

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held at Furzebrook Village Hall
on Tuesday 11th August, 2015

PRESENT

Council Members:

Cllr Mr Derek Burt
Cllr Mrs Kathryn Best
Cllr Mr Colin Page
Cllr Mrs Hazel Parker - Vice-chairman
Cllr Mr Anthony Higgens - Chairman
Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Edwards
Cllr Mr Leslie Bugler
Cllr Mrs Jayne Wilson

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C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

Cllr Lovell attended from 8.00PM
Cllr Malcolm Barnes from 8.45 PM

APOLOGIES

278.15 Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Mr Ian Hollard & the Clerk Dr Alastair Wallace.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

279.15 There being no other Parishioners or members of the Public present, there was no period of public discussion and the meeting proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF COUNCILLORS FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016

280.15 No further declarations of pecuniary interest for the year 2015 were made.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR MEETING MATTERS

281.15 Cllr Parker, Higgens and Best declared a matter of interest regarding a past planning matter concerning an extant planning appeal against a decision made by Purbeck District Council regarding Bucknowle Farm, Church Knowle. It was noted that there was unlikely to be any outcome of the appeal until at least 25th August 2015.

MINUTES OF THE 14th JULY 2015 COUNCIL MEETING

282.15 The Minutes having been circulated and read by Members were subject to minor amendments of typographical errors relating to spelling which did not materially affect the content. These were corrected. It was proposed by Cllr Page that the amended minutes were now a true record of proceedings of the meeting. Cllr Page's motion was then seconded by Cllr Parker and carried unanimously without abstention.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 14th JULY 2015 MEETING

283.15 The Clerk gave a written report on progress with regard to salt bin purchase. Those obtainable from a local builders' merchant (Jewsons) were considerably cheaper and as robust as those from local authority suppliers whose catalogues he had examined. However, he had suggested that an account be set up with Jewsons to enable the Council to pay by cheque and receive a tax invoice. Discussion took place regarding reasons for requiring an account and potential for purchasing them via cheque. It

was suggested that it might be better for a Member to purchase the bin on behalf of the Council and to be reimbursed by the Council, the invoice being made out to the parish Council. This was considered the best way forward and was proposed by Cllr Colin Page and seconded Cllr Kathryn Best. The motion was carried.

- 284.15 Members were disappointed at the response from Purbeck District Council about the unlawful re-thatching of the roof at Knowle Cottage who had commented that they would not take any action as it will be replaced in the fullness of time – in the meantime they indicated they would write to the owners. It was felt double standards were applied as other parishioners had not been treated in the same manner when they had considered a similar proposal. Cllr Higgins read a draft of a response for Cllrs present to consider and discuss. This set out the salient points of the perceived matter and Members unanimously decided that the letter be sent.
- 285.15 Members considered an e-mail received from Planning Officer of Purbeck District Council in response to the Parish Council's concerns about developments at 162 Furzebrook Road. Cllr Higgins read a summary of the previous discussion by the CKPC and Cllr Lovell – it furthermore expressed disappointment at the tone of the email - all present agreed the content of the reply by the Parish Council as being appropriate and decided that the proposed letter be sent. Proposed Cllr Parker and seconded by Cllr Edwards. Carried unanimously.
- 286.15 The proposed website was raised as a matter arising and Cllr Higgins suggested that this should be discussed later as the website was a separate agenda item. This was agreed.
- 287.15 Cllr Parker asked of any update from 18 Church Knowle and was advised by Cllr Bugler it had been approved – it did not however appear on the past planning list. It would appear work may have already started but it was unclear as to the current situation and outcome of the application.

POSTPONEMENTS OF LESSER MATTERS TO SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

- 288.15 It was proposed that Item 8 of the agenda – Review of Cemetery Fees – be postponed until the September meeting when more information on the “market” would be available. Members were in unanimous agreement.

CEMETERY FEES

- 289.15 Refer to Minute 288.15 above.

