



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARNE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 17th AUGUST, 2023
AT STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT
7.15PM**

Present: Cllrs: R. Bessant; I. Duckworth; J. Ives, A. Patrick and M. Sims.

Chair: Cllr S. Cranshaw

Clerk: Mr. E. Macknamara

Also Present: Cllr. B. Ezzard (Dorset Council)

APOLOGIES: Cllr. I. Church and Cllr. R. Holloway (Dorset Council)

Also Present: 3 Members of the public.

The Chair, Cllr. Cranshaw welcomed those present to the meeting,

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Planning Application P/HOU/2023/04459 Erect front extension and part cladding to all existing elevations(demolish existing balcony and part cladding to all existing elevations) The Villa, 33 Stoborough Meadow BH20 5HP

A representative of the Stoborough Meadow Residents Association was present at the meeting to request the Parish Council's support in objecting to this proposal. He outlined the history of this development and the architectural features which had been incorporated when built by Morrish Builders. The property in question was a prominent feature of the area with cladding to the top half of the property.

The proposal was, therefore, considered to be out of character with the surrounding area and contrary to the unique design incorporated by the architects and by the builders. Whilst covenants existed to protect the area it was hoped that the Parish Council would also support an objection to Dorset Council.

Members agreed that this property was a prominent feature and that the proposals appeared to be out of character and would be detrimental to the street scene. On this basis it was agreed that the Parish Council should also submit their objections to this planning application.

ACTION: THE CLERK

1. Declaration of Interests

23.100 Cllr. Patrick declared a non pecuniary interest in the planning application outstanding at Floradene (P/FUL/2022/04771)

2. COOPTION: 23.101 The Council had received two expressions of interest in the Vacancy of Parish Councillor. Both candidates were present at the meeting and given the opportunity to make a presentation to the Council. The candidates were then asked to leave the meeting during the discussion of this item. The remaining members of the public also withdrew. Following a full discussion the Council reached a decision and the candidates and public invited to return to the room.

The Chair informed the meeting that the decision had been difficult to reach as both candidates would make excellent members of the Council but it had been:

RESOLVED: That Mr. Tim Brodie-James be coopted to fill the vacancy of Councillor on Arne Parish Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Proper Officer of the Council. He then joined the Council for the remainder of the business to be transacted.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th July, 2023

23.0102 A copy of the minutes had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. It was proposed that Minute 23/092 be amended to include disposable and single use Barbecues and this was agreed.

It was then proposed and seconded that the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 20th July, 2023 as amended be agreed as a true and accurate representation of the meeting and signed by the Chair. Agreed unanimously. The Chair signed the minutes as amended.

4. Matters arising – for report only

23.103 Parish Website: The Chair outlined correspondence from the current web site provider regarding the possibilities available to re-design the content and the financial funding which may be available. However, the complexity of maintaining the current site and the possibility of appointing a provider who would also support the Council in maintaining the site should be considered further. It was, therefore, agreed that the Clerk should arrange a date for the meeting with the proposed web site providers previously identified.

ACTION: THE CLERK

23.104 Appointment of Clerk/RFO: Arrangements had now been made to interview for the vacancy of Clerk/RFO on Thursday, 31st August, 2023 commencing at 14.00 hours. Details had been circulated to all members. The current Clerk would also attend and remain in post for the time being.

ACTION: THE CLERK

23.105: Floradene, Arne Road, Ridge – Application No. P/FUL/2022/04771

Cllr. A. Patrick had declared a non-pecuniary interest in this matter and would take no part in the discussion or any voting on this issue.

The Clerk reported the response of the Planning Officer dealing with this application which outlined the various reasons for the delay in reaching a decision.

23.106 Proposed Speed Watch Scheme: The meeting was informed that the proposal was to introduce a Scheme to cover the whole Ward of the District Councillors which would include Wareham Town Council, Wareham St. Martin Parish and Arne Parish. 8 Volunteers would be needed and the approval of all three Parishes obtained. The cost of setting up the scheme would be shared by the three Parish Council which were estimated to be in the region of £300 to £500. If Arne Parish Council would agree to support this scheme then all three Parishes would be involved. The advantages of the scheme were explained and the local police would also support this initiative as well as Dorset Council. Training would be available to all volunteers.

RESOLVED: That Arne Parish Council agree to support this scheme and that an item be included in the Council's website and a request for volunteers to help be included.

ACTION: THE CLERK

5. 23.107. Dorset Councillor's Report. Cllr. Ezzard reported on issues relating to Dorset Council. A copy of the report would be provided to the Clerk and circulated.

6. 23.108 To confirm the payment of accounts:

The following payments were presented for approval:

**ARNE PARISH COUNCIL
PAYMENTS - AUGUST 2023**

Invoice Date	Payee	Description	Pay Ref	Amount
01/08/2023	Smart Garden Services	Open Spaces Maintenance - July2023/Tree work etc	BACS 28	850.83
17/08/2023	E.Macknamara	Clerk's Salary/Broadband/Phone	BACS 27	516.17
17/08/2023	HMRC	PAYE	BACS 26	125.00
Total for AUGUST, 2023				£1492.00

RESOLVED: That the payments be approved and paid.

ACTION: THE CLERK

The Clerk also presented a report on the current bank balances and a summary of the Financial Report and Budget.

RESOLVED: That the financial report for the period ending 31st July 2023 be received.

