

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held at Furzebrook Village Hall
on Tuesday 12th November, 2019

PRESENT

Council Members:

Cllr Mrs Hazel Parker [HP]
Cllr Mrs Jayne Wilson [JW]
Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Edwards [BE]
Cllr Mr Derek Burt [DB]
Cllr Mr Anthony Higgens (In Chair) [AH]

Clerk to the Council:

Dr Alastair Wallace

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

Cllr Mrs Cherry Brooks [CB] (Dorset Council [DC])

REMBRANCE OF THE LATE LESLIE BUGLER

323.19 Cllr Higgens reported on the recent death, after a long illness, of Past-councillor Mr Leslie Bugler. Those attending the Meeting stood for a period of Remembrance of Mr Bugler's life and service to the community and Parish of Church Knowle. Following the period of silent reflection the Council and others attending resumed their seats and were informed of the date, venue and time of Mr Bugler's funeral; 29th November 2019 at 11:00am at Broadstone.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

324.19 No apologies for absence were received but Cllr Higgens had given notice that he may be late arriving for the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL – (Current Meeting)

325.19 Cllr Wilson declared an interest as neighbour in relation to planning application 6/2019/0427

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

326.19 The Meeting was informed of a recent illness of Past-councillor Mr Colin Page. It was reported that Mr Page was recovering well and that a "Get Well Card" had been sent by one of the Members on behalf of the Parish Council. Members noted the information.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING

327.19 AH agreed to continue as Chairman of the Parish Council until January 2019. He also advised Members that it was likely he may not be able to attend the December meeting. Members noted his comments.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

328.19 AH proposed that a Vice-chairman be elected for the meeting. He proposed that Cllr Parker be elected as VC This was seconded by JW and unanimously agreed to. HP accepted and was therefore elected as Vice-chairman. **RESOLVED that Cllr Hazel Parker be appointed to the position of Vice-chairman for the period until the January meeting of the Parish Council.**

NOTIFICATION OF COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

329.19 The Clerk advised he had informed Dorset Council of the vacancies caused by resignation and retirements of Members of the Parish Council.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 08th OCTOBER 2019

330.19 The Clerk presented the draft Minutes of the October meeting of the Parish Council having previously distributed them by electronic means to each Parish Councillor. Following correction of a statement by Dorset Cllr Brooks (Draft Minute No 304.19) BE proposed that subject to the aforementioned correction the October Minutes be accepted as a true record of the proceedings of the October Parish Council meeting. Her proposal was seconded by HP and the motion unanimously carried. **RESOLVED that the corrected draft Minutes for the October meeting of the Parish Council 2019 be approved and accepted as a true record of the proceedings of the Parish Council's October Meeting.**

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 08TH OCTOBER 2019 MINUTES

331.19 AH asked if there had been any progress in resolving the matter of the unrepaired pothole at Glebe. The Clerk reported he had again been in contact with SSE Contracting who appeared to have been responsible for the poor workmanship in filling a roadworks hole. It was suggested that Dorset Highways could do the work and this would be reported to "Highways".

332.19 DB reported on continuing flooding at East Creech which he felt was due to possible collapsed or blocked culvert causing the gullies to overflow at periods of rain. He suggested that a TV survey be carried out. Cllr Brooks suggested she would try and expedite the matter..

POSTPONEMENT OF LESSER MATTERS ON THIS AGENDA TO DECEMBER 2019 MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

333.19 There were no postponements suggested at this time.

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications

334.19 **TWA/2019/221 – Tree Works at Long Ground Cottages, Church Knowle** – DB reported on proposed work which appeared to be basic maintenance. He suggested that the Council have no objection to the work proposed. His proposal was seconded by JW and was unanimously agreed to. **RESOLVED: that the Parish Council has no objection to the work proposed.**

334.19 **6/2019/0427 – Pine Trees Farm, Creech Bottom, Grange Road - Raise roof height and erect first floor side extension with balcony. Erect single storey extension on South East elevation.** JW again declared an interest as an occupier of neighbouring land. Her interest was noted and she took no part in the vote on motions. There was some discussion over the period of time between original submission to the planning authority by the applicant and the date received by the Parish Council whereby CKPC was also given minimum time to be able to comment on the proposals given that its meeting (Nov 12th) was a day after comments had to be received. CB advised the Meeting that the time allowance for "turn round" given by Dorset Council is 21 days as against 28 days as given by defunct Purbeck DC. HP felt that the proposals amounted to an over-development. AH informed the Meeting that whilst, technically, part of the property was within the boundary of Church Knowle parish, the development was in Arne parish. Following examination of the plans it was proposed by AH that as the buildings are outwith the parish of Church Knowle it is not within the remit of the Parish Council to comment. The Church Knowle Parish Council has no grounds for objection but comments that the development would be visible from the Purbeck Way. His proposal was seconded by HP and unanimously carried. **RESOLVED that as the buildings are outwith the parish of Church Knowle it is not within the remit of the Parish Council to comment. The Church Knowle Parish Council has no grounds for objection but comments that the development would be visible from the Purbeck Way.**

