

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held outside at New Inn Church Knowle to comply with Covid Regulations
on Tuesday 25th May, 2021

PRESENT

Council Members:

Cllr Mrs Hazel Parker [HP] (In Chair)
Cllr Mr Anthony Higgins [AH]
Cllr Mr Howard Fry [HF]
Cllr Mrs Deborah Evans [DE]
Cllr Mrs Billa Edwards [BE]
Cllr Mrs Jayne Wilson [JW] (Vice Chair)
Cllr Mr Derek Burt

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

Mr Rob Canley
Mr Colin Page
Mr Tom Smith
Mr John Smith

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

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

None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

John Smith and his son Tom Smith gave an explanation of the activities at Withy Lakes that had given cause for concern, brought up at previous Council meetings, that unlawful development and the running of an educational establishment was taking place.

John Smith explained that Tom had previous experience with programs for children with special educational needs and that he was registered with the Dorset and Bournemouth Councils. His intention is to provide a program for these children at Withy Lakes. The children will be taken on an individual basis, it is not a school. To date he has had no children referred.

In order to facilitate the program a wooden cabin has been built, which while reasonably substantial is deconstructable and not on hard foundations so does not need planning permission.

The scheme is at a preliminary stage and should it prove successful then the Smiths intent to apply for full planning.

The Smiths also say that they have applied for planning permission for a self-build affordable house and that Morgan-Carey Architects are consulting.

The council raised several objections and observations:

- They have a website implying that they are actually operating [HP]
- If they are to teach cookery they will need the proper Environmental Health certification [HP]
- The property at present has an agricultural tie [HF]
- It cannot be possible to submit a planning application for a residential property on land that is currently categorised as agricultural [HP]

RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Parker advised the meeting that she was prepared to continue as Chairman until the next meeting. This was accepted by Members. None of the Councillors was prepared to take on the role of Chairman for the year and it was agreed that the Clerk would draw up a rota for the position, at each meeting, of Chairman and Vice Chairman. It should be noted that one of the functions of the Chairman is to have the casting vote in the event of a split decision.

Action: Clerk.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON 30th APRIL 2021

The minutes which had been previously circulated were read. Cllr Higgins proposed that they should be accepted as a true record of the proceedings and his proposal was seconded by Cllr Evans. The minutes were duly approved in a unanimous vote.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 30th APRIL 2021 MEETING

Finger Posts:

The Clerk advised that he had contacted the grant awarding bodies and that there was no time limit that had to be met in order to obtain a grant. The only grant available is from the Campaign for the Preservation of Rural England (CPRE) and that they will award up to £200 per post. Funding from the County Council had been put into subsidising various suppliers and component manufacturers for the refurbishment of these posts and was not available directly.

It was agreed that the Clerk in liaison with BE would identify and survey the Finger Posts in the Parish drawing up a schedule of the work required in order that quotes could be obtained for the work. There is an extensive specification produced by Dorset Council for these Finger Posts and this will form the basis for the refurbishment work.

Action: Clerk and BE

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications

06/2021/0033 Mr. D, Smith Icen Barrow, Grange Road BH20 5DG

Various extensions and alterations including reforming the roof, inserting roof lights, inserting glazing in the gables and constructing an enclosed balcony.

The Council examined the drawings and objected to the proposal on the grounds that the proposed second and top floor modifications were inappropriate in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The decision was unanimous.

06/2021/0102 Mr. Will Griffiths Puddlemill Cottage, Bradle BH20 5NU

Replace and alter existing windows, replace timber cladding to main elevations with natural stone, reconfigure roofs of existing modern flat roof rear extensions and clad in larch boarding. Increase pitch of porch roof.

The council judged the proposed work to be an improvement to the building and there was no objection. The decision was unanimous.

Planning Applications Received after Publication of Agenda

The Clerk advised the meeting that none had been received

Unlawful Developments

Mr. John Smith stated that a planning application had been made at Withy Lakes.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

033.21 It was agreed that a detailed discussion of a speed limit for Church Knowle would be deferred until the next meeting and that the clerk would write to the County Highways Department for details of the procedure required to put a speed limit in place.

Action: Clerk to write to Dorset Council

It was noted that single street lamp outside the New Inn is the subject of a maintenance contract with SSE and costs the Council in the order of £800 a year. The Council is of the opinion that this does not provide value for the community and that this contract with SSE should not be renewed when it expires.

It was noted that the footway is well served with a handrail and that there would be little effect on pedestrian safety. The

Public consultation on the extinguishing of this light will be sought through the Corfe Valley News. In the event that the light is to remain the Council will explore other more economical ways of providing illumination.

There are some very effective responsive lights that only come on when a pedestrian is on the footway. The advantages of Dark Skies and seeing the night sky were agreed by the Council.

ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 21 JANUARY 2021 TO 20 APRIL 2021

The accounts were examined and approved. Proposed by AH, seconded by JW.

SETTLEMENT OF INVOICES PAYABLE AT THE MEETING

The Chairman presented the invoices payable. These were examined. AH proposed the invoices should be accepted and paid. This was seconded by JW and duly paid following unanimous vote by the Members.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting date was not decided upon but it was agreed that regular meetings would resume as soon as regulations allowed.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 16:50hr.

