

CHURCH KNOWLE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CHURCH KNOWLE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT CHURCH KNOWLE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 11TH MARCH 2014

Present (Cllrs):

Parishioners

Cllr Hazel Parker – Chairman

Mr. and Mrs Elliott

Cllr Les Bugler

Mr P Green

Cllr Colin Page

Cllr Derek Burt

Cllr Jayne Wilson- Vice Chairman

Cllr Kathy Best

Cllr Ian Hollard

Clerk- Dr A Wallace

Cllr Mike Lovell – arrived at 7.50

Apologies:

Cllr B. Edwards

Cllr Tony Higgins

Cllr Nick Cake

Public Discussion Period:

Mr. Alan Davies sent his apologies (he had been hoping to attend to discuss the Parish Council perception of inconsistency of the Planning Department). It is hoped he will be able to attend at a later date.

Cllr Parker welcomed Parishioners to the meeting.

Two points raised by Mr. & Mrs. Elliott – the first of which is flooding in Furzebrook Road. Dorset CC has been out 4 times to the drain on the East of the road and Mr. Elliott requested the Parish Council engage in an effort to resolve the issues. There seemed to be 2 courses of action – replace the drains which he doubts would happen and secondly a “grid” would prevent large pieces of debris entering the drains. Mr. Elliott concluded the “trick” was to use “Dorset for You” as a way to register this issue and hopefully gain some action. Mr. Elliott was very concerned about the longer term prospect. Cllr Page supported Mr. Elliott’s case. Mr. Elliott has spoken to Highways but feels he is unable to influence to the degree required.

The second point from Mrs. Elliott – the roundabout at the bottom of Furzebrook Road – bushes on the right hand side are causing problems by cars speeding around the island and not slowing down. Cllr. Parker explained this is not under CK Parish and it may be wise to communicate with Arne Parish Council even though Church Knowle will see what can be done in addition. It would appear clipping of the gorse bushes would go a very long way to improving the situation. Cllr Page gave a supporting account of the issue and his own personal experiences. He further stated the RSPB have also been clipping and it may be an idea for Mrs. Elliott to try an approach to RSPB as well.

Mr. Green – commented on the “Southfield issue” – Mr. Green had asked for a site meeting and was told it would be arranged. The feedback was not supportive of Mr. Green and he commented there had been a failure to measure in the appropriate part of the land. He further detailed experiencing loss of rubbish collection and having to wait a long time to exit along the lane – no post being received – and a whole catalogue of problems which also embraced PDC Planning Officials failure to seek views and or consultation as one would expect. .

0.36 14. Declaration of interest

None

0.37.14 Minutes of Last Meeting:

All agreed correct record – Cllr Bugler proposed and Cllr. Best seconded

0.38.14 Matters Arising:

Cllr Burt asked of progress regarding letter to MP – cyclists. This is work in progress at present

Cllr Parker read Mr. Alan Davies’s response to the Parish Council’s letter (last months’ minutes) in respect of consultation on recent planning applications. Cllr Parker updated the meeting on her response to him. She did however quote other planning issues where it would seem consultation had not taken place as a matter of course. Proposed Cllr Best and Seconded Cllr Page to send the response to PDC

0.39.14 Postponements of Lesser Matters to April Agenda

None

Planning Applications:

0.40.14 TWA/2014/0034 – Old Schoolhouse, Church Knowle – Remove broken branches from Monterey Pine & reduce height. Cllr Burt advised this was follow up work and there had been rather a lot of work required in general locally due to storms. He could not see any issue with the work – no objections raised by the meeting - proposed Cllr Burt seconded Cllr Bugler.

0.41.14 Planning Applications Received After Agenda Publication:

None.

Unlawful Developments.

None

Past Planning Matters:

0.42.14 6/2014/0039 & 0673 – 162 Furzebrook Road. Approved by PDC.