7. 23.109 Speed Limit/Cyclists The Causeway – Traffic Survey Request to support the costs of the the survey:

The meeting noted that some discussion had taken place regarding the speed of traffic along The Causeway and the conflict with pedestrians/cyclists. There had been some support from neighbouring Councils to widen the footpath to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists but this might be restricted in the area located adjacent to the public house in Stoborough. The current traffic flow seemed to work well in this area.

Whilst the suggestion that there may be scope for reducing the speed limit would be considered the request to provide funding for a survey was not supported.

The matter would be considered further should a proposal to reduce the speed limit move forward.

ACTION: THE CLERK

8. 23.110 FP 11 – TREE WORK

Three Quotes were awaited for tree work which had been requested and two contractors had agreed to meet to assess the work needed. Costs and details of the work to be included would be reported to the next meeting.

ACTION: CLLR SIMS/THE CLERK

9. 23.111 Parish Lengthsman: The Chair had contacted Dorset Council to request assistance with moving the SID to help support the 20mph speed limit for vehicles delivering to the Arne Moors Project. Dorset Council would be able to rotate the locations for the Speed Indicator Device at an annual cost of £750 plus VAT (or pro rata for the remainder of the current financial year). This would include some repairs and adjusting the speed display relevant to each site.

RESOLVED: That Dorset Council be requested to provide this service initially for the current financial year.

ACTION: THE CHAIR/ CLERK

Discussion then took place regarding other work required including the emptying of the Trash screen and repairs to the fingerpost in New Road.

10. 23.112 Arne Moors Project:

Delivery of the site cabins would commence on the 21st August, 2023 and due to the size of the cabins they would be classed as an “abnormal load”. 15 loads were expected during the week and the usual traffic management plan and 20mph speed limit would be in place.

The sign in Nutcrack Lane was missing and the Parish Council would request that this be replaced. It was also noted that farm vehicles were exceeding the 20mph limit and it was agreed that the SID should be located along this road to support the 20mph limit.

ACTION: THE CHAIR/CLERK

11. Parish Reports

23.113 Councillors’ Reports on meetings attended:

No reports were made for meetings attended during July.

23.114 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Village Green: The Contractor had been prevented from carrying out work to the Village Green due to cars parking in front of the access gate. A sign would be obtained informing Residents that access was required at all times.

Hayricks: Two dead trees would be replaced in the autumn. Areas around the trees had been trimmed by the contractor. Further trees also required to be replaced and these would be purchased from Langford Trees at a cost of £30 each plus carriage of £16. The cost of replacing the trees was approved. Bonsai trees would also provide a replacement tree in the Autumn.

Cllr. Sims reported that the bolts underneath the slide had been inspected by Southern Playgrounds and their quote had been reported to the last meeting. After further discussion it was proposed that these bolts be covered with rubber caps which would overcome the problem and improve safety. This was agreed.

ACTION: THE CLERK/CLLR SIMS/DUCKWORTH

23.115 Allotments: The hedgeline along the New Road boundary required additional work and would benefit from being layed. The Parish Council agreed to meet the expenses for this work so that the area along the boundary could be tidied up.

ACTION: CLLR DUCKWORTH/ THE CLERK

23.116 SANG – Bog Lane: Nothing to report.

12 To consider Planning Applications received

23.117 The following applications had been received and details circulated:

P/HOU/2023/04487 Demolish existing garage and rear conservatory. Erect two storey side extension. Erect porch and single storey rear extension with associated internal alterations. 32 Barnhill Road, Ridge BH20 5BG **NO OBJECTION**

P/HOU/2023/04459 Erect front extension and part cladding to all existing elevations (demolish existing balcony and part cladding to all existing elevations) The Villa, 33 Stoborough Meadow BH20 5HP **RECOMMEND REFUSAL The proposal would have a detrimental impact on the character of the surrounding area,**

REF: 23/204 Voluntary consultation Rural Roots: Land south of Nutcrack Lane/North of Goodens Farm, Stoborough: To operate a certified exempt caravan and camping site by way of a farm diversification for up to 5 caravans: The accuracy of the plan accompanying the application was questioned and the procedure to decide the application to be clarified. The proposal would be opposed as access along Nutcrack Lane was unsuitable and further camping facilities would be detrimental to the area.

ACTION: THE CLERK

12 Correspondence and items for action and resolution

23.118 D Day Celebrations 6th June, 2024 – Deferred to the next meeting for further discussion.

23.119 Dorset Council Housing Strategy: Deferred to the next meeting for further consideration.

23.120 Dorset Council – Speed Policy: Fontmell Magna Parish Council had requested support for their approach to Dorset Council to review the current speed policy. After discussion it was agreed that Fontmell Magna Parish Council be informed that as Dorset Council had recently reviewed this Policy and an approach to Dorset Council could not be Supported at this time.

23.121 Action for Health and Care Group: An invitation had been received to send a Representative to the next meeting of the Group being held at Wareham Hospital on Friday, 8th September, 2023 commencing at 2pm. The Chair Cllr Cranshaw would attend. She was asked to raise the fact that cancer patients now had to attend Poole Hospital for treatment. Cllr. Ezzard reported that she too had raised this matter.

23.122 Dorset COP: A Community Led Conference was being held on Friday, 8th September, 2023 www.dorsetcopt.info
Cllr. Duckworth indicated that he would attend.

ACTION: THE CLERK

13. 23.123 Correspondence received since the Agenda was set: None.

14. 23.124 Additional items considered urgent by the Chairman for discussion only:
No items were raised.

15. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Resolved: That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business pursuant to Section 1 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

23.125 Resilience Hub:

ACTION: THE CHAIR/CLERK

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 21st September 2023 commencing at 7.15pm
Stoborough Village Hall.