

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held at Church Knowle Village Hall
on Tuesday 14th August, 2018

PRESENT

Council Members:

Cllr Mr Colin Page (In Chair at commencement)
Cllr Mrs Jayne Wilson
Cllr Mr Edward Ellwood (In Chair following election)
Cllr Mrs Hazel Parker
Cllr Mr Derek Burt
Cllr Mr Anthony Higgens

Clerk to the Council:

Dr Alastair Wallace

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

Mr Leslie Bugler (Parishioner)
Mr David Pierce (Parishioner)
Mrs Lisa Pierce (Parishioner)
Mr Christopher Boone (Parishioner)
Mr Barry Mayes (Langton Community Land Trust)
Cllr Ms Collette Drayson (Langton PC)
PDC Cllr Mr Malcolm Barnes (Purbeck DC)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

222.18 Apologies for absence at the meeting were received from Cllr Edwards.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

223.18 Cllr Page introduced Mr Barry Mayes of the Langton Matravers Community Land Trust and Cllr Colette Drayson of Langton Matravers Parish Council who gave a presentation on the formation of a community land trust to assist local people in gaining housing in areas where property prices would otherwise preclude them. Mr Mayes explained that the previous government had allocated funds to local authorities where house prices were inflated by second homes and holiday lets. Both speakers gave a history of how community land trusts were set up and informed the Council of approximately £900,000 which was currently held by Purbeck District Council for funding such trusts in their area. There was concern that funding which was initially expected to be spent on projects in Purbeck could be spent by the new Dorset Council in other areas of Dorset when Purbeck DC ceases to exist next year and the funds are subsumed by the new authority. Both Corfe Castle and Langton now have such trusts and have received money to assist in their formation. The presenters gave information about how a Church Knowle land trust could be quickly set up and where the group could get advice and assistance. The Wessex Community Land project was mentioned as a useful advisor group. Following question and answer session, it was proposed by Cllr Page that the matter of a setting up a Church Knowle Community Land Trust be discussed at the September meeting of the Parish Council and Members were all in agreement with this and to arrange a parish meeting to discuss setting up such a trust. Cllr Page then thanked Mr Mayes and Cllr Drayson for their informative presentation.

224.18 There was general discussion amongst Members about the Standing Orders regarding meetings attendance.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING

225.18 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 August Meeting. Cllr Wilson proposed that Cllr Ellwood be Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr Higgens. Cllr Ellwood indicated his willingness to stand for such election and was duly elected.

RESOLVED that the Chairman of the August Meeting be Cllr Page and would remain as such until the opening of the August meeting.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING

226.18 Cllr Higgens proposed that there should be no Vice-chairman for the Meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Wilson and unanimously carried. **RESOLVED that there would be no Vice-Chairman of the July Meeting.**

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

227.18 Cllr Ellwood declared a non-pecuniary interest as a neighbour in relation to planning application No 6/2018/0388 to be discussed later in the meeting. This was noted. There were no other declarations of interest.

POSTPONEMENT OF LESSER MATTERS TO AUGUST 2018 MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL:

228.18 Cllr Ellwood proposed that the item "Appointment of Councillors to Positions of Special Interest", in particular the matter of having a second Councillor on the planning panel, be further postponed to the September meeting. His proposal was seconded by Cllr Parker and carried unanimously. **RESOLVED that this matter be postponed for discussion and action until the August meeting of the Parish Council.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 08th MAY 2018

229.18 The Minutes, which had been previously circulated, were further reviewed and it was proposed by Cllr Ellwood that they were a fair and true record of the proceedings of the May Meeting of the Parish Council. Cllr Wilson seconded the motion. **RESOLVED that the draft Minutes for May 2018 be approved as a true and fair record of the May meeting of the Parish Council.**

MATTERS ARISING FROM MAY 2018 MEETING

230.18 Cllr Higgins referred to Minute No 135.18 and advised Members of another fire associated with the activities of the Swanage Railway. Members were aware of the fire and Cllr Ellwood reiterated the information given by him as a result of his meeting with the Railway Company.

