

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council  
held at Church Knowle Village Hall  
on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2018

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**PRESENT**

**Council Members:**

Cllr Mr Colin Page (In Chair at commencement)  
Cllr Mrs Jayne Wilson  
Cllr Mr Edward Ellwood  
Cllr Mrs Elisabeth (Billa) Edwards  
Cllr Mr Ian Hollard

**Clerk to the Council:**

Dr Alastair Wallace

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

Mrs Karthryn Best (Parishioner)

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

194.18 Apologies for absence at the meeting were received from Cllr Higgins who had requested dispensation for non-attendance due to urgent family business.

195.18 Apologies were also received and accepted from Cllrs Mr Derek Burt and Mrs Hazel Parker.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

196.18 Cllr Page (acting Chairman at this point) asked the Parishioner attending if she wished to bring any matters before the Council. Mrs Best stated that she was concerned about several motor vehicle drivers parking their cars on the pavement in Church Knowle with resulting partial or complete obstruction of the pavement. This behaviour caused pedestrians, those with children in "baby buggies" or pushchairs and wheelchair users having to leave the pavement and continue on the road thereby risking injury from collision with cars travelling on the road. The Clerk advised the meeting that the road through Church Knowle was narrow and subject only to the national speed limit of 60mph although Dorset County Council were investigating the possibility of reducing the speed limit to 30 or 20mph through the village. There was general discussion about the reduction in road width if drivers parked wholly on the road, but Members understood the concern about particular drivers parking on the pavement in such a way that the pavement be unacceptably obstructed resulting in increased risk to pedestrians, etc. The Clerk advised the meeting that whilst it was not an offence *per se* to park a vehicle on the pavement unless an order had been made by the highway authority prohibiting it, it was an offence to obstruct a footpath or to drive a motor vehicle on a footpath. The pavement is a footpath and the process of parking partly on the pavement would involve driving a vehicle (albeit a very short distance) on the footpath. Consequently, if reported to the police, the driver could be prosecuted. Cllrs Edwards and Wilson suggested that perhaps an order could be made such that on-pavement parking could be prohibited. Mrs Best pointed out that there were plenty of places in Church Knowle where vehicles could be safely and lawfully parked. This was agreed by Members although the Clerk pointed out whilst the parking spaces near the old rectory were part of the highway and designated as a parking area, the car park adjacent to the village hall was private property owned by the trust operating the village hall and permission would have to be sought from that committee otherwise there would be a possibility of trespass. Cllrs Page and Ellwood offered to identify those "parkers" concerned and discuss the problems caused by their behaviour in an effort to relieve the situation. Members and the Parishioner agreed this would be a good initial step. There was general discussion about parking of vehicles on pavements in Purbeck.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING**

197.18 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 July Meeting. Cllr Edwards proposed that Cllr Page be Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr Ellwood. Cllr Page indicated his willingness to stand for such election and was duly elected.

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

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING**

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

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

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

#### **SWANAGE RAILWAY LIAISON**

200.18 Cllr Ellwood asked the Meeting if item 16 of the Agenda could be brought forward to this stage of the Meeting as he had to leave for another appointment. The Chairman gave dispensation for this and a report from Cllr Ellwood on his meeting with Swanage Railway on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 was given. Members noted his report and Cllr Ellwood then left the Meeting.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO POSITIONS OF SPECIAL INTEREST**

201.18 It was proposed by Cllr Page, seconded by Cllr Edwards that this matter be postponed until the August meeting, there being now only four Councillors present. The Proposal was 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 08<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018**

202.18 An insufficient number of Members present at the July 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. The Chairman and Members agreed. **RESOLVED that the draft Minutes for May 2018 be reviewed during the July meeting of the Parish Council.**

#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM MAY 2018 MEETING**

203.18 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.

#### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018**

204.18 An insufficient number of Members present at the July 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. The Chairman and Members agreed. **RESOLVED that the draft Minutes for June 2018 be reviewed during the July meeting of the Parish Council.**

#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM JUNE 2018 MEETING**

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

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

206.18 Refer to Minutes 201.18, 202.18 and 204.18

#### **PLANNING MATTERS:**

##### **Planning Applications**

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

##### **Planning Applications Received after Publication of Agenda**

208.18 The Clerk advised the meeting that there were none.

## Unlawful Developments

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

## PAST PLANNING MATTERS

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

## HIGHWAYS MATTERS

211.18 Cllr Page reported that DCC had repaired the Furzebrook Road on either side of the railway bridge. Members noted his comments. He also commented that he had spoken to the DCC highways officer about the recent accident previously discussed at the June Parish Council meeting. As a point of information, the Clerk advised the Meeting that information given to him from Dorset Police was that the constabulary were taking no action against either driver and were not making any recommendations to the highway authority on road safety matters in the area of the accident. Members noted the information given.

## FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

212.18 The Annual Accounts of the Parish Council were presented and reviewed by Members. Cllr Edwards proposed they be accepted and approved and this was seconded by Cllr Page. The motion was carried unanimously. **RESOLVED that the accounts as presented are approved.**

213.18 Accounts 08<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 to c.o.b. 06<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 were reviewed and Cllr Page proposed that they be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Edwards 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.**

214.18 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.**

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

215.18 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 told the Meeting that the financing was for "conservation work" and that FWAG was not a conservation body. Cllr Page advised the meeting that it was suggested that FWAG should contact the Environment Agency and/or Wessex Water. Cllr Parker was not present to give her report.

## CORRESPONDENCE

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

## DAPTC LIAISON

217.18 Cllr Page reported that DAPTC had informed him that Purbeck District Council was holding approximately £910,000 made available by the Government for affordable housing in the district council's area. There was a possibility that this fund would be taken into the new Dorset Council's finances when PDC and other district councils' assets are subsumed by the new unitary authority. The Clerk advised the meeting that he would investigate the matter further and report at the August meeting of the Parish Council.

## OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS OF IMPORTANCE

218.18 Concern was raised about coaches being driven along Tyneham Road to access Kimmeridge and its museum, etc. Coaches are not permitted along this road unless specifically licensed to do so by DCC. The Clerk reported he had spoken with Dorset County Council who agreed to notify him, by e-mail, of licences issued. It was suggested that when Members see coaches going along the road, and Grange Road, that the identity of the operator, date and time of the incident be notified to the Clerk who will check the validity of any licence against the licence database.

## ITEMS PROPOSED FOR JULY 2018 AGENDAS

219.18 Refer to Minute Nos 201.18, 202.18, 204.18 and 217.18

**PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION**

220.18 There was no further discussion

**CLOSURE OF MEETING**

221.18 There being no further business Cllr Page closed the meeting at 8.45pm.