



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARNE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024  
AT STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.15PM**

**Present:** Cllrs: I Church, S Cranshaw, T Brodie James, J Ives and M Sims

**Chair:** Cllr S. Cranshaw

**Clerk:** Mrs A Clothier (Locum Clerk)

**Also Present:** Cllr R Holloway and five members of the public

• **To receive apologies for absence**

24.119 Cllrs I. Duckworth and A Patrick. Dorset Cllr B Ezzard also sent her apologies.

• **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

24.120 A resident spoke about the disparity between the condition of the footpaths in Wareham and those in the Parish. The footpath between the bus stop and Lookout is in a poor condition and is unsafe for the number of people that walk down there.

The resident also highlighted that the verges are in a poor condition. In a number of places, including Corfe Road and opposite the allotments, people park on the verge. This looks unsightly.

A member of the public commented that Imres would like to meet with the Parish Council regarding play equipment as they have a big project coming up in Bovington. Clerk to enquire

ACTION: THE CLERK

**3. Declaration of Interests**

24.121 There were none.

**4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

24.122 A copy of the minutes had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024 were agreed as a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

**5. Matters arising not covered by the agenda – for report only**

**6. Dorset Councillor's Report**

24.123 Cllr. Holloway had provided a written report covering issues relating to Dorset Council. This had been circulated to Council members prior to the meeting. A copy is associated at Appendix 1 to these minutes.

**7. To confirm the payment of accounts for September 2024 and consider the banks reconciliation and position against budget for the year to date:**

24.124 The following payments were presented for approval:

INVOICE DATE	BACS number	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<b>Payments already made</b>				
<b>Payments due</b>				
19/09/2024	34/25	T Watton	Salary, Sept	£540.00
19/09/2024	35/24	HVFC	PAYE, Sept	£102.97
19/09/2024	36/24	Smart Garden Services	Monthly grounds works (stoborough meadow & open spaces). Clearing ditch at allotments.	£630.83
19/09/2024	37/24	BDOLLP	Annual Return (external audit) fee for YE 31/03/24	£252.00
19/09/2024	38/24	OHE Horticultural Ltd	Secure storage for generators + battery charge May 2024	£36.00
19/09/2024	39/24	OHE Horticultural Ltd	Secure storage for generators + battery charge June 2024	£36.00
19/09/2024	40/24	OHE Horticultural Ltd	Secure storage for generators + battery charge July 2024	£36.00
19/09/2024	41/24	T Watton	Reimbursement of expenditure incurred on behalf of council - Annual fee to Google Commerce Ltd for 100GB storage (laptop), stamps, postage to Barclays Bank	£26.04
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>£1,659.84</b>

It was proposed by Cllr Brodie James and seconded by Cllr Church and **RESOLVED** that the payments be approved and paid.

**ACTION: THE CLERK**

It was also **RESOLVED** to receive and note the bank reconciliation and position against the budget for the year to date. A copy of these documents is associated at **Appendix 2** to these minutes.

**8. Governance matters**

- (a) **24.125 To further consider for adoption the May 2024 NALC Model Financial Regulations for Parish & Town Councils as presented to members at the August meeting.** The adoption of the May 2024 NALC Model Financial Regulations was AGREED.
- (b) **24.126 To receive and note the sign-off of the Annual Governance & Accountability Review for year ended 31 Mar 2024, and the comments from the External Auditors.** The comments from the External Auditors were received and noted.

**9. Parish Reports**

**24.127 Councillors’ Reports on meetings attended:**

- Cllr Ives reported on a meeting with the Men’s Shed in relation to the work on the flood barrier The work to replace the seals has started. The connecting elements have been replaced entirely so need to be disposed of – the tip will not take them. It was proposed that the Parish Council rent a skip the cost of this would be around £150. It was agreed that Cllr Ives to do go ahead and hire the skip to dispose of the element.
- Cllr Sims attended the DAPTC meeting and Parish Survey meeting.
- Cllr Cranshaw reported on DAPTC meeting and highlighted that other Purbeck Parishes had tried to implement 20mph zones but this has not been straightforward.
- Cllr Duckworth – a report was read out in absence regarding attendance at the Ferry Charging meeting at Studland. A copy of his report is associated at **Appendix 3** to these minutes.

