

**Council Members:**

Cllr Mr Derek Burt [DB] (Chair)  
Cllr Mr Howard Fry [HF]  
Cllr Mrs Judi Newns [JN]  
Cllr Mr Will Slack [WS]  
Cllr Mrs Hazel Parker [HP]  
Cllr Mrs Jayne Wilson [JW]

**Clerk to the Parish Council:**

Mr Andrew Parsons [AP]

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

Mr Trevarro  
Mr Ellwood.  
Mrs Burt  
A member of the public.

**Dorset County Councillor:**

Cllr Ben Wilson

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

121.25 Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllrs Gilbert and Grice.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

122.25 There were no declarations of interest by members of the Council. Mr Ellwood said he was recording the meeting. One member of the public objected to being recorded. It was made clear to Mr Ellwood that the regulations prevented him from recording the public discussion period and any person, not a Councillor, who objected to being recorded.

123.25 The Chairman requested that recordings taken by Mr Ellwood be made available to the Parish Council. Mr Ellwood agreed.

*Mr Ellwood has kindly sent a copy of the recording to the Clerk.*

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

124.25 - There was no public discussion -

**VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS AND CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER**

125.25 There have been no new applications to join the Parish Council and the one remaining vacancy will continued to be advertised as usual.

**REPORT BY DORSET COUNCILLOR**

126.25 Dorset Councillor Ben Wilson gave an update on matters relating to Church Knowle:

- The 30mph speed limit through Church Knowle Village will be implemented but there is no firm time-line yet.
- The question of the safety barriers at the Furzebrook road over rail bridge has been referred again to the Dorset Council Bridge team.
- The results of the deer drone survey by Dorset Natural Landscape are being prepared.

129.25 Cllr Burt proposed that Cllr Wilson continue as Vice Chairman, seconded Cllr Parker and passed unanimously

#### Election of Councillors with Special Areas of Responsibility

130.25 These are:

Cllr Newns:	Planning and Environment
Cllr Burt:	Trees
Cllr Wilson	DAPTC
Cllr Slack	DAPTC
Cllr Grice	Perenco and Imerys Liaison
Cllr Gilbert	Highways
Cllr Fry	Playing Field
Cllr Parker	Cemetery

It was resolved that these Councillors be authorised to represent the Parish Council in these areas of responsibility.

Proposed Cllr Newns, seconded Cllr Slack and passed unanimously

#### **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025**

131.25 The minutes which had previously been circulated were read.

It was agreed that item 092.25 should be rewritten. The Clerk will do this and present the amended minutes for approval at the next meeting.

#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING**

130.25 - There were no matters arising arising from the minutes of the previous meeting. -

#### **THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

131.25 The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee is being chaired by Mrs Pippa Edwards. The Housing Needs Survey has been conducted in association with Dorset Council who are collating the results.

#### **PLANNING MATTERS**

132.25 - There were no Planning Applications -

133.25 There have been ill-founded and ill-informed oblique critical questions raised from the floor about who has legitimate access to the Cotness Lakes. In order to clarify the position beyond any possible doubt the Vice Chair read a document from the owner of the Lakes, Mr Alford, that clearly gave the Chairman, Mr Burt permission to access the property.

#### **THE PLAYING FIELD**

agencies, including the Church Knowle Parish Council.

### **THE CORFE RIVER**

137.25 The visit to the Wessex Water Corfe Treatment Works was cancelled owing to too few attendees. It will be rescheduled.

### **THE CEMETERY**

#### **Administration and Applications**

138.25 The memorial stone marking Mr D Taylors ashes (J87) was approved.

139.25 A sketch of a stone seat proposed as a memorial to the Simpsons who are interred in the cemetery was presented. This will replace the existing wooden bench that has deteriorated to the extent that it is hazardous.

### **FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

#### **• ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025 to C.O.B. 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025**

140.25 The accounts were examined and approved (with a minor arithmetic correction).

Approval proposed by WS, seconded by IG and passed unanimously.

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

141.25 The Chairman and Clerk presented the invoices payable. These were examined and the resolution to accept and pay the invoices was proposed by WS, seconded by IG and passed unanimously. All of the invoices were duly paid.

#### **• SIGNING AND MINUTING OF AGAR FORM**

142.25 The smaller authority exemption form for the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR Form 2) for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk and approved unanimously by the Parish Council.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

143.25 The decision on making a donation the Purbeck Film Festival had been deferred until the Ffestival's accounts had been viewed. The clerk had distributed these to the councillors and it was decided that the Parish Council would not make a financial contribution to the Film Festival.

### **OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS OF IMPORTANCE**

144.25 The Chairman emphasised that any recent criticism of the Parish Council is unfair and unfounded. All of the Councillors have the best interests of the Parish at heart and give of their time and expertise without bias or

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR THE JUNE 2025 AGENDA**

146.25 The adoption of a Complaints Procedure and an associated Vexatious Complaints and Correspondence Policy will be examined.

**NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

147.25 The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be held at the Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 6-30pm.

148.25 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:27pm

Approved by Chairman :..... Date:.....



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