

Minutes of a meeting of Church Knowle Parish Council  
held in the Church Knowle Village Hall  
at 6:30pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2021

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**PRESENT**

**Council Members:**

Cllr Mr Derek Burt [DB] (in Chair)  
Cllr Mrs Deborah Evans [DE] (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Billa Edwards [BE]  
Cllr Mr Howard Fry [HF]  
Cllr Mr Colin Page [CP] (co-opted at this meeting)

**Clerk to the Parish Council:**

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

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

Mr Matthew Jones [MJ].

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

135.21 Cllrs Hazel Parker and Jayne Wilson gave their apologies for non-attendance.

**CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER**

136.21 The Clerk has received an application to join the Council from Mr. Colin Page who was present. The Council voted unanimously to co-opt Mr. Page who had served on the Council before and been a very useful member. Mr. Page moved from the public seating and joined the Council.

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

137.21 None.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

138.21 The Chairman asked if anyone was recording the meeting and it was established that no recording was taking place.

139.21 Mr. Matthew Jones of the Blue Pool introduced himself and asked that the Council reconsider contributing to the installation of a defibrillator at or near the Blue Pool. The Blue Pool is in discussions with the Park Run organisation about establishing a Park Run that starts and ends at the Blue Pool. Park Run require that a defibrillator be available on the run or very near to it. The proposed defibrillator would be accessible by the public 24 hours a day and it would provide a valuable emergency resource to: The Blue Pool, The Purbeck Way and The (proposed) Park Run.

Cllr Page said that the Furzebrook Village Hall was planning a defibrillator and it was probable that a site could be selected that would meet the requirements of both the Blue Pool Park Run and the Village Hall. It was arranged that Mr Jones would liaise with Cllr Page who serves on the Village Hall Committee with a view to selecting a site and perhaps sharing the funding of the defibrillator.

**RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN**

140.21 Since the present Chairman Cllr Parker was unable to attend the meeting Cllr Burt offered to take the chair and Cllr Evans offered to be Vice Chairman. The motion to appoint them was passed unanimously.

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

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

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 MEETING**

142.21 **No matters arising.**

### **PLANNING MATTERS**

#### **Planning Applications**

143.21 **6/2021/0298 – Garage Conversion, external deck and internal alterations. (Denorah, Church Knowle BH20 5NF).**

The Council had no knowledge of this application and it has only appeared on the Dorset Council website (which has recently been unavailable for some days) very recently long after the reply deadline of 01/09/2021 has expired.

The Council resolved to seek an explanation and raise an official objection to this breach of the rules on consultation and the management of this application. The Council was also unanimous in its objection in principle to any retrospective planning applications.

Action: Clerk to raise objection and seek explanation from Dorset Council Planning.

#### **Unlawful Developments**

None

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

The Clerk advised the meeting that none had been received.

### **HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

144.21 **Fingerpost Renewal**

Roger Bond of the AONB Fingerpost Project has given a price of £1,900 each for the fingerposts and can start the work in the new year. It was decided to renew the posts one at a time as the Council's budget allowed and to give the instruction to proceed (i.e. place the order) for the fingerpost at the Cucknowle/Bradle crossroads. The clerk will apply to CPRE for the £200 grant that is available from them per post.

Motion proposed by Cllr Edwards, seconded by Cllr Fry. Passed unanimously.

**Action:** Clerk to place order with Roger Bond of Normtec and to apply for the CPRE grant..

145.21 **Speeding**

The Council is determined that the placing of a 30mph speed limit through the Church Knowle village is a necessary, sensible and reasonable course and the clerk has been instructed to proceed formally with this.

Proposed by by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Fry, Passed unanimously.

Action: Clerk to apply for a 30mph Speed Limit for Church Knowle

146.21 **Footpaths**

Cllr Evans and the clerk are to investigate on foot the state of those reported to be in poor shape and advice is to be sought from Katie Black, who has been contacted already, on action being taken or scheduled by the Dorset Council in order that the Parish Council may efficiently direct and define its own work schedule to bring these paths back to a decent standard.

