

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held at Furzebrook Village Hall
on Tuesday 09th October, 2018

PRESENT

Council Members:

Cllr Mr Colin Page
Cllr Mr Derek Burt (In Chair from Minute No 262.18)
Cllr Mrs Hazel Parker
Cllr Mrs Elisabeth (Billa) Edwards
Cllr Mr Edward Ellwood
Cllr Mrs Jayne Wilson

Clerk to the Council:

Dr Alastair Wallace

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

Miss Jennifer Barnard
Mr John Smith

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

294.18 Apologies for absence at the meeting were received from Cllr Mr Anthony Higgins, PDC Cllr Mr Malcolm Barnes and DCC Cllr Brooks.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

295.18 Cllr Page introduced Mr Smith to the Meeting indicating that Mr Smith had an interest in the workings of the Parish Council. Cllr Ellwood advised the Meeting that he had attended at least four meetings of the Parish Council before deciding that he would like to be a Parish Councillor and offering himself as a prospective Parish Councillor. The retiring Chairman asked if there were any other matters for public discussion before the business meeting of the Parish Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

296.18 There were no declarations made by Members present.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING

297.18 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 October Meeting. Cllr Edwards proposed that Cllr Page be Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr Higgins. Cllr Burt indicated his willingness to stand for such election and was duly elected.

RESOLVED that the Chairman of the October Meeting be Cllr Burt and would remain as such until the opening of the November meeting.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING

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

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO POSITIONS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

299.18 It was proposed by Cllr Burt, seconded by Cllr Edwards that the Special Interests positions held by Members before the May 2018 meeting be continued with and that the function of Lead Councillor with regard to Planning Matters be held by two Members. The Proposal was carried unanimously. **RESOLVED that the current positions held by Members since the May 2018 meeting be continued.**

300.18 Cllr Burt proposed that Cllr Ellwood act as a Lead Councillor with regard to planning matters. This was seconded by Cllr Parker. Cllr Ellwood had no objection to himself being appointed to that position. **RESOLVED that Cllr Edward Ellwood hold the position of Lead Councillor (Planning Matters) until the May 2019 meeting of the Parish Council.**

301.18 Cllr Edwards proposed that Cllr Page act as second Lead Councillor with regard to planning matters. This was seconded by Cllr Ellwood. Cllr Page had no objection to himself being appointed to that position. **RESOLVED that Cllr Edward Page hold the position of a Lead Councillor (Planning Matters) until the May 2019 meeting of the Parish Council.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10th JULY 2018

302.18 The Minutes, which had been previously circulated, were further reviewed. Cllr Page proposed that the Minutes presented would be a true and fair record of the proceedings of the July Parish Council meeting. **RESOLVED that the draft Minutes for July 2018 be approved as a true and fair record of the July meeting of the Parish Council.**

MATTERS ARISING FROM JULY 2018 MEETING

303.18 Cllr Wilson referred to Minute No 196.18 and enquired about the matter regarding the parking of vehicles on the pavement in Church Knowle. Cllr Page advised that the problem had abated.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11th SEPTEMBER 2018

304.18 An insufficient number of Members present at the October meeting had been present at the September 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 November meeting of the Parish Council. His proposal was seconded by Cllr Page. **RESOLVED that the draft Minutes for September 2018 be reviewed during the November meeting of the Parish Council.**

MATTERS ARISING FROM SEPTEMBER 2018 MEETING

305.18 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.

POSTPONEMENT OF MATTERS TO NOVEMBER 2018 MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL:

306.18 No proposals were made at this time in the proceedings to have matters deferred from the Agenda until the November meeting of the Parish Council.

PLANNING MATTERS:

Planning Applications

307.18 The Clerk advised the meeting that there were none.

Unlawful Developments

308.18 Cllr Burt advised the Meeting that he had been in discussion with the occupier of land which had been discussed during the November 2018. He advised that he was satisfied that no unlawful development was taking place having regard to the evidence given him by the occupier. He proposed that no further action should be taken by the Parish Council at this time and this was seconded by Cllr Parker. **RESOLVED that the Parish Council takes no further action at this time.**

PAST PLANNING MATTERS

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

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 – **Approved by Purbeck DC but still not yet Determined by Dorset County Council**

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- 310.18 No new overgrowths were reported. It was reported by several Members that there had been extensive hedge-cutting and road overgrowth clearance in the Parish, and in particular in the Creech area. Members were congratulatory of the farmers concerned.
- 311.18 New defects were reported. The road surface opposite "Keeper's Cottage", East Creech was reported as collapsing at its shoulder and a pot-hole under a tree on the road close to "Hawk's Post opposite Cotness Cottages between East Creech and Cotness was increasing in size and was also causing concern. The Clerk advised the matter would be reported to Dorset County Council for action.
- 312.18 Cllr Parker reported on the completion of work by Dorset County Council's highways division in repairing the bridge at Glebe. Cllr Parker suggested that the DCC be contacted to express the Parish Council's appreciation of the work carried out despite the bridge being outwith the Parish of Church Knowle and in a neighbouring parish. Members unanimously agreed and the Clerk advised he would write accordingly to the head of department.
- 313.18 Cllr Page reported on completion of drainage work and repairs at Green Pond. Members noted his report.
- 314.18 Cllr Page reported that the highways' engineer who had been dealing with the successful repairs, etc., of the road defects in the Parish was leaving her current position with DCC highways division. Members noted his comments with some disappointment.
- 315.18 Cllr Page reported that he had not yet managed to speak to Cllr Cherry Brookes of DCC about funding and getting replacements for the missing aluminium fingers at East Creech and Cocknowle crossroads. He discussed the wording and mileages to be used and it was decided as follows for Cocknowle Fingerpost: Stoborough 4, Wareham 5, and for East Creech Triangle: East Creech ¼.

