

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held at Church Knowle Reading Room
on Tuesday 09th January, 2018

PRESENT

Council Members:

Cllr Mr Colin Page
Cllr Mr Derek Burt
Cllr Mr Anthony Higgens
Cllr Mr Leslie Bugler
Cllr Mr Ian Hollard (from "Public Discussion")
Cllr Mrs Elisabeth (Billa) Edwards

Clerk to the Council:

Dr Alastair Wallace

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

Ms Dawn Atkin (Dorset County Council)
Mr Tom Trevorrow (Parishioner)

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

001.18 There being no Chairman of the Parish Council, it was necessary for the meeting to elect a Chairman of the Meeting. Cllr Page proposed that Cllr Higgens take the Chair, there being no general wish by Members present to stand as Chairman of the Parish Council. His proposal was not seconded and Cllr Bugler then proposed Cllr Page take the Chair and this was seconded by Cllr Edwards. Cllr Page did not object to such appointment and the motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED that Cllr Page should act as Chairman for the January Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Page took the Chair for the meeting.

APOLOGIES

002.18 The Clerk had previously reported he had received apologies for absence from Cllrs Mrs Hazel Parker and Mr Edward Ellwood. The apologies were accepted and noted.

CO-OPTION OF PARISHIONER TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

003.18 The Clerk reported that he had advised Purbeck District Council on the co-option of Mr Edward Ellwood as Parish Councillor. Members noted his report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE MEETING

004.18 There were no declarations of interest made by Members regarding matters to be discussed and resolved at the meeting.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

005.18 Ms Dawn Atkin of Dorset County Council's highways department gave a presentation of the DCC "Working Together" document which had been prepared by the county council in conjunction with Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils to assist parish councils in deciding what "non-core Highway Authority functions they could take over and how parish councils could come under the county council's insurance policy when volunteers were acting for a parish council carrying highways work and litter picking on or near the highway. If the Parish Council signed up to the "Working Together" plan, its Councillors and volunteers would, indeed, be covered by DCC insurance. She then took part in a "question & answer" session with Members on gulley emptying, road signage erection and road painting which would cost the Parish Council £550 per man-day if DCC carried out the work; any other contractor engaged by the Parish having to be vetted by DCC Highways. During the Q&A session Members heard that as a result of the traffic survey, it is likely that a speed limit (probably 30mph) would be installed through Church Knowle village. At this point of the discussion Cllr Burt enquired if rather than a 30mph for Church Knowle alone might it not be possible for a "blanket" 30 mph speed limit be installed for the whole Parish as has been the case in the New Forest for some years. Ms Atkin answered that this would be unlikely. Cllrs Bugler and Burt suggested that, perhaps,

East Creech hamlet and the area around East Creech campsite could be considered suitable sites for 30mph limits and "SLOW" road marking. Ms Atkin suggested that if she could be provided with road maps delineating the proposed areas, such speed limits may be open for consideration. Following general discussion Ms Atkin agreed that vehicle speed checks in those areas of the Parish could be carried out in March to gain evidence for Cllrs Burt and Bugler's proposals.

Cllr Higgins enquired about the possibility of the East Creech triangle in Furzebrook Road being given kerb protection. Ms Atkin advised that whilst her budget is small she would see what could be done to put it "on her list". It was suggested that if CKPC paid for the hardware DCC could carry out the work. She would find out the cost and advise the Clerk.

With regard to road signage at Furzebrook railway bridge, Ms Adkin advised the meeting that she would contact CKPC when the signage team was available.

006.18 At this point in the proceedings, Cllr Page proposed a Vote of Thanks be given to Ms Atkin on behalf of the Parish Council and Parishioners for what she had done so far in arranging for the improvement of the roads in the Parish. Cllr Burt seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED that Ms Atkin be thanked for her work with Church Knowle Parish Council in improving road conditions in the Parish.

007.18 Cllr Page thanked Ms Atkin for coming to the meeting and for her presentation. Ms Atkin thanked Members for their kind thoughts.

POSTPONEMENT OF MATTERS ON THIS AGENDA TO FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

008.18 There were no proposals to postpone matters at this time.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12th December, 2017

009.18 The Minutes, which had been circulated before the meeting were read. Cllr Edwards pointed out her name had been omitted from the list of Councillors attending the meeting. There were also some typographical errors which required adjustment. The errors were duly noted and following correction Cllr Page proposed that the minutes could now be accepted as a true record of the proceedings of the meeting of 12th December 2017. This was seconded by Cllr Edwards and the proposal unanimously agreed to.