PAST PLANNING MATTERS

335.19 There were no past planning matters to be dealt with.

Unlawful Developments

336.19 It was reported that there appeared to be an unauthorised habitation of a caravan at Creech Bottom. There was some discussion about the lawfulness of use of caravans associated with residential properties and a Member commented that "caravans are popping up everywhere". There was then discussion about unaffordability of "affordable homes". CB advised Members of the planning law regarding caravans and their usage. Members noted her points of information.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- 337.19 No overgrowths were reported.
- 338.19 AW reported on a meeting with the owner of Tradewind Graphics Ltd who had produced the direction “fingers” which had failed. As a result of his discussions the owner would attend the December meeting to discuss what could be done to resolve the problems. Members noted the Clerk’s report. BE suggested that the Council for the Protection of Rural England may be able to fund replacement of “fingers” and replace posts if necessary with traditional materials. The Clerk advised the Meeting he would be in contact with the CPRE to see what could be done.
- 339.19 CB advised the Meeting that the results of a traffic survey in Church Knowle gave insufficient evidence for the need of a speed limit through Church Knowle village. It is, therefore, unlikely that a speed limit order would be made for Church Knowle or East Creech. There was then general discussion about speed limits throughout Purbeck and it was suggested that another survey be carried out during the summer months when there was a higher volume of traffic. CB noted the Parish Council’s concerns but also advised that if CKPC requested such a survey, CKPC would have to fund it.
- 340.19 AW advised the Meeting that the current Scottish & Southern Electric contract with CKPC to supply power to the street lamp had ended and that SSE were now charging on a commercial “power used” tariff rather than annual charge; a contract which no longer exists. He advised that this would increase costs. BE suggested that alternative power supplies (eg solar power, etc) be considered. The Clerk advised he would look into the matter.
- 341.19 There was discussion about the re-routing of the Charmswell footpath and AH explained the change and reported on footpaths around the area. AH reported he had spoken with the “Definitive Map Officer” at Dorset Council and reported on the re-routing concerned. The revised route would still necessitate negotiating a very steep gradient and the use of a Permissive footpath across grazing land would be a preferable option. BE proposed that there should be no objection from the Parish Council and this was seconded by HP. **RESOLVED that the Church Knowle Parish Council had no objection to the re-routing of the Charmswell Footpath by Dorset Council as laid down in the Order submitted.**

CEMETERY MATTERS

- 342.19 HP advised the meeting that she was awaiting further reply from the diocese and would report again at December’s meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

- 343.19 Members noted DWT’s e-mail from Steve Oliver (Rivers Officer) asking if CKPC had any objections to Corfe River work being carried out in Corfe Castle Parish. Council affirmed they had no objection. BE reported on her meeting with Imerys when a representative from Bournemouth University had been in attendance. Coppicing had continued at Killwood and a bridge had been installed over the Tollbar Stream. There was general discussion about lack of information about DWT’s plans as requested at the September meeting. The Clerk would make further contact with DWT to request the information.

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 344.19 The Accounts from 05th October, 2019 to c.o.b. 08th November, 2019 were reviewed and BE proposed that they be accepted. Her proposal was seconded by JW and carried. **RESOLVED that the accounts as presented are approved and that the Chairman of the meeting be authorised to sign them as such.**
- 345.19 The invoices due for payment were presented and it was proposed by HP that they should be paid and the cheques for their payment to creditors be duly validated. Her proposal was seconded by AH. The motion was carried. **RESOLVED that the invoices and fees as presented be paid.**
- 346.19 HP and JW reported that enquires were continuing for the provision of a container to hold the archives. Both she and JW were investigating prices and costs of installation of a 8’ X 12’ office-type cabin. Several suppliers had been contacted. There was general discussion and AW reminded Members of the need to use the “Best Value” system for local government purchases. Investigations will be made as to whether or not planning permission was required for such a building even though of “temporary” nature.
- 347.18 AW reported the Parish Council had received a gift of £250.00p by BACS for the Playground Fund from Mrs Stoner. She had advised the Clerk she did not require formal thanks. Members thanked her for her kind gift.

PLAYGROUND FURNITURE

348.19 AH reported that he had investigated a half-round seat for the playground. DB had suggested Smedmore Joinery be contacted. AW advised that any purchase over £150.00p would require tendering. It was decided to put further discussion off until January.

CORRESPONDENCE

349.19 The Clerk reported on correspondence received. There had been none of significant importance for discussion.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR DECEMBER 2019 AGENDA

350.19 The following additional items were suggested for discussion at the December 2019 meeting:

- Councillor Recruitment
- CK Street Lamp Contract
- Update on DWT
- Fingerposts
- Future Playground & Playing Field Maintenance
- 4 X 4 Damage to BOAT and Unclassified West Hill Road

OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS OF IMPORTANCE

351.19 There were no further items discussed at this point.

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

352.19 HP reported on 4X4 and Sports-Utility vehicles being used on the BOAT in Corfe Castle parish. She asked about the possibility of closure of the BOAT if damage is being done and how to contact SUV sports organisers.

353.19 AH commented on road markings along Furzebrook Road becoming worn and difficult to see between the Furzebrook Roundabout and Furzebrook Village Hall..

CLOSURE OF MEETING

354.19 There being no further business, AH closed the meeting. The Clerk told those present the next meeting of the Parish Council would be at the Furzebrook Village Hall on 10th December 2019.