231.18 Cllr Higgins referred to Minute No 136.18 and advised that the vacancy for a Councillor caused by the resignation of Mr Leslie Bugler had not yet been advertised. The Clerk advised that the vacancy had been reported to PDC and he was awaiting advice from the returning officer.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12th JUNE 2018

232.18 The Minutes, which had been previously circulated, were further reviewed and it was proposed by Cllr Page that they were a fair and true record of the proceedings of the June Meeting of the Parish Council. Cllr Parker seconded the motion. **RESOLVED that the draft Minutes for June 2018 be approved as a true and fair record of the June meeting of the Parish Council.**

MATTERS ARISING FROM JUNE 2018 MEETING

233.18 Cllr Page referred to Minute No 170.18 regarding the accident in Furzebrook Road. He asked if any signage had been ordered by DCC advising motorists to take care. The Clerk advised that he had received communication from Dorset Police on the morning of the August meeting that following investigation of the accident by the traffic division of the constabulary it had been decided to take no further action against either driver and that no recommendation for warning signage had been made to Dorset CC. The constabulary opined there was no need and the matter had been closed by them. Members noted the Clerk's report.

234.18 Cllr Ellwood reported that work on the ditch referred to in Minute No 189.18 had been satisfactorily completed by Dorset CC. Members noted his report.

235.18 Cllr Parker referred to Minute No 185.18 and asked about progress of Cllr Page organising an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council with Mr John Vine of Imerys with reference to the Environmental Project. Cllr Page referred her to the draft July minutes.

236.18 Cllr Parker referred to Minute No 192.18 and asked about progress regarding changing the Parish Council's insurance provider. The Clerk advised that the contract made with Zurich is for 3 years and would come up for review in May 2019.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10th JULY 2018

237.18 An insufficient number of Members present at the June meeting had been present at the July 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 July 2018 be reviewed during the September meeting of the Parish Council.

MATTERS ARISING FROM JULY 2018 MEETING

238.18 As the Minutes for July could not be approved as a true record of the meeting concerned, this item on the Agenda was not open for discussion.

PLANNING MATTERS:

Planning Applications

239.18 **6/2018/0388 - Furzeyground Open Pit, Furzebrook Road, Wareham** - Variation of conditions 3 & 15 of consent 6/1998/0002 to update the approved plan details and incorporate an internal haul road. This is to allow the extraction of Ball Clay to be completed providing an acceptable final landform and restoration which incorporates an internal haul route. Following examination of the proposals and discussion, Cllr Page proposed that the Parish Council should have no objection to the proposed development. His proposal was seconded by Cllr Higgens and unanimously agreed to. **RESOLVED** that the Church Knowle Parish Council has no objections to the proposal in Application No 6/2018/0388.

Planning Applications Received after Publication of Agenda

240.18 The Clerk advised the meeting that there were none.

Unlawful Developments

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

PAST PLANNING MATTERS

242.18 Members noted the progress of planning applications previously submitted and commented upon.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

243.18 No overgrowths were reported. No new defects were reported.

244.18 Cllr Page reported that he would speak to Cllr Cherry Brookes of DCC about funding and getting replacements for the missing aluminium fingers at East Creech and Cocknowle crossroads.

245.18 The Clerk reported that he had received an e-mail from a Parishioner congratulating the Parish Council for getting the Army to install new road closure warning signs. However, it was reported at the meeting that some of the "slides" on the new army road closure notice boards were missing. The Clerk would advise the MoD of the defects.

246.18 Cllrs Ellwood and Page reported on progress regarding the pavement obstruction in Church Knowle caused by on-pavement parking. It appeared that the problems had reduced as one person had given up driving and the other had moved from the village. Cllr Page suggested that Members remain vigilant of this problem to ensure the matter does not recur. Members agreed without vote.

247.18 Cllr Higgens suggested that it would be helpful to get community policemen to marshal traffic when accidents occur due to the considerable problems that occur in the Parish when the Wareham-Swanage road is closed. He suggested that the agreement between DCC and Dorset Police be reviewed and offered to act as liaison. Members agreed without vote.