RESOLVED that the amended Minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings of the Parish Council meeting of 12th December 2017 and they be duly published as such. The Clerk would arrange for them to be uploaded to the Church Knowle Parish Council Website and where, appropriate, would arrange for copies be affixed on the notice boards.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 12th December, 2017

010.18 Minute 365.17 - Cllrs Burt and Hollard commented on the continuation of work carried out by contractors/.volunteers at the reptile reserve near Furzebrook & Grange Road. Smoke nuisance from bonfires had been reported to Cllr Burt. The Clerk advised the Meeting that he would inform the Purbeck Environmental Health Officer of the matter and suggested that the complainants should do the same as it may be a Statutory Nuisance and therefore "hearsay" information may not be acceptable evidence. The Clerk also reported that despite contacting the British Herpetological Society he had not received any contact from the local associated body responsible for the work.

011.18 Minute No. 378.17 – Cllr Higgins reported that PDC Cllr Mr Malcolm Barnes had suggested CKPC request PDC to defer their decision on the alteration of East Creech conservation area as a result of the archaeological report on the East Creech Roman villa and associated farmstead. He advised Members that he, Cllrs Edwards, Burt and probably Barnes would be visiting the site on 14th January 2018 to further assess matters.

PLANNING MATTERS

Corfe River Environmental Project

- 012.18 Cllr Edwards reported on the river walk of the Corfe River upper reaches carried out with Mrs Broom of Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT). She commented that DWT were "on side" and a letter would be sent to all land owners/occupiers suggesting that a trial clean-up project on each side of the river be carried out to show what can be done to improve the environment for flora, fauna and humans. Work would start in March 2018 to remove overhangs, dredge river silt and open up the river adding that DWT may possibly use contractors to carry out much of the heavy work. Cllr Burt asked how much Arne PC were getting for their project which was separate from CK's. Cllr Page suggested that another working party meeting was necessary and that farmers could help cleanup using their equipment. He suggested the working party contacts Mgt Green, Messrs Hole, Randall, Percy, etc whose land the Corfe River passes through for assistance.

Dorset Minerals Extraction Plans

- 013.18 The Clerk reminded the Meeting that whilst the Minerals working party had not sent the Parish Council the Dorset Minerals Extraction Plan he had sent the website address to all Members for their information for discussion. Cllr Page proposed that the discussion and decision on the Parish Council's policy should be postponed until the February 2018 meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Burt and the motion unanimously carried.

RESOLVED that the item be postponed for discussion until the February 2018 meeting of the Parish Council.

Planning Applications

- 014.18 **6/2017/0717 – West Bucknowle House, Bucknowle - Installation of a lean-to greenhouse at rear to replace existing free-standing greenhouse and potting shed.** Following examination of the application Cllr Bugler proposed that the Parish Council should agree, in principle, to the permission being granted. However, it was felt that the building would have been more in keeping with neighbouring buildings if were to be built of brick rather than stone. The motion was supported by Cllr Edwards and unanimously carried.

RESOLVED that the Church Knowle Parish Council has no objections to development, but concluded that whilst it is an improvement on the current structure it would have been more in keeping with neighbouring buildings if were to be constructed of brick rather than of stone.

Planning Applications Received After Publication of Agenda –

- 015.18 **6/2017/0732 – Furzeyground Open Pit – Continued working of the Western Extension until 31 December 2030.** Members discussed the possibility of deferring discussion of this late arriving planning application until the January meeting and asking DCC for a deferment. However, they unanimously decided, as it was an extension of working time to an existing working pit, to consider it at this December meeting. Following discussion of the project, Cllr Higgens proposed that subject to conditions being met the Council should have no objections to the continued working. His proposal was seconded by Cllr Hollard and unanimously carried.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council has no objections to it in principle. However, it suggests that the following planning conditions be made to any permissions granted by the planning authority (DCC):

- 1. A metalled road be installed and kept free of clay and other mining dusts, etc., such as to prevent as far as is reasonably practicable dust nuisance to neighbouring properties and road users.**
- 2. The applicant to erect suitable and sufficient screening on the southern boundary to protect local residents from dust and noise nuisance and allow them the peaceful enjoyment of their land and property.**
- 3. The applicant to institute a suitable and sufficient means of dust control of the site and the prevention and control of clay debris accumulation on the roads leading from the pit.**

Unlawful Developments –

- 016.18 **The Old Blacksmith's Shop, Grange Road, Wareham** - The Clerk had previously forwarded on to Members the e-mail he had received from Mr Alan Davies (Planning Officer) of Purbeck District Council in reply to a complaint CKPC had made to the Chief Executive of the district council about what appeared to be a complete flouting of planning permissions and conditions given by PDC to the developer of the Blacksmith's Shop. He also reported that the PDC had, through delegated processing, had given retrospective planning permission for the development complained about by CKPC. There was considerable discussion about the matter together with anger, incredulity and disappointment at PDC's officers being expressed. Cllr Bugler commented that CKPC had made no negative comments to the original plans because the development as initially proposed was of the same "footprint" as the original dilapidated building. It was at first proposed that a letter in reply to Mr Davies' be written, but several Members felt that it would be of no value and the matter was another example of PDC taking no notice of parish councils' suggestions where they are in conflict with those of the district council. Cllr Page suggested he may bring the matter up at the next DAPTC meeting.
- 017.18 No other suspected unlawful developments in the Parish were reported to the Meeting.