CKPC WEBSITE

- 290.15 Cllr Higgins advised the Council that a meeting of the working party had taken place and a selection of sites viewed – Cllr Higgins has contacted 4 website designers asking about setting up, maintaining and hosting. 2 replies received already which appear to be reasonable. One of which has a contract with DAPC – Vision ICT – DAPTC have accepted and it would therefore seem a good one to consider further.

Updating would be required on a monthly basis – training would be given to 2 Members who would quality assure the draft minutes etc., and then input on a monthly basis. Until we have an overall view of charges etc., it is a case of “watch this space” and a further report would be made at the September meeting of the Parish Council. Members noted his comments

TAXIS - Proposed New PDC Policy

- 291.15 Cllrs agreed in the main everything seemed in order – one question was raised about the gas conversion and safety matters associated with “conversions”. However Members hoped that PDC would monitor the conversions and ensure appropriate paperwork & certification was provided. The view described was proposed by Cllr Les Bugler and seconded by Cllr Colin Page and unanimously agreed.

PLANNING MATTERS

- 292.15 **6/2015/0423 – Summer Cottage, Grange Road, Creech** – Erect 2 Storey Rear Extension. No objection, proposed by Cllr Billa Edwards and seconded by Cllr Hazel Parker

Planning Applications Received After Publication of Agenda –

- 293.15 **Quarry at Binnegar Lane** – mineral planning application 6/2015/0421 – it was identified the Parish Council are already out of the timeline of 21 days for response. The notification letter being dated 15 July 2015 and CKPC not being aware of the paperwork prior to the meeting. A discussion took place and it was decided no comment was appropriate. Proposed by Cllr Page and seconded by Cllr Parker.

Unlawful Development

- 294.15 **Knowle Cottage, Church Knowle** – Addition of Raised Ridge to new thatch. Clerk to report and advise on possible action – This had already discussed “Matters Arising” and a response letter would be sent off in due course..
- 295.15 **Animal Sanctuary, Church Knowle** – Unauthorised tree & hedge removal – discussion took place and Cllr Higgins gave an update of a conversation with the Chief Executive (Geoff Wright) of the Sanctuary who told Cllr Higgins he had been in ignorance of the rules and regulations. Natural England, Police and an assortment of “bodies” were unable to make any impact of value. The view of the CE was the action was taken to “tidy up” but Cllr Higgins added there would have been alternative actions which may have given a more sympathetic outcome. The District Council advise they have little or no powers and it was considered a letter to Natural England and Dorset Wildlife Trust may be a route to take? It was decided to write to Dorset Wildlife Trust, Natural England, DCC (Mike Harries) to raise the concerns and issues, the motion having been proposed by Cllr Kathryn Best and second by Cllr Hazel Parker.

PAST PLANNING

- 296.15 Progress of planning applications dealt with at previous meetings of the Parish Council, and appeals against PDC planning decisions, including that relating to Bucknowle Farm were noted. Cllr Parker repeated her declaration of interest in this matter as a tenant of the farm concerned. Cllrs Higgins repeated his declaration as did Cllr Best.
- 297.15 **6/2015/314 - 162 Furzebrook Road, Furzebrook** – Erect new garage - Certificate of Lawful Use proposed. – **Approved by Purbeck DC**
- 298.15 **6/2015/0395 - East Creech Farm, East Creech** – Erect new barn. – **Approved by Purbeck DC**
- 299.15 **6/2015/039 – Barnston Manor, Church Knowle** – Retile roof and works associated with operation. – **Not yet determined by PDC**

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- 300.15 No new overgrowths were reported. Members were advised that Jenny Penny of DCC Highways would be administering reports of overgrowths etc.
- 301.15 Cllr Best advised the meeting that repair work had been carried out to the road at Cucknowle zig-zag.
- 302.15 Cllr Best reported that the gully approximately 40 metres from the Church at Church Knowle towards Corfe Castle is deepening and DCC had not yet fixed the hole in the road. The matter would be reported again and further site information given to DCC.