CEMETERY MATTERS

- 316.18 The Clerk reported that he had applied to the Land Registry for Title Absolute on behalf of the Parish Council

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 317.18 Accounts for 8th September, 2018 to c.o.b. 05th October, 2018 were reviewed and Cllr Parker proposed that they be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Ellwood and carried. **RESOLVED that the accounts as presented are approved and that the Chairman of the meeting be authorised to sign them as such.**
- 318.18 The invoices due for payment were presented and it was proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Ellwood that cheques for their payment to creditors be duly validated and invoices paid. **RESOLVED that the invoices and fees as presented be paid.**
- 319.18 The Meeting discussed the difficulty of the Clerk in being unable to copy or take various documents held by Lloyds Bank to further the Council's application for Title Absolute of the cemetery. Cllr Wilson proposed that a letter be sent to Lloyds Bank authorising the bank to permit the Clerk to inspect, copy and remove, if necessary, documents held by the bank in secure storage for the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Ellwood and unanimously carried. **RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Lloyds Bank authorising the bank to permit the Clerk to inspect, copy and remove, if necessary, documents held by the bank in secure storage for the Parish Council.**
- 320.18 The Clerk reported that Lloyd's Bank still held some past Councillors on its list of "Authorised Signatories" on the Council's bank accounts despite past correspondence with the bank asking for their removal. He produced new forms from the bank adding Cllr Ellwood and Cllr Edwards to the list of "authorised Signatories" and removing ex-councillors Bailey, Best and Bugler from the list. Members signed the forms.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

- 321.18 Cllr Page advised the meeting that Councillors Parker and Edwards were unable to attend the Corfe River walk. However, he reported he attended and had provided Members with a synopsis of the event and what was agreed during the meeting. He reported further and Cllr Edwards expressed concern that the project had not yet begun. She suggested that a public meeting be arranged in November to possibly include representatives from the Environment Agency, Dorset Wildlife Trust, Arne PC, National Trust, FWAG and CKPC. She also suggested that members of the public attending could bring old historic photographs of the upper reaches of the Corfe to the meeting. Members unanimously agreed to her suggestions and Cllr Parker

offered to provide the venue. Cllr Edwards also agreed to write an advertisement for Corfe Valley News for the meeting. This, again, was unanimously agreed to by Members without vote..

CORRESPONDENCE

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

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323.18 Cllr Page had nothing to report.

OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS OF IMPORTANCE

324.18 No items were discussed..

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR NOVEMBER 2018 AGENDA

325.18 The following were proposed for addition to the October agenda: September's Minutes & Matters Arising, report from Cllr Page on finger post repairs.

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

326.18 Cllr Parker suggested that perhaps the Parish Council could obtain one of the WW1 Soldier silhouettes which are appearing in public areas to "celebrate" the centenary of the end of WW1. She proposed that the Council should purchase one if the price is affordable given the size of the Parish precept. This was seconded by Cllr Page. All Members were in agreement and the Clerk advised the Meeting he would make enquiries and report by e-mail to Members as to the cost. If Members were in agreement he would order one.

327.18 Cllr Page reported that Church Knowle village had won Third Prize in the Dorset Best Kept Villages 2018 competition and that £50 in prize money would be forthcoming. The Third Prize plaque would be affixed in one of the public buildings. Members noted his news.

328.18 Cllr Page gave an update on the progress of the Church Knowle Community Land Trust. The Chairman of The Langton Matravers CLT was assisting in its formation. Members noted his report.

329.18 Cllr Wilson reported on a recent serious heath fire at Furzebrook thought to have been caused by sparks from Swanage Railway (SR) locomotives. Cllr Ellwood advised the Meeting that he had asked SR for information on the matter and had been told that it was not an SR train but a "special" run by another company that was thought to have caused the problem. Cllr Page told the Meeting that a Swanage Railway Liaison Committee meeting was to be held on 19th October and suggested that one of CKPC's councillors should attend. This was unanimously agreed. Following a general discussion on the fires, the Clerk advised Members of the responsibilities of SR under the Health & Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and subsidiary associated legislation whether or not the train was a "special" from another company or one of their own. He suggested that he would take the matter up with the health & safety division of the Office of Railway Regulation (the successors to the Railway Inspectorate of the Health & Safety Executive) if Members wished him to do so. Members agreed to his suggestion.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

330.18 There being no further business Cllr Burt closed the meeting at 9.09pm.