

CHURCH KNOWLE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 3rd JUNE 2014

AT FURZEBROOK VILLAGE HALL

Present

Councillors

Cllr. K. Best.
Cllr. C. Page
Cllr. H. Parker
Cllr. J. Wilson
Cllr. B. Edwards (7.40pm)

Parishioners

Mr. & Mrs. S. Fry

APOLOGIES

Cllr. D Burt
Cllr. M. Lovell
(7.40p.m.)

T. Higgins
I. Hollard

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

Mr. Fry expressed concerns regarding the speed trials which currently take place but feels these activities will not be stopped – however, they should not take place at such times which inconvenience other parishioners and visitors to the Countryside. They should be accountable and be easy to identify perhaps with numbers or some other form of identification. Should they be involved in a race, they should be insured – reference given to people who have been hit by cyclists in the past. Various emails had been exchanged within the Parish Council and those present identified with the sentiments of Mr and Mrs Fry. Alastair gave update and feedback on conversations he had been involved in and explained duty of care was being looked into and it would appear Dorset Police do have the right of control or prohibition – however the website of Dorset Police indicates the races are legal and they are unable to take any action. The matter is quite complex involving full risk assessments, Environmental Health Officer to review as to “fit for purpose” and should the assessments not be appropriate, a legal trail can result. Alternatively, an approach to Dorset County Council may also be part of the process – it is all rather complex and many strands come into play.

Mr Fry gave details of notices served to farmers which directed combine harvesters not to be taken on the highway during August Bank Holiday and he asked how this was different to the cycling situation. He did however say why shouldn't people enjoy cycling etc., but to manage the times the races took place and suggested perhaps for the race to be over early in the morning. Mr. Fry was also concerned with the proposed closure of Barnston Cross roads during the very busy time of July and he also expressed his disappointment that the surface of the road and the methodology which appeared to be short of a proper job in the light of road closure proposals. Mr. Fry suggested if the road is to be closed and parishioners have to put up with it, let's do a proper job rather a “spray and chip”

ANNOUNCEMENT BY CLERK OF PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

The Clerk of Parish Council explained the outcome of elections (uncontested in the case of Church Knowle) with 3 vacancies in the Parish and suggested the discussion period put back until item number 6 when the meeting will break to allow the new Chairman and vice chairman to be in position to take forward the meeting. He further explained about the 5 year election period.

105.14. COMPLETION OF DECLARATIONS BY ELECTED COUNCILLORS

Councillors signed their declarations and handed them to the Clerk for witnesses signature and Cllr Edwards verbally confirmed until she could sign her declaration.

106.14 ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Hazel Parker only willing to act until such time as she decides not to or to be unable to continue – Cllr Page proposed and Cllr Wilson seconded. Cllr Wilson voiced her opinion regarding lack of enthusiasm for fellow Cllrs to pick up this role and felt it rather a shame Cllr Parker was holding the fort when there may be others who could take it forward. Cllr Parker was elected unopposed

107.14 ELECTION OF NEW VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Jayne Wilson happy to continue. Proposed by Cllr Best and seconded by Cllr Page, and all in favour.

108.14 CO-OPTION OF NEW UNELECTED COUNCILLORS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL –

T Higgens had previously confirmed his agreement to stand and was not able to attend the Parish Council meeting due to being in Normandy for the D Day celebrations His co-option was proposed by Cllr Best and seconded by Cllr Page and all were in favour. I Holland was present at the meeting and confirmed his agreement to stand, and his co-option was proposed by Cllr Best and seconded by Cllr Edwards and all in favour. At this point T Higgens and I Hollard were full members of the Council

109.14 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL –

None

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Cllr Parker – 1 Higher Barracks (interest)

111.14 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO POSITIONS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Tree Officer: Cllr D. Burt

Public Rights of Way & Highways Liaison: Cllr Best

Planning Applications Reviewer: Vacant at present (Currently supported by Cllr T Higgens)

DAPTC Liaison: Cllr Page

Swanage Railway Liaison Cllr C Page

Affordable Housing Liaison Cllr Page

Cemetery: Cllr Parker

Police Liaison: Cllr Higgens

Imrys – Cllr Page & Cllr Burt

Furzebrook Village Hall representative - Cllr Wilson

Church Knowle Village Hall representative – Cllr Page & Cllr Parker

112.14 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13th May, 2014:

Agreed as a correct record – proposed by Cllr Page and seconded by Cllr Edwards – all in favour

113.14 MATTERS ARISING:

None

114.14 POSTPONEMENT OF LESSER MATTERS ON THIS AGENDA TO JULY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL:

None

PLANNING MATTERS:

115.14 Planning Applications – Applications forwarded by Purbeck District & Dorset County Councils for comment by Parish Council. The Chairman and Vice-chairman will declare any specific interests. Cllr Parker declared an interest in 1 Higher Barracks

Navitus Bay Wind Electricity Generating Station – Cllr Page reported on his efforts to obtain a paper the RYA has drawn up and believes it should be endorsed as they have covered the navigation hazards in technical detail. Cllr Higgens had previously shared his thoughts via a written report and latterly provided a slight amendment/addition pointing out the tourism elements which should be taken into account. When Cllr Higgens returns following his holiday, he will be asked to work with Cllr Page to formulate a response from the Parish Council. The deadline for return is 23 June @ 11.59