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

248.18 Accounts 06th June, 2018 to c.o.b. 10th August, 2018 were reviewed and Cllr Parker proposed that they be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Page and carried, Cllr Higgens abstaining. **RESOLVED** that the accounts as presented are approved and that the Chairman of the meeting be authorised to sign them as such.

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

250.18 The Clerk reported on his investigations regarding changing the Council's deposit account currently held the Scottish Widows Bank which was not producing satisfactory interest dividend. He suggested that the Council transfer its funds currently held in that account to one similar to the "Playground Fund" held at Lloyd's Bank. This should achieve a better rate of interest. He also suggested that the Scottish Widows account should remain open with a minimum of £1.00p in it to maintain flexibility if Scottish Widows improved their interest rates. Members thanked him for the information and recommendation and Cllr Ellwood proposed that funds be transferred to such an account as recommended by the Clerk. Cllr Page seconded the proposal and the motion was carried. The Clerk advised he would bring the requisite forms for signature by the authorised signatories to the next meeting. **RESOLVED that the funds in Scottish Widows Account be transferred to a new account at Lloyds Bank whilst leaving the Scottish Widows account open.**

251.18 The matter regarding the PDC Land Fund was discussed again and Cllr advised that the matter would be placed on the September agenda.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

252.18 Cllr Page advised the meeting that he had spoken with Mr John Vine of Imerys regarding the financing, etc., of the Corfe River project. He also told the meeting that he, Cllr Edwards and representatives from the Environment Agency and Dorset Wildlife Trust would be taking a "river walk" on 17th August. He would report at the next meeting. Cllr Parker suggested the farmers and landowners be made aware of this and Cllr Page advised her that this was being arranged. Members noted his report.

CORRESPONDENCE

253.18 The Clerk reported on correspondence received. Relevant e-mails had been forwarded to Members but none came forward for discussion. His report was noted.

DAPTC LIAISON

254.18 Cllr Page had nothing to report.

OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS OF IMPORTANCE

255.18 Concern was raised by Cllr Parker about the length of time taken to drive an urgent case by car from Church Knowle to Bournemouth Hospital. The journey had taken one and a half hours and she felt that this was unsatisfactory. It was reason why she felt that the A&E unit at Poole should be kept open. This was noted by Members.

256.18 Cllr heard that formal objection to the closure of Poole General Hospital A&E Unit had been made by Corfe Castle and Langton Parish Councils. The Clerk, as a point of information, advised the meeting that Church Knowle Parish is on "the cusp" of the decision to take life-threatening emergencies to Dorset County A&E or Bournemouth when and if the Emergency A&E Unit at Poole closes. He had heard from a contact in Southwestern Ambulance Trust that it is likely that patients would be ambulanced to Dorchester which is closer in time and overall mileage than Bournemouth. Cllr Ellwood proposed, seconded by Cllr Parker, that Church Knowle PC send a similar letter to the Dorset Commissioning Group. The motion was carried unanimously. **RESOLVED that an objection to closure of Poole A&E be sent to the chairman of the Dorset Commissioning Group.**

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR JULY 2018 AGENDAS

257.18 The following were proposed for addition to the September agenda: Community Land Trust, July's Minutes & Matters Arising, Review of Councillors' Special Interests Duties and appointment of a second planning lead.

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

258.18 Cllr Higgins reported on the recent Three Parishes' Fête and proposed that the Council through the Chairman send a letter of thanks to Mr Chris Boone and his team for organising such a successful event. This was seconded by Cllr Ellwood who offered to liaise with Cllr Higgins. The motion was unanimously carried. **RESOLVED that the Council through the Chairman send a letter of thanks to Mr Chris Boone and his team for organising such a successful event.**

259.18 Cllr Higgins gave a report of a meeting on the proposed merging of Dorset Police with Devon & Cornwall Constabulary. The meeting noted his comments.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

260.18 There being no further business Cllr Ellwood gave his apologies in advance for his non-attendance at the September meeting due to vacation away from the area. He then closed the meeting at 9.50pm.