

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held at Furzebrook Village Hall
on Tuesday 11th October 2016

PRESENT

Council Members:

Cllr Mrs Hazel Parker
Cllr Derek Burt
Cllr Mr Ian Hollard
Cllr Mrs Kathryn Best
Cllr Mrs Elisabeth (Billa) Edwards
Cllr Mrs Jayne Wilson – Acting Chairman of the Meeting

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

Mr John Hole, Mr Robert Stoner, Ms Jo Parish, Mr John Smith, Mr Ben Smith, Mrs Marielle Smith,

DCC Cllr Mr Michael Lovell (from Agenda Item 6 at 8:07pm)

Clerk To The Parish Council & Proper Officer:

Dr A W Wallace

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING

- 323.16 The Clerk announced that both the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Parish Council were unable to attend the meeting and had tendered their apologies. Consequently there was a requirement to elect an acting Chairman of the Meeting before commencement. He asked the attending Councillors to appoint such a person and Cllr Parker proposed that Cllr Wilson, having been past Vice-chairman be appointed. Her proposal was seconded by Cllr Hollard. Cllr Wilson was asked by the Clerk if she wished to stand for election and was advised by her that she would be prepared to do so for the meeting. There being no other candidates proposed the Parish Council unanimously approved the motion and Cllr Wilson was so elected and took the Chair.
- 324.16 On election, Cllr Wilson made a statement that as acting Chairman wished to point out that the meeting was one of the Extra-ordinary meetings called to discuss and resolve planning and financial matters as approved at the July meeting of the Parish Council. Consequently, only planning and financial matters should be discussed and other matters on the agenda be carried over to the November meeting of the Parish Council.
- 325.16 The Clerk advised the meeting that certain matters, which included a short public discussion period where Parishioners could make approaches to the Meeting, declarations of interest, approval of minutes of the previous meeting and immediate and urgent matters arising from that meeting were required to be discussed in Law. Others could be held over to the next meeting if necessary.
- 326.16 Cllr Wilson proposed that those matters be discussed as well as planning and finance. Other items would be held over till November. This was seconded by Cllr Parker and the motion unanimously carried.

APOLOGIES

- 327.16 The Clerk advised the meeting that apologies had been received from Cllrs Mr Colin Page - Vice-chairman, Mr Anthony Higgens – Chairman, & Mr Leslie Bugler. PDC Cllr Mr Malcolm Barnes also tendered his apologies.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

- 328.16 Public discussion began with Mr John Hole, farmer and Parishioner, wishing to make a statement about the plan by the Dorset & East Devon National Park team to have the coastal and hinterland areas of Purbeck, West Dorset and East Devon declared a National Park. Cllr Wilson suggested that as the meeting was of a “planning & finance” nature it would be better if the statement and discussion be held over until November when more time could be made available. Mr Hole agreed and withdrew his statement and presentation until the next meeting.
- 329.16 Mr John Smith, his son and daughter-in-law then approached the meeting and presented his case for a development at Withy Lakes, to be discussed as a planning application later in the meeting. Mr Smith Snr explained that the family wanted to convert some redundant farm buildings into living accommodation for his son, whilst not an agricultural worker but a key worker (teacher), and family at Withy Lakes. He wanted to provide a home for his son, daughter-in-law and family of two children in

an area where it would be difficult to afford a home – even an “affordable” one. Cllr Parker asked if an application had been made to extinguish the “agricultural tenancy” status of the buildings and if there had been contact with PDC regarding it. Mr Smith Snr replied in the affirmative. Cllr Parker suggested that the agricultural tenancy should be extinguished first. General discussion about “agricultural tenancy” then ensued amongst Councillors, in particular the current status of the redundant buildings and possible future sale of the property on any vacation by the family members. Cllr Wilson thanked the Smith family for their comments and advised the meeting that further discussion would take place during the “Planning” section of the agenda.

330.16 Ms Jo Parish (Parishioner of Church Knowle & Clerk to Studland Parish Council) advised Members of a meeting the following evening at Swanage about the reorganisation of local government and its effect on Purbeck DC and the parishes. She suggested that CKPC acts with other parishes in the area to produce a joint report on the PDC Partial Review. Cllr Wilson thanked her for her input and explained that the meeting was for discussion of planning applications and finance. Ms Parish continued to present the need for parishes to “get together” and had to be interrupted several times to be made aware of the need for the meeting to continue to other matters. Cllr Wilson asked her if contact had been made with DAPTC who are the lead organisation in Dorset for parish council matters.

331.16 Mr Robert Stoner then brought up for discussion parking of vehicles and behaviour of guests at a recent wedding in Church Knowle village. He asked how parking at the church affected the village and appeared to be at odds with residents who had complained about parking and behaviour of some guests. He also asked Members what the attitude of Dorset Police and of the local church was to the recent incident. Cllr Best advised him of her experiences as a result of the mismanaged parking and of the attitudes of several guests at being asked to move vehicles so as to prevent obstructions to access. Cllr Parker – also Church Warden of St Peter’s Church – gave voice to her experiences that day, which included being “banned” by the vicar from the church area whilst attempting to relieve the situation. Cllr Wilson suggested this matter be put to the November meeting for further discussion.

ANNUAL DECLARATIONS OF SERVICE AND OF INTEREST

332.16 Members reported that they had completed their written declarations where required. Cllr Wilson advised she was still reviewing hers.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE MEETING

333.16 As Cllr Bugler, who had a pecuniary interest in planning application No 6/2016/0544, was not in attendance, there were no other such declarations made.

POSTPONEMENT OF MATTERS ON AGENDA TO AUGUST MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

334.16 Postponements of matters referred to during the Public Discussion period were postponed by the acting Chairman to the November meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2016

335.16 The Minutes which had been circulated before the meeting were read and following amendment of a minor typographical omission were proposed by Cllr Burt as a true record of the proceedings. His proposal was seconded by Cllr Parker and unanimously agreed to by Members who had been present.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2016

336.16 Cllr Edwards asked for information regarding the planning status of “sheds” which had been built at the animal sanctuary at Church Knowle. The Clerk advised her that they were, apparently, moveable and, therefore, not subject to planning requirements. (Minute 303.16)

337.16 The meeting was advised that further discussion on the National Park would be held over till November – (see Minute No 328.16 above)

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications:

338.16 **6/2016/0544 – Withy Lakes, Church Knowle**

Members reviewed the application and Mr Smith Snr was invited to give further information regarding his proposed development. After lengthy discussion amongst Members, Cllr Best proposed that the Council had no objections to the development in general, but advised the matter of "agricultural tenancy" be considered. Her proposal was seconded by Cllr Parker and unanimously agreed to by the Members present. At this point, Mr John interrupted the proceedings and thanked the Parish Council for its considerations and support on behalf of his son and daughter-in-law.

Planning Applications Received After Publication of Agenda

339.16 None had been received.

Unlawful Developments

340.16 No new reports on such matters had been received since the last meeting.

Past Planning Matters

341.16 No new reports were available from PDC.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

342.16 The monthly accounts were presented for examination. Cllr Hollard proposed that the accounts were in good order and should be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Parker. The motion was passed and the accounts were agreed and accepted.

343.16 The Chairman of the Meeting presented the monthly invoices to be paid. Cllr Parker proposed that the invoices be paid. This was seconded by Cllr Hollard. The motion was passed and the relevant invoices agreed for payment.

OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

344.16 There were no issues arising during this agenda item

CLOSURE OF MEETING

345.16 There being no further business, Cllr Wilson closed the meeting at 8.25pm