- 303.15 Cycling Events – Rotary International’s Dorset Bike Ride, September 2015. It would appear Church Knowle will have inclusion in the proposed routes.
- 304.15 Corfe Castle BOAT – Cllr. Parker advised Members of a meeting with Cllr M. Wells of Corfe Castle Parish Council regarding possible action by Parish Councils and nother bodies in having the BOAT and other rights of way along the ridge reclassified.. Cllr Parker felt it was worth discussing as a group with a small representation from CKPC as any extension would need to be explored as would potential financial matters and involvement. It was agreed Cllrs Parker and Edwards would attend a meeting the motion having been proposed by Cllr Page and seconded by Cllr Bugler. Cllr Best abstained from the vote.
- 305.15 The Clerk advised he had no further information on the current highways maintenance list.
- 306.15 The Chairman reported that there was nothing more to report on the order to have speed limits in Church Knowle and Furzebrook.
- 307.15 It was reported that the badgers at Bucknowle “dog-leg” were now beginning to undermine the road thereby affecting the road safety of vehicles having to drive on the now uneven surface.
- 308.15 It was reported that remedial work on the Kimmeridge – Barnston Crossroads would take place on 13 & 14th August resulting in road closure for 4 hours. Members noted the information.
- 309.15 Road salting bins – refer to Minute 283.15

AFFORDABLE HOMES

- 310.15 Cllrs Bugler and Page commented on the lack of progress – whilst there was potential sites identified, there could be potential issues due to access. Cllr Lovell advised Members that the Bloor development in Wareham will have over 70 homes as “affordable” and are obtained via “bidding” processes.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

- 311.15 The monthly accounts were presented for examination. Cllr Parker proposed that the accounts were in good order and should be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Page. The motion was passed and the accounts were agreed and accepted.
- 312.15 The Chairman presented the monthly invoices to be paid including ones which had been presented during the meeting. They were examined and Cllr Parker proposed that the invoices be paid. This was seconded by Cllr Best. The motion was passed and the invoices agreed for payment.
- 313.15 It was reported that the Clerk had advised BDO (External Auditors) that the annual report to them should be signed off by the internal auditor – who was currently on holiday - or his deputy in about 10 days. Members noted the information.
- 314.15 Cllr Bugler reported he was awaiting delivery of goal posts and netting for the playing field. The cost would be just over £800.00p. Members noted the information.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 315.15 The Chairman reported on correspondence received. He had been informed by the Clerk that no significant correspondence had been received.

DAPTC

- 316.15 Cllr Higgins reported that he had attended the “new chairpersons” meeting where “websites” were discussed. One point of interest was one Council had public participation which entailed a lot of minute writing, another used recording devices and another to ensure accuracy. Other parishes mentioned issues with planning

317.15 DAPTC Magazine – this was not to hand for the meeting.

318.15 Best Kept Villages – Members noted a new category of “Neighbourliness” award and discuss Council’s position. Closing date for submissions was 17 September 2015. Cllr Higgins raised the potential of the “3 Parishes fete” which was an excellent example of parishes working together - 1196 attended. Proposed to include in the submission which would be made by the Chairman.

OTHER MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

319.15 Volunteer of the Year awards - closing date 13th September. Cllr Bugler proposed and seconded by Cllr Edwards that it be discussed at the next meeting.

ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER AGENDA

320.15 It was confirmed that the following items should be added to the September meeting agenda:

- Cemetery Fees Review
- Local council transparency and website
- People wishing to be buried with their pets
- Volunteer of the Year Award
- Report on Dorset waste disposal plan on 1st Sept, Wareham Corn Exchange 9th September

CLOSING MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

321.15 Cllr Burt raised the question of noise late in the evening over the last weekend which was thought to be in the general direction of Norden and the Scott Arms. Members noted his comments.

322.15 Cllr Page requested purchase of materials for general maintenance of Parish Council property – this was proposed by Cllr Burt and seconded by Cllr Edwards and unanimously agreed to.

323.15.15 The Chairman then closed the meeting at 9:15pm pm. and advised Members that the next ordinary meeting would be at Church Knowle Village Hall on 08th September 2015. At 7.30pm.