

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held at Church Knowle Reading Room
on Tuesday 11th April 2017

PRESENT

Council Members:

Cllr Mr Derek Burt
Cllr Mrs Kathryn Best
Cllr Mr Colin Page – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr Anthony Higgins – Chairman
Cllr Mrs Jayne Wilson

Clerk to the Council:

Dr Alastair Wallace

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

Cllr Mr Malcolm Barnes – Purbeck District Council
Cllr Mr Michael Lovell – Dorset County Council
Mr Ed Ellwood - Parishioner

APOLOGIES

093.17 The Clerk reported he had received apologies for absence from the Cllr Mrs Billa Edwards due to illness/injury, Cllr Mr Les Bugler, Cllr Mrs Hazel Parker and Cllr Mr Ian Hollard.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

094.17 No matters were brought up by Councillors, Parishioners in attendance or others attending the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

095.17 No declarations of interest in matters to be discussed during the meeting were made.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14th MARCH 2017

096.17 The Minutes, which had been circulated before the meeting were read and following correction of some minor typographical errors it was proposed by Cllr Page, seconded by Cllr Wilson, that they were a true record of the proceedings of the Parish Council meeting of 14th March, 2017. All Members who attended the meeting were in agreement and the motion was carried; those Members not having attended abstaining.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 14th MARCH 2017

097.17 The Clerk reported that he had received clarification from the Parish Council's insurers that if the the Steeple telephone box was "adopted" and included in the list of assets of the Council, the insurance policy would cover all matters regarding the box and its proper use. (Minute No 056.17) Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Page and seconded by Cllr Wilson that Church Knowle Parish Council should adopt the telephone box concerned. The motion was carried unanimously.

098.17 It was reported that Cllr Bugler had spoken with the tenant of the New Inn regarding the siting of the cardiac defibrillator gifted by the Purbeck Rally. It had been agreed that it should now be affixed to the exterior gable wall of the "garage/store" facing the road and under the Church Knowle street lamp ensuring, as far as is reasonably practicable, that it will be fully visible and available "24-7" to those requiring to use it. (Minute No 063.17) Members agreed that this was the most suitable site and the Clerk was instructed to contact Purbeck Rally to get things organised.

099.17 The Clerk advised Members that the Church Knowle telephone box outside the Reading Room had been listed by the Dept. of Culture & Media and Historic England as a Building of Architectural and Historic Interest and, consequently, was fairly safe from removal. Members noted the point of information. (see Minute No 65.17). The Chairman also advised the meeting at this time that he had

not yet received any follow-up to CKPC's comments on Purbeck DC's plans to alter the boundaries of East Creech conservation area. Members noted his comments.

- 100.17 It was reported that the planning application relating to Rachel's Plantation development (Minute No 066.17) had been refused by PDC on the grounds of it being an "invalid application).
- 101.17 It was reported that the Grange Road finger post had now been refurbished and the condition of others in the parish would be discussed at the next meeting. (See Minute No 078.17)
- 102.17 The matter of planting wild flowers on the verges in the Parish, and in particular at the entrance to the playground, was brought up (Minute No 080.17) and there was some general discussion about maintenance, etc. The Chairman advised the Meeting that the matter should be discussed at the May meeting as the current one was primarily to do with planning and associated matters. This was unanimously agreed to without need to vote.
- 103.17 The Chairman advised that a count had been carried out of the known "2nd homes" in the Parish (Minute No 087.17) and the tally was 31. The Clerk would accordingly advise Purbeck District Council.

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

- 104.17 The matter regarding the verge at the playground entrance, together with verge seeding of wild flowers (see Minute 102.17) was postponed to the May meeting.

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications –

- 105/17 **6/2017/0196 – Barnston Manor, Devil's Staircase, Church Knowle – Replacement of rotten timber lintel with new oak lintel.** Members reviewed the application and following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Best that the Council should comment to PDC that they supported and had no objection to the development, especially as the replacement was a matter of ensuring continued stability of the ancient listed building. They should also comment on the apparent need for the owner to make a second application because an inner lintel, the outer one's replacement having already been approved, also was found to require replacement during the building repair works. The motion was seconded by Cllr Wilson and unanimously carried.

