing to department workload.

Unlawful Developments

None

Planning Applications Received after Publication of Agenda

The Clerk advised the meeting that none had been received.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

171.21 Speeding

The clerk reported that the data sets from the two speed monitoring devices had been received and the data would be analysed and discussed at a future meeting.

Cllr Page said that he would confer with Arne Parish Council to gain more support for a speed limit on roads that are common to both Church Knowle and Arne Parish Councils.

It was resolved to contact the CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) and the AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) organisations for support for a speed limit in the Parish.

Action: Clerk to write to CPRE and AONB.

172.21 Footpaths

The Clerk reported that he had walked the footpath past the Village Hall, past Betcher Farm and down to the river. The wooden footbridge over the river is still in a very poor state and needs replacing. Katie Black, the Dorset Council Footpaths Officer has written saying that this is in hand and offered to walk some of the footpaths with members of the Council.

173.21 Cllr Page proposed that the Ramblers Association be contacted asked if they would walk the Public Footpaths in the Parish and give a report on their condition with specific attention to the state of any structures and their passability..

Action: Clerk to contact the Ramblers Association

THE GRAVEYARD

174.21 Approval of Memorials

No new applications have been received.

175.21 Administration and Applications

The application for two cremation plots by Caitriona Blaikley was considered and approved by the Council. Cremation plots 138 and 139 were reserved for the Blaikleys Proposed by Cllr Parker and passed unanimously.

Action: Clerk to contact the Blaikleys with required administration and fees.

ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 11th AUGUST 2021 TO C.O.B, 14th SEPTEMBER 2021

176.21 The accounts were examined and approved. Proposed by HP, seconded by HF.

SETTLEMENT OF INVOICES PAYABLE AT THE MEETING

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

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

178.21 There are still two casual vacancies on the Council. An invitation for parishioners to apply is regularly included in the Corfe Valley News.

COMMEMORATIVE BENCH

179.21 Cllr. Parker reported that the Commemorative Seat for Les Bugler would be delivered on 24th November and that a concrete base and fixings would have to be provided. It was decided to assess the final siting and the construction of the base when the bench was delivered. Donations for the Seat have been kindly received from: Mr and Mrs C. Coffen, Mr and Mrs N. Bugler, Mrs J. Bugler and Family and Mr and Mrs A. Shutkever.

THE QUEENS GREEN CANOPY PLATINUM JUBILEE INITIATIVE

180.21 Cllr Page reported that he was working closely with Cllr Evans on this initiative and that the selection of possible sites and community liaison was continuing. Unfortunately owing to a change of management it appears that the involvement of the Margaret Green Animal Sanctuary will not be possible. This is an ongoing project.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

181.21 The benefits of a formal Neighbourhood Plan are stated on the Government website (<https://www.gov.uk/government/get-involved/take-part/make-a-neighbourhood-plan>) as (inter alia): *"It gives you the power to produce a plan with real legal weight that directs development in your local area."* The Parish Council has determined to pursue this and the Clerk is to research this, find some plans from Councils that has already produced plans and apply for any grants that are available for producing Neighbourhood Plans.

Action: Clerk to research Neighbourhood Plans from other Councils and apply for grants.

CORRESPONDENCE

182.21 Councillors read the letter from the Managing Director of Cumulus and it is anticipated that he will address the December Parish Council meeting. Cllr Burt said that the Cotness Lakes were continuing to be used as an Outdoor Activity venue and that the nearby residents were concerned and complaining that this was affecting the quiet enjoyment of their properties.

The Council was of the opinion that the change from a fishing lake to an Outdoor Activity venue may constitute a change of use from a recreational area to a commercial facility and that planning permission may be required. It was resolved to ascertain the zoning designation of the Lakes and any planning implications of their current use.

This was proposed by HP, seconded by DB and passed unanimously.

Action: Clerk to ascertain Planning status of Cotness Lakes.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR THE DECEMBER 2021 AGENDA

183.21 The following additional items were suggested for discussion at the December meeting in addition to the standard and on-going agenda items:

- An update on the status of planning and the activities at Withy Lakes.

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

184.21 No new topics were introduced.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

185.21 It was agreed that the next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council would be held at the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 14th December at 6-30pm

186.21 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:25hr