**24.128 Reports from Stoborough Village Hall, Furzebrook Village Hall, Stoborough Meadow Residents Association, Ridge Residents Association and the Stoborough Primary School**

**Stoborough Village Hall** – A report was received highlighting that bookings are buoyant but overheads are increasing and the Hall are looking at ways to save on costs. The committee are in

the process of trimming the hedges around the site. Car parking is an issue and this is being investigated. The Hall will undergo some electrical works.

Furzebrook Village Hall – The Hall is fully booked at present.

Stoborough Meadow Residents Association A meeting took place on 18<sup>th</sup> September and the minutes will be circulated to the Parish Council.

Ridge Residents Association – Nothing to report.

Stoborough Primary school – Nothing to report.

#### **24.129 Hayricks:**

The new signs have now been completed. Two quotes were received for replacing the benches which have both come in around £3000. The Men’s Shed might be able to make a bench for a lower cost – Cllr Sims to investigate.

A quote was received for the repair of the concrete at a cost of £772 so further quotes will be sought.

Weed killing in the meadows has been completed by Dorset Council. The Parish Council need to spray under the play equipment – Cllr Sims to action. The bulb planting will take place in the near future.

ACTIONS: CLLR SIMS

Cllr Duckworth has asked Smart Garden Services to do the annual cut and collect as soon as conditions allow.

#### **24.130 SANG:**

Nothing to report

#### **24.131 Allotments:**

The work to strim and cover the vacant plots will need to be carried out prior to leasing them for the next season. Smart Garden services have been asked to provide a price for this work.

#### **24.132 Councillors Climate & Ecological Support Group: no meeting / nothing to report.**

### **10. To consider Planning Applications received**

Delegated –

- **24.133 P/STA/2024/04591 Arne Road Wareham BH20 5BG. Notification of the erection of two number telegraph poles AND EIA screening request.**  
No Objection
- **24.134 P/HOU/2024/04932 11 Gover Close Ridge BH20 5BU. Remove existing conservatory and erect a new side extension.**  
No Objection
- **24.135 P/FUL/2022/07955 Land at Stepping Stones Field Stoborough. Erection of 9 dwellings (Use Class C3), including access, drainage, landscaping and associated infrastructure. CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**

Objection. In addition to the comments already made on this planning application this proposal for 9 dwellings does not provide affordable housing and does not meet local need. It was noted that 10 dwellings or less do not require the provision of any social housing. This, therefore, does not meet with the requirements in the Arne Neighbourhood Plan or make the best use of the land available. APC still objects on the same grounds as before.

**11. To discuss the survey of local residents proposed by Mr Kenward.**

24.136 A presentation was given by Mrs Kenward on the purpose of the survey. It was explained that past surveys have helped the Parish Council to collect data which can now be compared over a significant period of time. They are now hoping to do another questionnaire, similar to the ones that have already taken place previously. They have the support of Coventry University who have added some additional social science questions to the survey. The questions have been submitted to the Parish Council who have indicated that they would reject the questionnaire as it stands.

The Parish Council outlined the concerns regarding the survey and explained that they felt that residents are being asked to comment on statements that are not relevant to the Parish and cross the line as to what is acceptable. Examples were given of the questions that the Parish Council did not find acceptable. The Parish Council cannot see how such enquiries are relevant.

A detailed discussion took place on the advantages and disadvantage of the questions. It was concluded that the Parish Council would like the opportunity to remove questions and bring the matter back to the meeting in October.

**12. Correspondence and items for action and resolution**

24.137 Footpath 11, Stoborough Meadows – three quotes have been received for the tree works: Quote 1 £3110, Quote 2 £3500 and Quote 3 £3745. Quote 2 was suggested as the accepted quote and this was proposed Cllr Brodie James and seconded by Cllr Sims with all in agreement.

ACTION:THE CLERK

**13. Correspondence received since the agenda was set:**

24.138 There was none.

**14. Additional items considered urgent by the Chairman for discussion only:**

24.139 There were none.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 20.26

Date of next meetings:

Parish Council meeting Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024, At 7:15pm Stoborough Village Hall.

**Appendix 1**

**Report from Dorset Council Ward Member Ryan Holloway**

**Dorset Council (DC)**

The next Full Council Meeting will take place on Thursday 10 October 6. 30pm. Cabinet met at Weymouth Town Council offices last week on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September as the new administration is doing “Cabinet on the Road” where we taken the meetings across the county, This was the first time doing this and we did experience I.T technical issues but the cabinet is looking to do another location TBC in the future again, The next cabinet meeting will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at County hall 6.30pm.

**DC “Big Conversation” Events across Dorset**

On Saturday 31 August 8am - 1 pm; four Purbeck DC Cllrs, including me & Ryan, with supporting DC Officers were on Wareham Quay having a “conversation day”: welcoming local folk to give their voice to issues that matter to them: concerning the priority themes: Communities for all; affordable housing; climate change; and growing Dorset’s economy, for input to DC’s Plan for the next five years. The results will be processed and available in a couple of months.

**DC-Cabinet Cost of Living Support for families on Income Support /Pension Credit.**

This will be available through the partnership with Citizens Advice, who have a local office in Mill Street Wareham. There are a few Funding opportunities from Dorset Council; see website.

**Wareham Area Community Speedwatch Team**

We had our first Session monitoring the speed of traffic in the Sandford area on 20<sup>th</sup> August at 6 pm. We hope to have fortnightly sessions, across the Wareham Ward area. Cllr Matt Richter is now our Team Leader – a facebook page has been set up for volunteers to join the Team.

**PYCF - Wareham Youth Centre now a Family Hub**

The Family Hub at the Youth Centre is now fully underway. Funding from DC is initially for two years so ongoing support from Wareham Town, Arne & Wareham St Martin Parish Councils’ is crucial for its continuation as a Youth Centre, for Young People to be with their friends and feel safe. The PYCF is now in its ninth year as a Charity. New Volunteers are always welcome, contact Joyce 552934.

**Lidl Planning Application decision date Weds 9 October- (Not Confirmed yet)**

This Planning Application has been DELAYED and will be brought to the Eastern Area Planning Committee at 10am Allendale Centre, Wimborne on 9 October for a decision this is yet to be confirmed, I’m awaiting confirmation from the Chairman. Beryl will be on holiday leave when this meeting takes place, both Beryl & I still object to the planning application and I myself will address the committee as I have a 3-minute time frame being a local DC member.

**Wareham Level Crossing**

Network Rail has released the long-awaited report we have been waiting for 18 months, Ryan & I are extremely disappointed with the report as we were led to believe it was going to be a feasibility study into “Automation” of the crossing, by an independent Consultant. Instead, it was just a risk assessment, conducted By a Risk Assessment company (Sotera Risk Solutions). giving options that we already knew.? We have had a meeting with Wareham Town Council and Wareham Town Trust. We also met with DC Jack Wiltshire & Cabinet Member Cllr Jon Andrews, to discuss the Report & letter from NR (copied to Clerk) on how DC will respond.

**Dorset Cllrs Monthly Advice Surgeries:** These are on-going in the library New Surgery Times Ryan on fourth Saturday every month; 10-12 noon. Beryl on second Friday every month 10.00-12 noon. Anyone is welcome to come along and see us, no appointment necessary

**Appendix 2**

**Bank reconciliation and accounts update.**

**See associated .pdf file**

### Appendix 3

#### **Report from Cllr Duckworth on the public meeting held at Studland Village Hall to discuss the Ferry Company's proposed changes to its charges.**

I attended the public meeting at Studland Village Hall on the concerns about the recently published plans by the ferry company. The meeting was very well attended (200+) and we heard from the Chair of Studland PC, the Purbeck director of the NT and many local individuals and businesses. The concerns were:

- The costs on individuals working in BCP and those coming to work in Purbeck including those working in low paid jobs in care work and hospitality.
- The charge to use the road from Purbeck to the South Haven Peninsula without using the ferry.
- The impact such charges would have on the economy of South Purbeck
- The impact of increased traffic on the A351 particularly through Corfe and then through Sandford.

1) It was pointed out that the analysis of the accounts did not justify such increases and that the ferry was subsidizing other less remunerative parts of the same company. The claim to need to accumulate to replace the existing ferry was also challenged.

2) In the 80's the DCC turned down the opportunity to take control of the ferry road.

3) Objections had to be made by the 12th September – the more the better and best personalised.

I made a personal objection based on my use of the ferry road to access survey work for the NT and to visit Shell Bay.