0.43.14 6/2013/0654 – 1 Higher Barracks – Approved by PDC

0.44.14 6/2014/0034 – Southfield, Bucknowle – Approved by PDC. In general discussion (and in reference to Mr. Green’s comments during the Public Discussion Period), Cllr Best stated the plans in front of the meeting did not show the track – nothing shown whatsoever and commented the plans did not appear correct. Furthermore, the original plans and part of the building was given as being built in stone due to bats – this has now however ended up as wood. Cllr Parker felt there does not appear to be appropriate provision for bats in the plans and it was in no way as she would expect “bat boxes” to present themselves. Cllr. Bugler agreed. There were rather a lot of questions the answers to which did not seem to be obvious from the plans and the meeting shared some of the concerns

0.45.14 6/2014/0027 – Church Farm – Approved by PDC

0.46.14 6/2013/0347 – Doreys Pit – Approved by DCC

0.47.14 6/2013/0435 – EastCreech Farm (Tea room) – Approved by PDC

0.48.14 6/2011/0805 – East Creech Farm – (holiday Lets) – Approved by PDC. A question was asked as to how many “holiday lets in number” had been approved

0.49.14 Rights of Way & Highways:

Cllr Parker received details of Plum Tree Cottage again and it would appear this has now been escalated to Dorset County Council for work to be potentially commenced “in default”. Cllr Best reported Long Ground was also in need of attention.

The Clerk reported there is a new rights of way officer who is now in post.

Cllr Parker had received notice the footpath under the light is also very slippery. The Clerk had asked Dorset County Council about responsibility and was advised it was in fact Dorset County Council’s responsibility.

Cllr Parker asked if there had been any update on the damaged finger post – nothing reported.

Cllr Parker asked Cllr. Lovell if he was expecting a list of drainage issues as per last meeting discussion. Cllr Lovell confirmed there was going to be a list of relevant issues collated with a view to influencing repairs and making good. Cllr Wilson again raised the issues in Grange Road and the absence of any action to clean out the drains to facilitate egress of water. Cllr Lovell advised any issues notified on the “system” are allocated a reference number – it is this reference number which

will be required. Cllr Burt raised the problem of water outside of Jubilee Cottage. In conclusion, it would appear a “walk about” around the Parish would be a sensible way forward to ensure there would be a chance of resolution once a list had been provided.

0.50.14 Finance & Admin:

Accts: to close of business 10 March 2014 – Proposed by Cllr Ian Hollard and seconded by Cllr Colin Page as accurate – all agreed

Payment of Invoices etc.- Resolution to settle invoices proposed by Cllr Ian Hollard and seconded by Cllr Les Bugler

Appointment of Internal Auditor – David Pearce has agreed to act as Internal Auditor – External auditors remain as last year

Precept confirmation & budgeting – There may be a possibility of an election which will need to have funds available. The income this year £4,500 which is the same as last year but the expenditure on highway side of things will be £500 less which can be placed into the account. A discussion took place around the potential arrangements and funding for elections but at present it is a situation which is unknown.

0.51.14 AFFORDABLE HOMES –

Cllr Page gave an update regarding the landscaping – 2 proposals are currently under consideration. Cllr Page produced a plan illustrating the options and advised Margaret Green will be holding a meeting in the near future to discuss and then hoped to move the matter forward.

0.52.14 DAPTC & Newsletter:

New Chief Executive announced

The Clerk gave a “snapshot view” of articles and told the meeting of a conference at Leigh, Chetnole Road, Leigh on Thursday 15th May – planning related - from very basic information on development control to responding to applications. Cllr Parker will copy the full details of all opportunities available and forward to fellow Cllrs.

0.53.14 Correspondence

A form seeking the Parish Council opinions on services provided by the PDC. The timing of the request did not arrive to coincide with meetings which somewhat reduced the opportunity for response.

0.54.14 Other Items of Importance:

Cllr Parker reported the forms for forthcoming Council elections are not yet available

0.55.14 Items For April Agenda:

Presentation by Purbeck District Council Officer re planning issues.

0.56.14 Discussion Period:

None

0.57.14 Time of Closure:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15.pm.