

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> March, 2022

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## **PRESENT**

### **Council Members:**

Cllr Mrs Debbie Evans [DE] (in Chair)  
Cllr Mr Derek Burt [DB]  
Cllr Mr Howard Fry [HF]  
Cllr Mrs Hazel Parker [HP]  
Cllr Mrs Jayne Wilson [JW]

### **Clerk to the Parish Council:**

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

Cllr Cherry Brooks – Dorset Council

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

Mrs Sue Lewis  
Mr Adam and Mrs Carol Shutkever  
Mr Andy and Mrs Ginette Boyd  
Mrs Kathryn Best  
Lynne Smith  
Mrs Jill Bugler

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

031.22 Cllr Billa Edwards gave her apologies for non-attendance.

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

032.22 Cllr Parker said that as a member of the Church Fete Committee there may be a conflict of interest over the application to build a tennis court in the Rectory grounds. It was established that no-one was recording the meeting.

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

033.22 Adam and Carol Shutkever presented and clarified their plans to alter 10 Church Knowle (P/HOU/2022/00448). They said that their neighbours on both sides supported the alterations.

034.22 Peter Larwood of Imerys presented and clarified the plans to create 5 hectares of new settlement lagoons at Dories Quarry at the north of the Parish. These are an essential component of the clay mining operation and re-landscaping and restoring the land at the end of its use is built into the operational plans.

035.22 Mrs Kathryn Best said that parking, especially for wedding and funerals in the close vicinity of the Church was causing a problem with accesses and creating a hazard on the highway. There had been a sign that that was employed on these occasions to direct people to the car park at the Village Hall. She requested that this be re-employed and that the safety issue of people parking out side of the Church on the hazardous corner be emphasised in correspondence with the Church. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Rector.

**Action: Clerk** to write to Rector.

## **RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN**

036.22 Cllr Evans resigned as Chairman. Cllr Fry as the previous Vice Chairman assumed the chair and Cllr Evans agreed to be Vice Chairman. Cllr Wilson proposed, Cllr Parker seconded and the motion to appoint them was passed unanimously.

## **THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING**

037.22 Paul Weston presented his expertise, experience and the benefits of a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for the Parish.

038.22 Cllr Parker asked if the Plan had to be approved by the County Council.

PW said that the County Council had to agree that the NP did not directly conflict with the Local Plan but that the actual passing of the plan is by the Parish through a formal local referendum run to local government

standard. If the Plans is passed by the community it passes into law and that in a large majority of cases where the NP has been legally challenged the NP has been upheld by the courts.

039.22 Cllr Burt asked if the NP could restrict the number of houses.

PW said that the Local Authority must give a requirement and the NP can decide how this is to be accommodated, the NP could not prevent development but could dictate where and how it is to take place. The Parish can do its own housing surveys and produce design standards

Cllr Evans asked for more detail about the initial scoping process.

PW said that existing documents, policies and surveys will be examined and the Parish needs to find a steering committee of five or six people on the community who will form a steering committee.

040.22 Cllr Evans proposed that Paul Weston be appointed as consultant for the initial scoping and commencement of the NP process within the limits of the Locality grant which has to be spent by the end of March. This was seconded by Cllr Fry and passed by a vote of 2 in favour and 3 abstentions.

Much concern was expressed that the Parish engagement would not be forthcoming and that the project would stall through lack of community input.

## **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

041.22 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 Parker. The minutes were duly approved by a unanimous vote.

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 MEETING**

042.22 **Fingerposts [015.22]** The Clerk reported that he had contacted Roger Bond of Normtec who now has all the components and estimates that the Bradle fingerpost will be assembled on site in April.

043.22 **Queens Green Canopy [024.22]** Cllr Evans confirmed that saplings had been delivered and that they would be planted at the Church Knowle Village Hall.

044.22 **Bugler Memorial Bench [023.22]** Mrs Jill Bugler said that she had a place for the bench and the tree in mind and it was agreed that she would select a type of tree that would be purchased by the Council and that Cllrs Burt and Fry would liaise with her to place the bench.

