

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held in the Furzebrook Village Hall
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 14th June, 2022

PRESENT

Council Members:

Cllr Mrs Debbie Evans [DE] (in Chair)
Cllr Mrs Jayne Wilson [JW] (Vice Chair)
Cllr Mrs Hazel Parker [HP]
Cllr Mr Colin Page [CP]

Cllr Mrs Nicola Pitcher [NP]

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

Mrs Nicola Pitcher
Mr Carl Grice

Dorset Council

Cllr Cherry Brookes

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

121.22 Cllr Billa Edwards and Cllr Howard Fry gave their apologies for non-attendance

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

122.22 Cllrs Parker and Evans declared that they lived next door to the planning application to be considered. It was established that no-one was recording the meeting.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

123.22 There was no public discussion.

RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN AND CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

124.22 Cllr Evans as the previous vice-chairman took the Chair and Cllr Wilson was proposed as vice-chairman. Proposed by Cllr Parker seconded by Cllr Page and the motion to appoint them was passed unanimously.

125.22 Mrs Nicola Pitcher who had applied to join the council gave short resumé of her experience and the motion to co-opt her to the Council was proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Wilson and passed unanimously.

There was a short discussion about the role and areas covered by the Parish Council and the importance of including all of settlements, Church Knowle, Furzebrook and Creech in the functions and deliberations of the Council was noted.

Mrs Pitcher took her place on the Council.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10th MAY 2022

126.22 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 10th May 2022 MEETING

127.22 A reply had been received from the Swanage Railway (see 116.22) which was circulated.

128.22 The Dorset Council furnished these figures in response to the second home question:
The Council Tax database gives 157 properties in the Church Knowle Parish, of these 29 are classified as second homes used for domestic purposes.

129.22 The Dorset Council electoral services gives 122 ordinary domestic homes, 35 second homes, 1 business premises and 1 short term let.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

130.22 The clerk reported that the application for the full Neighbourhood Plan grant of £7,500 had been applied for and that there was a good chance that the application would be successful.

It was agreed unanimously that if the grant were successful Paul Weston would be re-engaged without delay to take the Plan through to made status.

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications

131.22 **P/HOU/2022/03080 – Bucknowle Cottage** Erect single storey side extension (orangerie).

The Council unanimously resolved to have no objection to the application.

Other Planning Matters

132.22 **Blue Pool**

A concern had been raised by a parishioner that the level of camping taking place at the Blue Pool necessitated a planning application. The clerk had notified the Director of the Blue Pool, Matthew Jones and liaised with the Planning Authority and Mr Jones has agreed to ensure that the regulatory requirements are met.

133.22 **Withy lakes**

A request sent to the Dorset Council in September requesting that the Children's Services Department ensure that those operating a facility for vulnerable children at Withy Lakes are properly accredited remains unanswered. This is dealt with under Correspondence (see 142.22)

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

134.22 **East Creech Fingerpost**

The Council has resolved to refurbish the East Creech fingerpost and to confirm the quote from Roger Bond at Normtec.

135.22 **Footpaths**

Cllr Pitcher undertook to survey these on foot and and provide the Council with a report that can be forwarded to the County Footpaths Officer, Katie Black.

136.22 There are some out standing Highways matters that the Dorset Council Highways Department has on its list and it was agreed that the Clerk would obtain a status of these.

Action: Clerk to contact Stephen Mepham of Dorset Highways.

THE GRAVEYARD

137.22 **Approval of Memorials**

No new applications have been received.

138.22 **Administration and Applications**

An application to reserve a cemetery plot has been received from a member of the Council. A plot is to be selected and then reserved.

139.22 **New Access for Mechanical Digger**

The clerk reported that he had contacted Ellis Jones to discuss options for formalising a right of way across the farm field belonging the Bests at Church Farm but is still awaiting a response.

Action: Clerk to contact Ellis Jones and report back to the Council.

ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 11th MAY 2022 TO C.O.B, 14th JUNE 2022

140.22 The accounts were examined and approved. Proposed by HP, seconded by JW and passed unanimously.

SETTLEMENT OF INVOICES PAYABLE AT THE MEETING

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

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

Cllr Evans said that a design for a Platinum Jubilee plaque had been agreed with the Village Hall Committee and it was confirmed that the Parish Council would contribute £30 to this as resolved at the May meeting (113.22).

143.22 The clerk reported that the Council's present insurer, Norris and Fisher, were no longer insuring Councils and that a new insurer would have to be found. A quote from Corfe Castle's insurer Gallaghers has been sought and the Council thought that three quotes should be obtained if possible.

Action: Clerk to obtain insurance quotes

CORRESPONDENCE

144.22 A letter to the Children's and Family Services at Dorset Council sent by the clerk on 6th September 2021 (see 102.21) to which no reply or acknowledgement had been received was reviewed by the Council. Cllr Brookes who had been given notice of this responded on behalf of Dorset Council.

145.22 She said that the lack of any response may have been owing to the letter having been sent to Westport House instead of Dorchester but that she had now checked with the proper departments within Dorset Council and that the Smiths who run Witherby Lakes are properly accredited. Cllr Brookes said that the Dorset Council was not obliged to provide any dates or details but that all the proper requirements and safeguard had been met and that the Parish Council could now regard the concerns that had been raised in the September letter as having been satisfactorily dealt with.

[Note: The Dorset Council website gives Westport House as the correct address for Purbeck area Children's Services]

146.22 Cllr Brookes said that her researches had indicated that it was possible that no permissions were required to run a care farm.

147.22 Cllr Brookes said that she would arrange for a Planning Officer, probably Cari Wooldridge, to explain the planning process that has lead to the Dorset Council's supporting this application. The Council welcomed this and it was agreed that this would take place before the September Parish Council Meeting at 5:00pm on 13th September at the Church Knowle Village Hall.

148.22 It was noted by the Parish Council that any criticism that the Parish Council's objection was not in planning terms was unsustainable as a professional and experienced planning consultant had been engaged and the objection to application 6/2021/0262 was framed in rigorous planning terms.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR THE JULY 2022 AGENDA

149.22 These additional items were proposed for the July 2022 agenda:

- The Council's website
- New Councillor training

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

150.22 It has been reported that the handset in the BT payphone by the Reading Room was broken and needs attention.

Action: Clerk to contact BT

151.22 The Council has the paint to paint the Parish Council Archive Container by the Village Hall. Quotes are to be sought for painting this.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

152.22 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 12th July at 6-30pm

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