

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held at Church Knowle Reading Room
on Tuesday 08th November 2016

PRESENT

Council Members:

Cllr Mrs Hazel Parker
Cllr Derek Burt
Cllr Mrs Kathryn Best
Cllr Mrs Elisabeth (Billa) Edwards
Cllr Mrs Jayne Wilson
Cllr Mr Colin Page – Vice Chairman

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

Mr Graham Seaton
Mrs Rachel Seaton
Mr Peter Thompsett
Ms Kate Vickins
Mr Geoff Wright
Mrs Jill Bugler
Mr Robert Stoner
Ms Donna Ashcroft
Mr John Hole
Cllr (PDC) Mr Malcolm Barnes – from 8.40pm
Cllr (DCC) Mr Michael Lovell – from 8.15pm

APOLOGIES

346.16 **The** Vice-chairman advised the meeting that apologies had been received from Cllrs Mr Ian Hollard and Mr Anthony Higgins – Chairman. The Clerk to the Council had also given his apologies for non-attendance due to family matters. As a result of the Clerk not being present, Cllr Wilson offered to take the notes of the proceedings and this offer was accepted by the Vice-chairman and Members present.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

347.16 Donna Ashcroft, Chairman of Purbeck Rally addressed the meeting and described the history, aims, objectives and activities of her organisation. She told the meeting that it had been running for 40 years and as it had started in the village it had been decided, as part of its celebrations, it would like to donate funds to the village to provide a cardiac defibrillator in Church Knowle. Details were produced of the proposed suppliers. Total cost would be £1530 and Purbeck Rally was prepared to donate all of this. The cost of electricity would be under £1 per year. Defibrillator has life of approx. 7 years. Pads last about 3 years and are relatively cheap to replace. Help with installation would be given. The meeting discussed where it should be sited and it appeared to be the Pub which is central and easy to find should it be required by people who do not know the village lay out or the redundant 'phone box. By dialling 999 a code will be given together with the location of the equipment. South Western Ambulance service would have it on their "radar". Members and those attending the meeting agreed with the proposals. Further discussion indicated the box would be locked and in answer to questions of potential for it to be stolen, it would appear the equipment would be of no use unless there is a medical problem so fears were allayed. A presentation evening at Furzebrook village hall 7.30 on 25th November 2016 had been arranged. Printed information was shared with the meeting.

348.16 Mr John Hole of Bradle Farm then approached the meeting and presented his case against a proposal the Isle of Purbeck be included in a Dorset & East Devon National Park. He had been unable to attend the September meeting during which the national park proposals had been elucidated by members of the "National Park Team" but had sent comments to the Chairman who raised them at the meeting on John's behalf. (National Park proposal of linking the area – a range of options were put forward) The park initially proposed would be East Devon and South Dorset park – but, apparently, had now been extended to cover the area up to Shaftesbury. Mr Hole quoted further information and has checked a website where he located a "big report" on the matter. It would appear some of the features and benefits cited originally were, in his opinion, not necessarily of benefit to this area. He went on to question some of the reasons for the proposed designation. He pointed out that throughout the report there is mention of 'protection of habitat' and, in his opinion, it does recognise some other elements. However, he opined that there is duplication of some of them which it would appear to be already in place and left very little to be gained by the area's status as a National Park? He voiced his concerns and disinclination to see this designation introduced. Cllr Page advised the meeting that at a previous meeting (September 2016) the Parish Council had decided to support the Purbeck District Council's examination of the proposals and said no decision would be made until that

report was published. It would appear presentations have been made to other parties i.e. Arne Parish Council and business in Weymouth. In general terms, the meeting did not appear to wholly embrace the concept of National Park designation *per se* and clearly were not in a position to make concrete decisions at this stage. The meeting heard that further information could be found at – East Dorset and Devon web site – Dixon and Dean report can be located there.

