

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council  
held at Furzebrook Village Hall  
on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

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## **PRESENT**

### **Council Members:**

Cllr Mr Colin Page  
Cllr Mr Derek Burt  
Cllr Mr Edward Ellwood  
Cllr Mrs Elisabeth (Billa) Edwards  
Cllr Mrs Hazel Parker

### **Clerk to the Council:**

Dr Alastair Wallace

### **C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:**

Ms Linda Leach (Parishioner)

## **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING**

168.18 There being no Chairman of the Parish Council elected for the year, the Clerk advised Members of the need to elect a chairman of the June Meeting. Cllr Edwards proposed that Cllr Page be Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr Parker. Cllr Page indicated his willingness to stand for such election and was duly elected.

**RESOLVED that the Chairman of the June Meeting be Cllr Page and would remain as such until the July meeting.**

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

169.18 Apologies for absence at the meeting were received from Cllr Higgins and Cllr Wilson. They were accepted by the Meeting.

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

170.18 Ms Leach began the period by explaining her concerns about road safety on Furzebrook Road. A serious accident had recently occurred between a tractor and a motor car resulting in what appeared to be serious injury to the motor car driver. Mrs Leach, whilst not a visual witness to the collision had heard it and was shortly at the scene. Cllr Page explained that CKPC had been for some time in discussion with Dorset County Council about having a 50mph (reducing to 40mph) speed limit along Furzebrook Road. Cllr Ellwood opined that there should be pressure on DCC to provide safety and warning signs in advance of the dangerous bends and narrows in the road. The main problem with having speed limits was the relative lack of enforcement along country roads; but education and warning signage (eg lines on road, etc) would probably be of more use. Cllr Page suggested that Ms Leach contacts DCC and that when the DCC highways officer (Dawn Atkins) next visits the Parish she could visit Ms Leach. Cllr Page also suggested the Parish Council bear in mind the increase in the its "Highways Budget" may help contribute to any DCC signage. The Clerk advised that the "Highways Budget" figure had initially been set up to pay for "non-core" DCC highways costs and that safety signage was actually a "core" function for which DCC should contribute the full costs. There was then general discussion about road safety matters, including comments from Cllr Burt that the Parish and County Councils could not be responsible for the way people drive along country lanes. It was suggested that the Parish Council's Police Liaison Councillor may contact Dorset Police and DCC about road safety in the Parish and erection of warning signs in particular.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

171.18 There were no declarations of interest with regard to matters to be discussed and resolved at the May meeting

## **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR 2018/2019**

172.18 Cllr Parker proposed that the Parish Council should continue to elect a Chairman of Monthly Meeting as in the previous year as no Member appeared willing to stand for the position of annual Chairman of the Parish council. Her proposal was seconded by Cllr Edwards and was unanimously carried on vote. **RESOLVED that the election of the Parish Council Chairman should be on a monthly basis as previously carried out during the year 2017-2018**

## ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR 2018/2019

173.18 Cllr Parker proposed that as the Parish Council has resolved to continue to elect a Chairman of Monthly Meeting as in the previous year as no Member appeared willing to stand for the position of annual Vice Chairman of the Parish council, there would be no need to elect a Vice Chairman. Her proposal was seconded by Cllr Edwards and was unanimously carried on vote. **RESOLVED that the election of the Parish Council Chairman should be on a monthly basis as previously carried out during the year 2017-2018 and that a Vice Chairman would not be necessary.**

## APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO POSITIONS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

174.18 It was proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Ellwood that this matter be postponed until the July meeting. The Proposal was carried unanimously. **RESOLVED that this matter be postponed for discussion and action until the July meeting of the Parish Council.**

## POSTPONEMENT OF LESSER MATTERS TO JUNE 2018 MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL:

175.18 Refer to Minute 175.18

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 08<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018

176.18 An insufficient number of Members present at the June meeting had been present at the May meeting to confirm the accuracy of the draft minutes presented. The Clerk advised that it would, therefore, be inadvisable for Members present to approve the draft minutes. Cllr Burt proposed that confirmation and approval of the minutes should be deferred until the July meeting of the Parish Council. His proposal was seconded by Cllr Ellwood. **RESOLVED that the draft Minutes for May 2018 be reviewed during the July meeting of the Parish Council.**

## MATTERS ARISING

177.18 As the Minutes for May could not be approved as a true record of the meeting concerned, this item on the Agenda was not open for discussion. However, Cllr Edwards advised Members that the gravel drive at Rachel's Plantation had now covered the "mossy track". Members noted her point of information.

## PLANNING MATTERS:

### Planning Applications

178.18 The Clerk advised Members that no planning applications had been received before Agenda publication.

### Planning Applications Received after Publication of Agenda

179.18 The Clerk advised the meeting that there were none.

### Unlawful Developments

180.18 No new suspected unlawful developments had been reported to the Parish Council.

## PAST PLANNING MATTERS

181.18 Members noted the progress of planning applications previously submitted and commented upon:

## FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

182.18 Accounts for 05<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 to c.o.b. 08<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 were reviewed and Cllr Parker proposed that they be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Page and unanimously carried. **RESOLVED that the accounts as presented are approved and that the Chairman of the meeting be authorised to sign them as such.**

183.18 The invoices due for payment were presented and it was proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Page that cheques for their payment to creditors be duly validated and invoices paid. **RESOLVED that the invoices and fees as presented be paid.**

184.18 The Clerk reported on the progress of the annual audit by the internal auditor. Members noted his report.

185.18 Cllr Ellwood reported that the March Minutes had, apparently, disappeared from the website. Cllr Parker advised him that they were certainly on-site on 11<sup>th</sup> June. The Clerk advised he would make enquiries of the webmaster.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT**

186.18 Cllr Parker reported that FWAG had suggested that if CKPC were not happy with the manner in which funds were being distributed to the environmental projects by Dorset Wildlife Trust, the Parish Council should write to the Environment Agency and explain its concerns and enquire as to why the EA has permitted monies to be allocated for use outwith the three parishes affected by the pollution incident. There was general discussion about allocation, Cllr Edwards explaining that £10,000 had been allocated for the Church Knowle project. Cllr Page suggested he would arrange for Mr John Vine of Imerys to attend a meeting of CKP to discuss the situation and Cllr Parker suggested that Mr Andrew Pollard of DWT should also attend. Members were in agreement and discussed the possibility of holding an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council if both could attend.

### **SWANAGE RAILWAY LIAISON**

187.18 Cllr Ellwood informed the meeting he would be meeting Swanage Railway representatives on 14<sup>th</sup> June and would report further at the July Parish Council Meeting. Members noted his report. There was then general discussion about new fire breaks having been constructed on one side of the railway tracks.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

188.18 The Clerk reported on correspondence received. His report was noted.

### **OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS OF IMPORTANCE**

189.18 Cllr Page mentioned that a ditch along Furzebrook Road which was used to drain Herpetological Socy. Land was now blocked due to vegetation. Members noted his comments. The matter would be reported to DCC.

### **ITEMS PROPOSED FOR JULY 2018 AGENDAS**

190.18 Refer to Minute Nos 174.18 & 176.18

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

191.18 Cllr Parker explained to Members the discretionary policy on tree cutting under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

192.18 Cllr Parker suggested that before the Parish Council's insurance is renewed a quote from Norris & Fisher Insurance Brokers and other should be considered.

### **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

193.18 There being no further business Cllr Page closed the meeting at 9:05pm.