Action: Clerk and Cllr Evens to walk the paths. Clerk to follow up correspondence with Katie Black.

Cllr. Edwards left the meeting at this point.

## **THE GRAVEYARD**

### **147.21 Approval of Memorials**

The details of the memorial for Rodney Parker have been received from Haysoms and were passed unanimously by the Council.

### **148.21 Administration and Applications**

A request for two cremation plots has been received from Caitiona Blakely, this request was initiated before the Covid restrictions but has been deferred owing to them. It was decided to defer a decision until the next meeting when the policy and local knowledge of Cllr Parker would be available.

## **ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 TO C.O.B, 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

149.21 The accounts were examined and approved. Proposed by DE, seconded by CP.

## **SETTLEMENT OF INVOICES PAYABLE AT THE MEETING**

150.21 The Chairman and Clerk presented the invoices payable. These were examined. DE proposed the invoices should be accepted and paid. This was seconded by CP and they were duly paid following unanimous vote by the Members.

## **FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

151.21 It was noted that there are still two casual vacancies on the Council and that these are still being advertised.

152.21 The Parish Council archives were consulted recently by a parishioner seeking historical footpath information. Owing to the excellent cataloguing and sorting work done by Cllrs Parker and Wilson he was able to find what he wanted with ease. He has reported that the information he found was very useful and has helped his case greatly. The archives are currently held at Bucknowle Farm and will have to be moved soon to the purpose built Archive behind the Village Hall. There is archive material dating back to the 1950s and this recent consultation underlines the value of these archives.

## **COMMEMORATIVE BENCH**

153.21 A hardwood semicircular tree seat with an inscribed plaque will be installed on a concrete plinth in the playing field as a memorial to Les Bugler. The Council resolved that the seat proposed by Cllr Parker, which will cost in the order of £800 be ordered without delay.

Proposed by DB , seconded by CP and passed unanimously.

**Action:** Cllr Parker to order seat.

## **THE QUEENS GREEN CANOPY PLATINUM JUBILEE INITIATIVE**

154.21 Cllr Evans said that the Chief Executive of the Margaret Green Animal Sanctuary, Geoff Wright, has resigned and that she will be seeking a written confirmation of what has been agreed. Cllr Page suggested that the RSBP at Furzebrook may be interested in the scheme. It was agreed that Cllr Page would liaise with Cllr Evans in determining sites and obtaining agreements in order that the dates for applying to the Woodland Trust for trees could be met. The trees would generally be English native trees and would be planted in March 2022.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

155.21 The Clerk reported that he had received a communication from the Dorset Council Monitoring Officer, Jonathan Mair in response to a formal complaint arising from the Parish Council's objection to the development scheme at Withy Lakes. He says, "*I will not be taking any further action on Mr Smith's complaint. My view is that the Parish Council has acted reasonably and in ways in which it is perfectly entitled to act and that Cllr Parker has not breached the code of conduct.*"

This completely absolves the Council from any hint of impropriety and the complete reply was attached to the Agenda so that each of the Councillors had a copy.

## **ITEMS PROPOSED FOR THE NOVEMBER 2021 AGENDA**

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

- The graveyard application by Caitriona Blakeley.
- Footpath update
- Moving of archives

## **PERIOD FOR DISCUSSION**

157.21 Large commercial "Biffa" bins are regularly being placed outside of the Church. These are unsightly and likely belong to a nearby rental property. Cllrs will make efforts to contact those responsible to see if a different arrangement might be possible.

158.21 Cllr Evans reported that a parishioner had raised concerns about the passage of motor homes, caravans and large lorries over Cocknowle. Apparently there used to be a sign but a large lorry knocked it over.

159.21 Cllr Evans requested that the Council review and increase its community engagement and make this a regular discussion item.

## **NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

160.21 It was agreed that the next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council would be held at the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 6-30pm

161.21 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:40hr