

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council  
held at Church Knowle Reading Room  
on Tuesday 08<sup>th</sup> January, 2019

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**PRESENT**

**Council Members:**

Cllr Mr Colin Page  
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Cllr Mrs Elisabeth (Billa) Edwards  
Cllr Mr Ian Hollard  
Cllr Mrs Jayne Wilson

**Clerk to the Council:**

Dr Alastair Wallace

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

Mr Michael Boyd - Arne Parishioner  
Mrs Abigail Boyd - Arne Parishioner  
Mr Richard Jennings - Arne Parishioner  
Mrs Sally Jennings - Arne Parishioner

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

001.19 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Higgens, Ellwood and Parker. Their apologies were accepted.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE JANUARY 2019 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

002.19 There being no Chairman of the Parish Council elected for the year, and because of the absence from the meeting of the current Chairman, the Clerk advised Members of the need to elect a chairman of the January meeting before further business. Cllr Wilson proposed that Cllr Hollard be Chairman for this meeting and until the February meeting and this was seconded by Cllr Edwards. Cllr Hollard indicated his willingness to stand for such election and was duly elected.

**RESOLVED that the Chairman of the January Meeting be Cllr Hollard and would remain as such until the opening of the February meeting.**

**ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE JANUARY 2019 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

003.19 Cllr Page proposed that there should be no Vice-chairman elected for this meeting. His proposal was seconded by Cllr Wilson and the motion carried. **RESOLVED that for the January 2019 meeting of the Parish Council there would be no Vice-chairman elected.**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

004.19 Cllr Edwards declared an interest in a "Past Planning" matter, being planning application No 6/2018/0320, which related to proposed developments at Barnston. Cllr Edwards advised the meeting that she had an interest as a neighbour. She had no pecuniary interests. The meeting noted her declaration.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

005.19 Mr Boyd, a resident of the Parish of Arne, had concerns about an apparent increase in commercial traffic associated with the Furzeyground clay pit operated by Imerys. He advised the meeting that the sizes of the lorries used by contractors appeared to have increased considerably (i.e 44 tonnes) and he was worried about the ability of the railway bridge at Furzebrook being able to cope bearing in mind it had a safe weight limit of 40 tonnes. Mr Boyd and his colleagues were concerned about lorry drivers using a local lay-by as an overnight parking area and wondered if the Parish Council could take the matter up with Imerys on the basis that the lorries concerned were attending sites within the Church Knowle Parish. General discussion ensued and Cllr Page advised the visiting parishioners and the meeting that there is an "Imerys Liaison Group" of which he represented the Parish Council at meetings. He explained that Imerys had no control over the lorry drivers once they were outwith the yard and that most of the problems seem to have been caused by continental lorries whose drivers contract to, or are employees of, Imerys' customers rather than Imerys themselves. Cllr Page explained he would take the matter up at the next liaison meeting. An issue regarding the drivers of lorries opening up the rear of lorries and sweeping/clearing clay, etc., from their beds onto roads

was then brought up by another of the Arne parishioners. It was explained that this was unlawful and could be render the driver open to court action. Cllr Wilson asked if the parishioners had taken the matter up wit Arne Parish Council or, indeed, the constabulary or Dorset County Council. She suggested that all the authorities could have an input into amending the behaviour of the lorry drivers concerned. Cllr Burt advised the meeting that as a retired Imerys employee, he knew of the facilities available for the lorry drivers at Furzebrook and these included lorry cleaning facilities, lavatories, showers, a cafeteria and rest facilities. There was no reason for the alleged behaviour; but he reiterated the comments from Members that once outwith the yard there was very little that Imerys could do to control behaviour of lorry drivers, especially those not employed by Imerys. Cllr Page informed the meeting that the Church Knowle boundary is at the Furzebrook Road railway bridge and it would be useful to get Arne to assist the parishioners, especially with regard to the lay-by concerned. Cllr Page informed the meeting that he would take the complaints up with the manager of the ball clay operation and suggest to him that perhaps Imerys could fund the installation of bollards by Dorset County Council to prevent access to the "lay-by" by HGVs.

006.19 There being no further public discussion, Cllr Hollard thanked the Arne parishioners for their attendance and led the meeting to the next matter on the agenda,

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

007.19 The Minutes, which had been previously circulated, were further reviewed. Cllr Edwards commented on a mis-typing of the letter "k" in "Blacksmith's" in Minute No 377.18 and this was duly corrected. Cllr Wilson proposed that the corrected Minutes presented would now be a true and fair record of the proceedings of the December Parish Council meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Edwards. Members were in unanimous agreement. **RESOLVED that the draft Minutes for December 2018 be approved as a true and fair record of that meeting of the Parish Council.**

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE DECEMBER 2018 MINUTES**

008.19 Cllr Page advised the meeting that he was in discussions to try and get further funding for the Environmental Project. (Minute No 384.18).

009.19 The Clerk advised the meeting he had been in contact with the webmaster to improve uploading of information onto the website. (Minute 388.18).

