

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held in the Furzebrook Village Hall
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 12th April, 2022

PRESENT

Council Members:

Cllr Mr Howard Fry [HF] (in Chair)
Cllr Mrs Hazel Parker [HP]
Cllr Mrs Jayne Wilson [JW]
Cllr Mr Colin Page [CP]

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

Mrs Sue Lewis
Mr Max Burridge

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

068.22 Cllrs Debbie Evans and Cherry Brooks (Dorset Council) gave their apologies for non-attendance

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

069.22 Cllr Wilson noted that she lived next door to Creech View that had submitted a Planning Application. It was established that no-one was recording the meeting.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

070.22 There was no public discussion.

RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN

071.22 Cllr Fry agreed to remain as Chairman and Cllr Page agreed to be Vice Chairman. Cllr Wilson proposed, Cllr Parker seconded and the motion to appoint them was passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8th MARCH 2022

072.22 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 Wilson. The minutes were duly approved by a unanimous vote.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 8th FEBRUARY 2022 MEETING

073.22 There were no matters arising from the minutes of the February meeting.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

074.22 Paul Weston has produced a very thorough preliminary Scoping Study and was to be commended for this. It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue with the Neighbourhood Planning process and that the Clerk would apply for a grant from locality to take this through to its conclusion, a made Plan. While reservations were expressed by the Council about the level of community involvement, the Clerk pointed out that should the process fail at any stage the unspent portion of the grant could be returned.

The resolution to continue with the Neighbourhood Plan was proposed by HP, seconded by JW and passed unanimously.

Action: Clerk to apply for the grant.

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications

075.22 **P/HOU/2022/01666 – Creech View** Erect single story extension.

The Council had no objection to the application.

076.22 **P/VOC/2022/01003 – 5 Tyneham Road** Erect side extension to form garage and first floor office.

The Council had no objection to the application.

077.22 **P/TRC/2022/01696 – 1 Church Knowle** Tree work – fell conifers and reduce other trees.

Mr Burridge explained the need for the work and the Council had no objection to the application.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

078.22 **Barnston Fingerpost**

This fingerpost is scheduled to be in place by the end of April.

079.22 **Creech Settlement Gateway Sign**

It was agreed to proceed with this and pricing would be obtained.

Action: Clerk to contact Stephen Mepham of Dorset Council

080.22 **Advisory Speed Signs**

The Council would like advisory speed signs of 30mph for Church Knowle village and 20mph at East Creech.

Action: Clerk to contact Stephen Mepham of Dorset Council

THE GRAVEYARD

081.22 **Approval of Memorials**

No new applications have been received.

082.22 **Administration and Applications**

An application has been received from Louise Simpson to inter her parents ashes in the cemetery on 9th October 2022. Details will be presented at the next meeting

083.22 **New Access for Mechanical Digger**

The clerk is to arrange a meeting with Mrs. Best to agree a route that the digger can take.

ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 9th MARCH 2022 TO C.O.B, 12th APRIL 2022

084.22 The accounts were examined and approved. Proposed by JW, seconded by CP and passed unanimously.

SETTLEMENT OF INVOICES PAYABLE AT THE MEETING

085.22 The Chairman and Clerk presented the invoices payable. These were examined. JW 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

086.22 **Website**

The clerk is continuing to investigate updating the website.

087.22 **Moving of Council Archives**

The Council archives have to be moved from their temporary location at Bucknowle Farm by 1st June. It is proposed that the archive office (blue container) be painted first, the council has the paint and Cllr Wilson undertook to look into this.

Action Cllr Wilson to investigate paint sprayer.

088.22 **Queen's Green Canopy Platinum Jubilee Hedge**

A new hedge will be planted at the Village Hall with plants from the Queen's Green Canopy initiative. This will be marked with a plaque.

Action: Clerk to source brass plaque.

089.22 **Dog Signs for the Playing Field**

Dog fouling signs are required for the Playing Field. Clerk to research these for approval at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to research Dog Signs.

CORRESPONDENCE

089.22 The Clerk reported that a "Vote of Little Confidence" motion in the Dorset Council Planning Department that had been passed by the Langton Matravers Parish Council had been circulated to all of the clerks of the surrounding parish councils.

The Council concurred with all of the points raised in the Langton Matravers resolution and resolved that Church Knowle would also submit a Motion of No Confidence. The Clerk is to prepare a draft for approval at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to produce draft Motion of No Confidence in Dorset Planning.

090.22 The failure of the Post Office to even countenance replacing the missing post box at Creech Bottom was condemned by the Council and the clerk is to address the issue at Post Office management level.

Action: Clerk to write to Post Office management and MP.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR THE MAY 2022 AGENDA

091.22 No additional items were proposed for the May 2022 Agenda

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

092.22 It was noted that the Salvation Army clothes collection box in the Furzebrook Village Hall car park had had a hole cut into the back of it in an attempt at theft.

093.22 Cllr Parker raised the question of second homes and holiday homes in the Parish and requested that a breakdown of how many of the houses in the Parish are classed as second homes rather than primary residences and whether as rentals these pay commercial rates as holiday lets.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

094.22 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 10th May at 6-30pm

095.22 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:35hr