

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council
held in the Church Knowle Village Hall
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 10th August, 2021

PRESENT

Council Members:

Cllr Mr Derek Burt [DB] (in Chair)
Cllr Mrs Hazel Parker [HP] (Vice Chair)
Cllr Mrs Billa Edwards [BE]
Cllr Mrs Deborah Evans [DE]
Cllr Mrs Jayne Wilson [JW]

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

C. K Parishioners & Members of the public:

Mrs Susan Lewis
Mr Lawrence Homer
Mrs Karen Homer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

076.21 Cllrs Howard Fry and Tony Higgens gave their apologies for non-attendance.

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

077.21 None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

078.21 A representation was made by Mr and Mrs Homer about the state of the footpaths and associated structures ie bridges, stiles and steps within the parish, some of which are in dangerous state of disrepair. It was agreed that these footpaths should be put back into good order and that the Council would address this.

Action: Clerk to obtain map of footpaths and ascertain responsibility for their maintenance.

RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN

079.21 Cllr Parker proposed that the Cllr Burt remain as Chairman and that she would remain as Vice Chairman. Both accepted the posts and the motion to appoint them was passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13th JULY 2021

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 13th JULY 2021 MEETING

081.21 The Boating Lake at Cotness and Associated Activity:

Cllr Burt reported that he had told by the owner that Cumulus Outdoors have to vacate the site by 31st August.

MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27th JULY 2021

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

083.21 The submission made to Dorset Council arising from the Extraordinary Meeting that was prepared by the clerk in collaboration with the Chairman and the Vice-chairman was read and the vote for its approval was carried with 4 in favour and 1 abstention [DE].

084.21 The engagement of a specialist Planning Consultant to advise and assist with the preparation of the submission was approved with 4 in favour and 1 abstention [DE].

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications

085.21 **6/2021/0237 – Construct workshop – Construct blockwork wall. (Swallow Cottage, Grange road BH20 5AL).**

The drawing were inspected by the Council but were found to be insufficiently clear to assess the proposed work.

Unlawful Developments

None

Planning Applications Received after Publication of Agenda

The Clerk advised the meeting that none had been received.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

086.21 **Fingerpost Renewal**

The Clerk reported that Roger Bond of the AONB Fingerpost Project was still researching the details of the original fingerposts but had not got back to him yet. The Clerk said that he had written to Imrys, Biotrack and Perenco inviting external funding help as per minute 060.21 and showed the letter sent to the Council. However no replies or acknowledgements have so far been received.

087.21 **Speeding**

Cllr Higgins reported that two speed monitoring devices had been installed as per minute 080.21. The peak holiday traffic activity would be at the Bank Holiday and these devices should record this as a worst case. A discussion ensued about a general speed limit and it was noted that there is blanket speed limit in the New Forest.

088.21 **Parking and Other Road Traffic Considerations**

There was a discussion about the problems of random holiday parking in Church Knowle obstructing the flow of traffic and in some cases residents' accesses. It was agreed that this was an on-going problem but there was no obvious or workable solution to it at present.

089.21 **Sign at Bradle**

It was reported that the land owner at Bradle had put up his own sign warning large vehicles and holiday traffic of the folly of following their GPS up this impassible farm track. This has so far proved remarkably effective and so is no longer regarded as a priority for any action by the Council.

THE GRAVEYARD

090.21 **Approval of Memorials**

There have been no new applications or actions.

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 091.21 The Clerk reported that the street light outside of the New Inn would be disconnected at the end of August. The Council's column in the Corfe Valley News would note this for the second month running as part of the public consultation.
- 092.21 The Clerk's remuneration was agreed at £475 a month based on 30 hours at the calculated national pay scale. The clerk prepared to leave the meeting but the Chairman said that this was not necessary as it was agreed that no debate was required. The motion was proposed by HP, seconded by JW and passed unanimously.
- 093.21 The query on the legal cover in the insurance proposal raised in minute 065.21 had been addressed and was found to be satisfactory as it is covered in S9 of the policy up to a limit of £1,000,000. The Council now has Insurance Cover until 13th August 2022.

ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 13th JULY 2021 TO 10th AUGUST 2021

- 094.21 The accounts were examined and approved. Proposed by BE, seconded by HP.

SETTLEMENT OF INVOICES PAYABLE AT THE MEETING

- 095.21 The Chairman and Clerk presented the invoices payable. These were examined. BE proposed the invoices should be accepted and paid. This was seconded by HP and they were duly paid following unanimous vote by the Members.

COMMEMORATIVE BENCH

- 096.21 The Council has already resolved that it would like to provide a commemorative seat for Les Bugler and it was decided that a hardwood, possibly Iroko, seat would provide quality and longevity. The Council agreed that a tree seat around a new English Oak planted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative would be ideal and it was agreed that details of a suitable seat would be researched and presented at the next meeting.

Action: Cllr Higgins – research suitable hardwood tree seat and costs

THE QUEENS GREEN CANOPY PLATINUM JUBILEE INITIATIVE

- 097.21 Cllr Evans reported that she had sought community ideas and support for the Queen's Green Canopy initiative, that the response was positive and suggestions so far had included a permanent Christmas Tree outside of the Reading Room, planting a Community Wood and a hedgerow in the cemetery. It was noted that what ever was done under this initiative had to be accessible by the public. It was suggested that Margaret Green Animal Rescue be contacted to see if they would be willing to let some of their land be used for a Green Canopy project.

The maintenance of any planting must be a consideration for this project and it was suggested that for this reason single trees should be favoured over hedging. Cllr Evans said that she would make the applications for any trees and plants that were being made available as part of the Green Canopy initiative. Cllr Evans said that she would write a piece for the Corfe Valley News and would continue with community engagement. It was agreed that this was an on-going project that had the full support of the Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 098.21 The Clerk reported that a request for funding assistance for a Defibrillator at the Blue Pool had been received. The Council agreed that it would not assist in funding this.
- 099.21 The Clerk reported that a request to view the Parish Council archives had been received from Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kavanagh to research a footpath. HP said that the Kavanaghs had brought this a couple of years ago

and had researched the archives then. A new search was unlikely to reveal anything new. The clerk said that he would contact the Kavanaghs and arrange that they could access the archives next time he accessed them.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2021 AGENDA

100.21 The following additional items were suggested for discussion at the September meeting in addition to the standard and on-going agenda items:

- Footpaths – Maintenance and renewal of dilapidated structures.
- Number of Parish Councillors – Should we have more?

PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION

101.21 Cllr Wilson suggested that the pre-Covid practice of rotating the meetings through the various halls in the Parish be reinstated and that a contact telephone list of the Councillors be brought up to date and distributed to the Council.

Cllr Evans suggested that the invitation to attend the meetings in the formal announcement, summons and Agenda include a clearer invitation to members for the public. This was agreed and the clerk undertook to amend the preamble to the agenda to include a clear invitation.

102.21 Cllr Parker said that the status of the Corfe Valley Learning establishment at Withy Lakes was still unresolved and few if any of the concerns raised by the Council and others over the past months had been satisfactorily dealt with or resolved.

Action: Clerk to contact Dorset Council Children's Services seeking confirmation that all the checks and regulatory requirements are in place for an establishment and personnel working with vulnerable young children.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

103.21 It was agreed that the next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council would be held at the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 14th September at 6-30pm

104.21 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:50hr