349.16 Mr Graham Seaton advised the meeting that he had received a leaflet entitled “East Creech Conservation Review”. He was concerned its proposals would, if followed through, reduce the conservation area. He said it would appear the street plan has not altered since 18th Century and now the suggestion is to reduce the area. It would seem there is an extensive report on the internet. Cllr Derek Burt read directly from the document and indicated this reduction would include Creech Barrow and that the report gave an overview of historical changes in the landscape, it advises what could and could not be done. Concerns were addressed about the current 3000+ homes and potential to cause further angst. Cllr Page suggested this matter be discussed at the next meeting to give opportunity for a full debate. All attending agreed.

350.16 There was an “update” regarding car parking at the St Peter’s Church which had been discussed at the October Parish Council meeting and put back to this November full meeting. Cllr Parker gave an update on Cllr Higgens and the Clerk having spoken to the Rector and the view was that there being only 2 or 3 weddings per year at most, wedding guests would be advised about car parking but unless there were obstructions of the highway there is little authority to demand vehicles being removed. The other alternative is to seek the support of the Police with temporary parking restrictions in the form of “bollards” being put up. The parishioner, Mr Stoner, sought clarification of the parking issues and question mark hanging as it was felt a resolution to the problems had not been secured. Cllr Edwards commented the wedding party ushers should be charged with directing the guests appropriately.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

351.16 None were declared for items to be discussed at the meeting.

POSTPONEMENT OF MATTERS ON AGENDA TO JANUARY 2017 MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

352.16 “Working together – Highways” a document which indicates the cost of works had been identified by Cllr Parker and she quoted examples. There is indication some advice, guidance and support is available. Cllr Page suggested discussion on the matter be postponed until the January meeting. This was unanimously agreed without formal vote.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11th OCTOBER 2016

353.16 The Minutes which had been circulated before the meeting were read and unanimously agreed as being a true record of proceedings by Members who had been present.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2016

354.16 There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PLANNING MATTERS

355.16 **Planning Applications** –

- 6/2016/0619 **Application For:** Full Planning Permission - Minor Development.
Location: Church Knowle (Margaret Green Animal Rescue), Wareham BH20 5NQ

Meeting looked at the plans and documentation – the building is slightly higher than existing and drainage through the centre of the building. The proposal brings everything together (8 stables, isolation unit and a workshop) Cllr Bugler proposed the Parish Council had no objections to the proposals. This was seconded by Cllr Edwards and the motion carried.

356.16 Following the decisions, there was a comment about history of communication breaking down in the past between the animal sanctuary management and the Parish Council. This was followed by an invitation for working together in the future (Mr Wright and Ms Vickens from Margaret Green were keen for good working relationships to be forged)

Tree Works Application No TWA/2016/202 – Animal Sanctuary, Church Knowle - Comments were made regarding some of the proposals for dealing with overgrowth of trees at the animal sanctuary – The Council had no objection to the work being carried out.

Planning Applications Received After Publication of Agenda

357.16 None had been received.

Unlawful Developments

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

Past Planning Matters

359.16 It was reported that planning permission had been granted for the expansion of workings at Dorey's Pit, Bindon Lane.

HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY

360.16 Cllr Bugler raised concerns about the “triangle” at East Creech by the sign and concern was highlighted about the ditch – a parishioner had asked for this to be raised. The ditch in question is quite close to the road and has been there “for years” but generally there did not appear to be a resolution. Cllrs will have a look at it.

361.16 Cllr Best reported that the overhanging bushes had still not been cleared at Ragland Housing's hedge which was at “head height” to horse riders. It was thought some cutting machinery has been in the locality but it is not clear if this had rectified the problem. Also discussed was the issue of debris left by the cutters which would doubtless end up with further discussion later in the year when drains are blocked. Cllr Lovell suggested if anyone rings up, please tell him so he can be aware and potentially “influence the matter”. Cllr Lovell disputed he has ever been made aware of the problems but this was “countered” by Cllrs present who commented his presence at previous meetings where debate had taken place in the past.

362.16 It was reported that the finger post approaching the crossroads at the end of Church Knowle on the approach to Cocknowle has a piece broken off. This would be investigated with a view to repair.