6/2014/0248 - Higher Barracks (1), Church Knowle, Wareham, BH20 5NL - Erect two storey rear extension. (Revised scheme to PP 6/2013/0654 to change flat roof to pitched) Cllr Higgens' update was read out to the meeting "The original proposal was for a flat roof extending for approx. 2 meters the revised application replaces the flat roof with a pitched roof of approx. 40 degrees. Whilst the pitched roof is probably more attractive than the original proposal for a flat roof, the concerns remain over the impact on the immediate neighbours, 2 Higher Barracks and to a lesser extent 3 Higher Barracks. Given that CKPCs views on the original plans and subsequent recommendations were over ruled/ignored, there seems little point in reiterating those same concerns."The Cllrs felt an objection was in order as this proposal was further affecting light to number 2 and 3 and commented the previous objection should be referred to.

116.14 UNLAWFUL DEVELOPMENTS

Cllr Edwards raised a question regarding potential removal of trees from a site where it is believed a preservation order is in place – 162 Furzebrook Road. It is not clear if this is the case and Alastair will contact PDC and speak to the tree preservation order officer for further information

117.14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF AGENDA

None

118..14 PAST PLANNING MATTERS:

To note results of recent applications and appeals made.

PDC

6/2014/0125 – Crinnis, Church Knowle – Erect wooden building – Approved by

6/2014/0198 - Grange Road (Holly Tree Cottage), Wareham, BH20 5AL - Remove and rebuild chimney – Not yet determined by PDC

6/2014/0189 - Furzebrook Road (162), Wareham, BH20 5AR - Erect car port and store on north elevation; insert roof-light in rear roof elevation – Not yet determined by PDC

TWA/2014/0080 - Higher Barracks (1), Church Knowle, BH20 5NL - G1) 3x Apple trees - fell to ground level & grind out stumps; (T1) Prunus - fell to ground level & grind out stump - Church Knowle Conservation Area – Not Determined by PDC

119.14 HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

- Reports on Highways overgrowths in parish from Councillors – Cllr Best commented the interesting thing is the verges have been done and some areas clipped which have never been done before. Cllr Edwards also added some “clipping” had been done in an inappropriate area.

- Temporary Road Closures – Church Knowle Parish

(Barnston Crossroads 16 July 2014 – 30 July 2014 ; see comments under public speaking period. It was felt however there could have been better consideration to the timing of the disruption in the Purbecks. A letter from John Hole was read at the meeting which outlined rationale for a better choice of dates. A letter was read out from a parishioner expressing his dismay at the time of the proposed road closure which he had written to Mr Higgs of Dorset Highways informing him of bad timing being the start of the tourist season and school holidays and asking him to revise his schedule so that the works could be terminated before the 20th July 2014. Councillors felt that a traffic management plan should have been shared by DCC with the Council. Cllr Parker did however suggest – given the road would be closed, would there be any other “maintenance” tasks which could take place at the same time.

Cllr Page raised the issues in Furzebrook Road toward the roundabout with a manhole cover (albeit in the Arne Parish Council area) which needs attention and hoped fellow Cllrs in Arne would support this.

Cllr Parker read notes from Bill Hole stating work had not been dealt with (as previously reported)

- **Cycle Races/speed trials – covered in public speaking period. Agreed for Alastair to continue his communications with contacts**

120.14 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Update from Cllr Colin Page – has been endeavouring to obtain a report from the meeting but his contact is due to go on maternity leave – the assistant Director however did offer to try and make a contact by telephone for Cllr Page.

The meeting did consider the potential for other options should the current proposal not come to fruition but this would very much depend upon landowners locally.

121.14 FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a) **Accounts for 10th May to c. o. b. 02nd June 2014 – agreed – proposed by Cllr Hollard and seconded by Cllr Page and all in favour**
- b) **Renewal of insurance –Invoice now received**
- c) **Resolution to settle invoices received before and at meeting and transfer funds if necessary. Clerk reported on a new programme to support accounting at a cost of £49.99 (Sage) Proposed to settle invoices - Cllr Hollard and seconded by Cllr Page and all in favour.**
- d) **Annual Management Accounts of Parish Council 2013 – 2104 – The Clerk wished to deal with “D” and “E” at the same time. On the basis in the April meeting when budget was set the accounts of the previous year were given, the annual return has to be signed by clerk (already done), internal audit and chairman – but this does not have to be done at a Parish Council meeting and will be done when the internal auditor returns from holiday.**
- e) **Report from Clerk on progress of Audit for 2013 – 2014**
- f) **Maintenance of Playing Field & Playground – in abeyance at present.**
- g) **James Smith – Funeral Directors account for B. Green – addition of words to headstone. Proposed by Cllr Best and seconded by Cllr Hollard**

122.14 DAPTC NEWSLETTER -

To receive report from Clerk on matters published in the DAPTC Newsletter. Nothing of note.

123.14 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Church Knowle and east Creech have been entered and Judging is early June

124.14 CORRESPONDENCE -

To receive reports on correspondence received by Clerk & Councillors and to resolve action to be taken. - None

125.14 OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS OF IMPORTANCE

The Chairman has forwarded details of training available to Cllrs – first one on Thursday 5th June

126.14 ITEMS PROPOSED FOR JULY 2014 AGENDA Playground upkeep

127.14 PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

None

128.14 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 9.05