Planning Applications Received After Publication of Agenda -

- 106.17 None

Unlawful Developments

- 107.17 It was reported that British Telecom had erected a telephone junction box for broadband connexion on the apron/village car park fronting Knowle Cottage. This was in the central zone of the Church Knowle conservation area and the Clerk reported he had received no planning consultation request from PDC. He reported he had received a complaint about the matter from a Parishioner and the occupier of Church Cottage and had informed PDC about the matter having also forwarded photographs of the object to PDC's planning officer covering Church Knowle. Members had also been forwarded copies of the photographs and complaint. The Clerk reported that discussions with the town planner concerned revealed that government planning policy regarding siting of such units had been waived by "Whitehall" on the basis that the government wished high-speed broadband to be "rolled out" as quickly as possible in rural areas as the process was well behind schedule and that BT had been fined for not supplying broadband internet connexions in accordance with the terms of their contract with the government. Following discussion about the fact that to site a small green box containing life-saving equipment on the outside of the village pub' and the need to install a new lintel

in a listed house to prevent it collapse required planning permission yet to siting of a comparatively large bright green steel cabinet in the centre of the conservation area did not, it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Page, that the Clerk should contact the installers (BT and Dorset County Council) as well as Purbeck District Council to express its concerns and ask for comments as to why the box was not sited in a more environmentally acceptable area. This was unanimously agreed.

Past Planning Matters

108.17 The results of planning applications previously reviewed by the Council were noted.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

108.17 The monthly accounts were presented for examination. After checking it was proposed by Cllr Page, seconded by Cllr Best that they were accepted as correct. The motion was unanimously carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

110.17 The Clerk presented the correspondence received; e-mails received having been previously circulated to Members. Members noted the correspondence received.

111.17 The Chairman advised the meeting that a Housing proposal document forwarded by DAPTC to parish councils regarding the need for comments to be made on its content had been received by DAPTC on 17th March yet had only been forwarded to the parishes much later. Members were concerned about the lack of time given by DAPTC for response. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Best, that a working party be set up to formulate a response and that it be delegated by the Parish Council to forward the response to DAPTC. The motion was unanimously carried. The Chairman then asked for volunteers; Cllrs Best and Bugler volunteering. It was then proposed by the Chairman that the working party comprise himself as ex officio, Cllr Bugler and Cllr Best. This was seconded by Cllr Page and the motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

112.17 There were none.

ITEMS FOR THE MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

113.17 Cllr Higgins reminded Members that he would not be standing for position of Chairman at the May meeting.

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

114.17 Cllr Lovell of DCC informed the meeting that this was the last meeting he would be attending as the Dorset County Councillor representing Church Knowle. Council elections would be on 04th May and he was not standing as a candidate for election. The Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council and Parishioners, thanked Cllr Lovell for his 12 years of service to the community and wished him well in the future. Cllr Lovell then reminded the meeting that whilst he would no longer be a county councillor, he would be continuing as a district councillor though not representing the ward of which the Church Knowle parish was part.

115.17 Cllr Best pointed out her concerns about vehicle parking in Church Knowle. She was concerned about cars, etc., being not just parked partly on the pavement but being parked in such a manner as to completely obstruct the pedestrian thoroughfare such that people had to walk into the road to get past. This had significant road safety risks especially to wheel-chair users and those with small children and those pushing "baby buggies". This led to a general discussion about pavement parking with Cllr Lovell advising that to obstruct a highway, including the pavement, was not just a civil parking offence but a criminal offence. Cllr Higgins suggested that a request be put in the next Corfe Valley

News asking that people be more considerate in parking their cars. It was noted that that the road through Church Knowle was narrow and cars not parked partly on the pavement would obstruct the road such that milk tankers and larger lorries would have difficulty getting through. It was further mentioned that there was no suitable place for those living on the road to park their vehicles as many did not have driveways and the village parking area could only accommodate 3 or sometimes 4 cars; a matter which would now be more difficult due to the siting of the BT Broadband box. Councillors also felt that verge and pavement parking by the playground also resulted in risk to pedestrians leaving the playground. The Chairman asked the meeting if, perhaps, the constabulary be asked to enforce the road traffic legislation regarding such parking but Members felt this would not be helpful to community feelings.

116.17 Cllr Best advised that the TRO gates had not been locked as required. The Clerk advised that he would contact Dorset Highways.

117.17 Cllr Burt advised the meeting that the residents of 1 Cotness Cottages would be returning to their rebuilt house by the end of April and that they wanted Cllr Burt to thank the Parish Council and Parishioners for their help and kind thoughts on their behalf.

118.17 Visiting Cllr Barnes (PDC), who had arrived later in the meeting, enquired about the progress of the East Creech conservation area consultation and about the Tollbar Stream environmental project which Imerys may be funding. On both counts Cllr Higgins replied that there had been no obvious progress so far.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

119.17 There being no further matters Cllr Higgins closed the meeting at 8:45 pm.