363.16 Cllr Burt gave a report on the planting/seeding of wild flowers on roadside verges in the Parish. East Creech had won an award this year which attracted a certificate and £50. Cllr Burt consulted the community for ideas to spend the award. One thing which is apparent, wild flowers are popular with the public and Cllr Burt questioned if it was worth taking this up at Creech. As a result, he received pledges and support from parishioners approaching £500 – part has been seeded and Cllr Burt realises this may also be discussed under the later agenda items.

364.16 Litter Picking within the parish. – Cllr Parker suggested this be moved to the later item regarding the Imerys environmental proposals. This was agreed by the Vice-chairman.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

365.16 The monthly accounts were presented for examination. After checking and identification of an error in addition, Cllr Parker gave the correct amount, being the total of invoices should read £217.74 and the balance £6,634.35. Following amendment and proposal by Cllr Parker and seconding by Cllr Edwards, they were accepted as correct.

366.16 The Vice-chairman of the Meeting presented the monthly invoices to be paid. Cllr Parker proposed that the invoices be paid. This was seconded by Cllr Edwards. The motion was passed and the relevant invoices agreed for payment.

- 367.16 It was reported Church Knowle village and East Creech hamlet had won prizes in the Dorset Best Kept Villages competition. It was suggested the certificate for Church Knowle be displayed in the Reading Room. This was accepted.
- 368.16 A report on the need to draw up proposals for the budget for 2017-2018 had been given by the Clerk. Budget estimates were required so he could submit the agreed precept request from PDC in January. This was discussed later in the meeting.

TOLL BAR STREAM ~ IMERYS/ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY PROPOSAL –

- 369.16 Cllr Parker read out the narrative written by the Parish Council Chairman which outlined the appropriate way forward in discussion. It was unanimously decided as the discussion would involve legally sensitive matters, further discussion about the minutiae should be carried out *in camera*. Decision to adjourn the meeting at 20.36 to allow Mr Thompsett to comment – meeting opening “in camera” 20:45. Background read out by Cllr Page.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 370.16 There was none

DAPTC

- 371.16 “Working together – Highways” a document which had been identified by Cllr Parker which indicates the cost of works and she quoted examples. There is indication some advice, guidance and support is available.

REVIEW OF FORMAT/PROTOCOL FOR FINANCE/PLANNING MEETINGS

- 372.16 Cllr Page outlined the issue of long meetings which had previously been agreed as planning and finance only. It was agreed apologies, declarations of interest, previous minutes, planning and finance would suffice. Proposed by Cllr Parker, Seconded Cllr Best.

OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

- 373.16 There were no issues arising during this agenda item

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR DECEMBER 2016 AGENDA

- 374.16 Members were reminded it would be a Planning & Finance only meeting next month – budget prep for 2017/18 would be considered for December meeting. There was general discussion regarding any “projects” and an environmental fund account, in particular where specific funds were granted to the Council for specific projects.

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

- 375.16 Cllr Lovell brought up the unitary review whereby district councils and DCC would be merged in the non-metropolitan area of the county– there is a lot to be done and considered and many questions debated. Members noted his comments.
- 376.16 Cllr Bugler asked if anyone was aware of groundworks appearing locally, also at Barnston which was thought to do with a new sewerage system to upgrade the existing
- 377.16 Cllr Edwards raised light pollution when permission given for the new barn at East Creech – it is not clear if anything has been reviewed. She wondered if this should be a consideration for discussion when new plans are proposed? Cllr Page suggested for discussion at the January meeting.
- 378.16 Cllr Parker brought up the subject of superfast broadband. DAPTC had processed funding for our plans. Henry Scott requested a mast be placed on the hill locally – it is going ahead with access for general public subject to a joining and subsequent monthly fee.
- 379.16 Cllr Parker – note from clerk read regarding precept reminding of the need for Members to think about what might be wanted and/or required for next financial year.

- 380.16 Cllr Best was concerned whilst the TRO road was open and the gate unlocked, the gate does not close properly and is in need of attention.
- 381.16 Cllr M. Barnes informed the meeting about the council review and the response from general public – 98% not happy with proposals for building the houses in such numbers. A request to review and reduce the numbers proposed had been made.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

- 382.16 There being no further business, the meeting was closed by Cllr Page.