Past Planning Matters –

- 018.18 The Clerk reported on the results of applications as listed on the Agenda. These were noted

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- 019.18 Cllr Hollard reported on tree overgrowths in the upper stretch of Furzebrook Road; some of the overgrowing branches had become damaged during high winds and were causing partial obstruction. The Clerk advised he would contact DCC..
- 020.18 The Clerk gave an update regarding the damaged footpath/bridleway signs in the Parish and explained the responsibilities of the landowners with regard to repairing of broken stiles. He had been in contact with DCC regarding the damaged fingerpost at East Creech triangle and the missing one at Cocknowle. He would report further on any progress in February.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

- 021.18 The monthly accounts were presented for examination. After checking, it was proposed by Cllr Hollard, seconded by Cllr Higgens, that they were accepted as correct. The motion was unanimously carried.
RESOLVED that the accounts as presented are approved and that the Chairman of the meeting be authorised to sign them as such.
- 022.18 The invoices due for payment were presented and it was proposed by Cllr Hollard, seconded by Cllr Higgens, that cheques for their payment to creditors be duly validated and invoices paid.
RESOLVED that the invoices and fees as presented be paid.
- 023.18 The Clerk advised the Meeting that the Precept for the year 2018-2019 needed to be agreed by the Council at the February meeting. In the meantime, PDC had asked for an estimate from all parishes of their requirements by mid-January. He explained the significance of the Parish Council taking on some of the highways functions from, or in association with, DCC and the effects on the Parish Council's finances and, hence, precept for 2018-2019. CKPC had "ringfenced" already £1,000 for gully emptying if necessary and this could be carried over and added to in the next finance round. Cllr Page proposed that an estimate of 2017-2017 precept plus 5% be given to PDC as an estimate of requirement. The Clerk added that this estimate could be reviewed in February and amended if necessary. Cllr Page then proposed, seconded by Cllr Hollard, that the estimated precept required be given as £7,350 for the financial year 2018-2019. The motion was carried unanimously.
RESOLVED that the precept estimated for 2018-2019 be given as £7,350 subject to possible amendment at the February meeting.

024.18 Cllr Higgins suggested that estimated budget headings be prepared for the February meeting. The Clerk advised that this would be done as a matter of course.

CORRESPONDENCE

025.18 The Clerk reminded Members of the content of e-mails forwarded to them for information and discussion as may be required. There was no discussion on such items. The Clerk produced a request from the Wareham Citizens' Advice Bureau for a grant from CKPC. It was decided, without formal vote, that in accordance with past procedure, the Council would not at this time provide such a grant.

DAPTC

026.18 Cllr Page had nothing to report.

OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

027.18 There were no items of special interest from the Chairman

ITEMS FOR THE FEBRUARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

028.18 The Clerk would produce the 2018-2019 for confirmation of precept.

029.18 Discussion of the Dorset Mineral Plan

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

030.18 Cllr Higgins reported that he would no longer be able to update the Council's website on a monthly basis. He had been in touch with the webmaster (Adam Curtis) and if he took over the responsibility a charge would be made. This would be £180 per year. Cllr Edwards proposed that the webmaster be contracted to carry out the work currently being done by Cllr Higgins for 12 months and pay the fee required. This was seconded by Cllr Bugler. The motion was passed unanimously. The Clerk advised the meeting that as this was brought up during the discussion period the resolution would have to be confirmed at the February meeting under "Finance".

RESOLVED that the webmaster take over the responsibility of updating the Parish Council's website from Cllr Higgins for the next 12 months.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

031.18 There being no further matters Cllr Page closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.

Action list– not part of minutes.

ACTION LIST FROM JANUARY MINUTES

Minute No	Action	Responsibility
001.18	Cllr Page should act as Chairman for the January Parish Council meeting and until next Parish Council meeting	Cllr Page
009.18	Cllr Higgins to upload December Minutes to website	Cllr Higgins
011.18	Cllrs to visit site of East Creech Roman villa	Cllrs Higgins, Burt & Edwards
012.18	Environmental Working Party to contact farmers	Cllrs Page & Edwards
014.18 & 015.18	Comments on planning matters to be sent to PDC	Clerk
016.18	Cllr Page to express concerns re PDC planners to DAPTC	Cllr Page
023.18	Precept estimate to be sent to PDC	Clerk
024.18	Budgetary headings for February meeting	Clerk
030.18	Webmaster to take over monthly updating of website	Clerk & Cllr Higgins