## **RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR**

045.22 Councillor Burt resigned from the Parish Council citing a complete loss of confidence in the Planning system, its total failure to take any account of local or community considerations and the lack of any support from the Local Authority, the Dorset Council. He left the meeting.

## **PLANNING MATTERS**

### **Planning Applications**

046.22 **P/FUL/2022/01294 – 3 Church Knowle** Erect Annex, remodel existing driveway.

The Council objected to the application on the basis of over-development and problems of access.  
Vote: 3 for objection, 1 abstention.

047.22 **P/VOC/2022/01003 – 130 Furzebrook Road** Erect side and rear extensions.

The Council has no objection to the application.  
Vote: 3 for no objection, 1 abstention.

048.22 **P/FUL/2022/00877 – The Old Rectory** Build Tennis court on agricultural land.

The Council has no objection to the application.  
Vote: 2 for no objection, 2 abstentions.

049.22 **P/HOU/2022/00512 - 16 Church Knowle** Form en-suite shower rooms and erect new accommodation in the garden.

The Council objects to this application on the grounds that it is inappropriate development to a grade II listed building; that it is creating new accommodation in the garden and that it is altering the streetscape with the construction of the parking place.

050.22 **P/HOU/2022/00448 – 10 Church Knowle BH20 5NG** Extend rear of property. Replace dormer flat roof with pitched roof.

The Council has no objection to the application.  
Vote: 3 for no objection, 1 against.

051.22 **P/VOC/2021/05193 - Imerys** Construction of settlement lagoons at Dorey's Quarry.

The Council has no objection to the application.

## **HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

### 052.22 **Footpaths**

Now the weather is improving a survey of the footpaths in the Parish can be undertaken to identify work that needs to be done.

**Action:** Clerk to contact the Ramblers Association

### 053.22 **Traffic Regulation Order**

The Council has resolved to apply for a Traffic Regulation Order to prevent parking opposite the track by 3 Church Knowle.

**Action:** Clerk to contact Stephen Mepham of Dorset Council

### 054.22 **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**

### 055.22 **Approval of Memorials**

No new applications have been received.

### 056.22 **Administration and Applications**

A fee has been received for the interment of Mrs Mary Wrixon

### 057.22 **New Access for Mechanical Digger**

At a meeting between the undertaker, the gravedigger and the clerk at the cemetery possible routes for the gravedigger's machine were explored. These will require a new gate into the cemetery and travel over the farmer's land. The gravedigger said that graves have to dug on average 4-5 times a year.

**Action:** Clerk to meet with Mrs Best to see if any of the routes are acceptable.

## **ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 TO C.O.B, 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

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

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

059.22 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**

### **060.22 Website**

The clerk is continuing to investigate updating the website.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

061.22 Cllr Wilson has contacted the Royal Mail as the Post Box at Creech Bottom was missing. The Mail said that it had been stolen and that they would not replace it. The Clerk has also contact the Royal Mail but has not had a reply to date. As this Post Box is close to Arne the Clerk has contacted the Arne Clerk who will bring it up at the next meeting. There was some discussion about the requirement for the Royal Mail to provide Post Boxes at a spacing of half a mile. The Clerk will press the complaint further and note the disappearance in the Corfe Valley News.

062.22 It was reported that the Grange Road noticeboard glass was shattered, probably by a flying roadstone. Cllr Fry offered to look into repairing this and as this board is shared with Arne Parish Council an approach will be made to share the cost of this.  
The Clerk gave Cllr Fry the keys to the notice boards.

**Action: Clerk** to contact Arne Parish Council.

063.22 It was reported that dog fouling had recently become a problem in the Playing Field. It is well known that this is an offence and it was resolved to put up signage stating this. It is not possible to exclude dogs from the Playground as it is a Public Footpath.

**Action: Clerk** to research signage.

## **ITEMS PROPOSED FOR THE APRIL 2022 AGENDA**

064.22 No additional items were proposed for the April 2022 Agenda

## **PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION**

065.22 It was noted that the Council had the paint for the Council Archives (container) and that this had to be applied in still air. This is a task that will scheduled when conditions are ideal. The Council archives themselves will have to be moved from Bucknowle Farm by the beginning of June.

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

066.22 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 6-30pm

067.22 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 22:00hr