### **POSTPONEMENT OF LESSER MATTERS ON THIS AGENDA TO FEBRUARY 2019 MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

010.19 Cllr Page proposed that further discussions on the Environmental Project be postponed until the February meeting of the Parish Council when more information would be available. The Chairman was in agreement and Members voted to postpone discussion until February. **RESOLVED that further discussion on the matter be postponed until February meeting.**

### **PLANNING MATTERS**

#### **Planning Applications**

011.19 The Clerk reported that none had been received before the meeting. Members noted his report.

#### **Unlawful Developments**

012.19 No formal reports of possible unlawful developments in the Parish were made.

### **PAST PLANNING MATTERS**

013.19 Members noted results of recent applications and appeals made; these being reported by the Clerk as follows:.

6/2018/0602 – Willow Corner Church Knowle BH20 5NQ - Loft Conversion, to include raising ridge height of roof and creation of four new dormer windows and extending the existing porch. The application was approved by Purbeck District Council.

6/2018/0320 - Land at Barnstons Farm, Church Knowle, Wareham, BH20 5NX - Station six part-timber part canvas lodges. Application had yet to be determined by Purbeck District Council

6/2018/0489 - 3 Tyneham Road, Church Knowle, Wareham, BH20 5NN - Construct flat roofed rear dormer with Juliet balcony, plus insert roof-lights in front elevation. Construct front porch. Car port on side & decking area to rear. The application had yet to be determined by Purbeck District Council

6/2018/0388 - Furzeyground Open Pit, Furzebrook, Wareham, Dorset - 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 and providing an acceptable final landform and restoration which incorporates an internal haul route – Whilst the application had been approved by Purbeck DC there was no information from DCC as to its progress with that planning authority.

### **HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY**

014.19 Cllr Page reported that a broken tree branch was overhanging the Furzebrook Road close to a bend near Messrs Best's farm at East Creech. Cllr Burt advised the meeting that he would arrange for remedial action to be carried out.

015.19 Cllr Page reported that Tradewind Graphics would complete the printing and erection of the new direction fingers to the Barnston Cross finger post. Members noted his report.

016.19 The Clerk advised the meeting he had been in discussion with Dorset Highways about erecting a traffic advisory sign at Barnston Cross regarding the unsuitability of Bradle road for through traffic of HGVs. DCC had no budget heading this financial year for such signage. It was suggested by Cllr Wilson that perhaps the Parish Council could fund such signage. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries of DCC and report back at the February meeting on costs.

017.19 Cllr Burt reported on road drainage problems occurring in the area of Jubilee Cottage, East Creech. It was suggested that DCC Highways use camera investigation to ascertain if a new drain/culvert with greater diameter is required. Members noted his comments and the matter would be passed to Dorset Highways for appropriate action.

018.19 Cllr Page reported that the road surface at the edge of the tight bend at Cockknowle zig-zag is breaking down again despite earlier repair. The Clerk advised the matter would be passed to Dorset Highways for action.

### **FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

019.19 The Accounts for 08<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 to c.o.b. 04<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 were 2018 were reviewed and Cllr Edwards proposed that they be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Page and carried. **RESOLVED that the accounts as presented are approved and that the Chairman of the meeting be authorised to sign them as such.**

020.19 The invoices due for payment were presented and it was proposed by Cllr Edwards, 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.**

021.19 Storage of CKPC Archives, etc. was discussed and Cllr Page advised the meeting that they could be stored at Furzebrook Village Hall for a fee of £50.00p per annum. Cllr Wilkson was concerned that Cllr Page's offer did not have authority from the Furzebrook Village Hall Committee and further discussion ensued. The Clerk advised the meeting that an offer for storage had been forthcoming from the Reading Room management committee via Cllr Parker and Cllr Wilson proposed that the archives and documents currently stored at the Clerk's house be stored there on a temporary basis. The planning archives, currently held at Past-Councillor Bugler's house could remain there temporarily until further storage space is available at the Reading Room. Cllr Edwards seconded her proposal and the motion was carried. **RESOLVED that the archives and documents currently stored at the Clerk's house be stored there on a temporary basis and that the planning archives, currently held at Past-Councillor Bugler's house could remain there temporarily until further storage space is available at the Reading Room.**

### **CEMETERY**

022.19 The Clerk reported that Title Absolute of the Parish Cemetery is now held by the Church Knowle Parish Council. Members noted his report.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT**

023.19 Refer to Minute Number 010.19

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

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

025.19 No matters were brought forward.

## **ITEMS PROPOSED FOR FEBRUARY 2019 AGENDA**

026.19 Cllr Page reminded Members that the election of a new Parish Council takes place in May and all Members must retire and seek re-election or otherwise. He was concerned about general lack of interest in standing for election to parish councils. Cllr Page indicated that he may not stand for election in May and Cllr Hollard also indicated that the same may be the case with his position. The Parish Council was already one councillor short and at some meetings a quorum had only just been made. Cllr Page suggested the matter be put on February's agenda. This was unanimously agreed to without formal vote.

## **PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION**

027.19 Cllr Burt was concerned about wood and timber clearance by contractors at the herpetological nature reserve. There had been burning of wood causing serious smoke nuisance and it appeared to be carried out at times when it was unlikely that the local EHO was available to investigate. The tree felling has affected water flow. Members noted his concerns.

028.19 Cllr Wilson reported fly-tipping in the lay-by adjacent to the notice board in Grange Road. The Clerk advised he that he would report the matter to the Dorset Waste Partnership for action.

## **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

029.19 There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm