



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARNE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON**  
**THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2025**  
**AT STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.15PM**

**Present:** Cllrs: T Brodie James, I Church, I Duckworth, J Ives, A Patrick and M Sims

**Chair:** Cllr R Cranshaw

**Clerk:** Mr T Watton

**Also Present:** Dorset Cllr B Ezzard and two members of the public

The Council Chair opened the meeting, welcoming those present.

**1. Apologies for absence**

**25.99** Apologies were received from Dorset Cllr Holloway.

**2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**25.100** Mr Robert Kenward commented on the Pro Coast survey of residents in Arne Parish which he had arranged to be carried out earlier this year. A copy of a summary report of the results had been circulated to all members of the Council. Mr Kenward remarked that the response rate for this latest survey had been considerably lower than the previous ones in 2002, 2010, and 2014. He suggested that this was likely to have been due to it being conducted entirely online this time rather than also in hard copy as on those previous occasions. Results of particular note were that the proportion of the respondents not concerned about crime had significantly increased – whilst in contrast the satisfaction score for all of the emergency services had seen a considerable decline. Mr Kenward also referred to some initial work on squirrels (partly within and partly outside Arne Parish) for which a provisional report may be available in the next couple of weeks. He remarked that some of this information has already been shared with a meeting of Wild Purbeck and a meeting of the National Nature Reserve group for Purbeck. The project team is planning a meeting in Arne Parish hall on Thursday 23 October, which will be open to all residents, to briefly show results of the survey and to talk about squirrels for those who are interested.

In response to questions from Council members Mr Kenward commented on how the levels of squirrel pox virus are assessed through laboratory tests on blood samples, and on the matter of reintroducing Pine Martens in Purbeck.

**3. Declaration of Interests**

**25.101** There were none.

**4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**25.102** A copy of the draft minutes had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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

**25.103** There were none.

**6. Dorset Councillor's Report**

**25.104** Cllr. Ezzard had provided a written report for this meeting which was circulated to all members in advance. A copy is associated at **Appendix 1** to these minutes.

There were no questions on her report.

Cllr Ezzard also commented on the sad news that former MP Annette Brooke has passed away on 20th August.

#### **7(a) To confirm the payment of accounts for July 2025**

The following payments were presented for approval:

INVOICE DATE	BACS number	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
21/08/2025	31/25	T Watton	Salary, Aug 25	£424.10
21/08/2025	32/25	HMRC	PAYE, Aug 25	£325.82
08/08/2025	33/25	Smart Garden Services	Regular grounds maintenance (Inv-0020)	£590.83
12/08/2025	34/25	OHE Horticultural Ltd	Generator storage - April 2025	£36.00
12/08/2025	35/25	OHE Horticultural Ltd	Generator storage - May 2025	£36.00
12/08/2025	36/25	OHE Horticultural Ltd	Generator storage - June 2025	£36.00
31/07/2025	37/25	Wessex Water Services Ltd	Admin fee for new connection survey (allotments)	£166.80
22/07/2025	38/26	Viking Office UK Ltd	3 x printer cartridges (IJ Cart Col Canon CL-546)	£72.56
17/07/2025	39/25	Stoborough Village Hall	Grant award - contrinution towards defibrillator purchase & installation	£750.00
17/07/2025	40/25	Stoborough Village Hall	Grant award - contrinution towards purchase and installation of new noticebaord.	£149.00
18/08/2025	41/25	T Watton	Reimbursement of expenditruue on behalf of Council - mileage for site visit, postage and software licence	£33.99
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,621.10</b>

**25/106(a)** It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the payments be approved and paid. **Proposed:** Cllr Patrick **Seconded:** Cllr Ives

ACTION: THE CLERK

#### **7(b)To consider the bank reconciliation and position against budget for the full year ending 31st July 2025 :**

**25/106(b)** It was **RESOLVED** to receive and note the bank reconciliation and position against the budget for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025. A copy of these documents is associated at **Appendix 2** to these minutes. There were no questions.

ACTION: THE CLERK

#### **7(c) To consider the 2025-26 National Pay Award for Parish Clerks as detailed in the DAPTC weekly newsletter circulated to members on 29th July 2025**

**25/106(c)**The Parish Clerk referred to a paper he had circulated to all Parish Council members which included the details of the national pay agreement dated July 2025 and the calculations for revised pay for SPC11 pay scale and the resultant back pay to 1st April 2025. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that this increase be approved and paid with effect from the September PC meeting and with the increase backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025. **Proposed:** Cllr Patrick; **Seconded:** Cllr Ives.

ACTION: THE CLERK

### **8. Parish Reports**

#### **25.107 Councillors' Reports on meetings attended:**

Cllr Ives reported on a visit to the Arne Moors project early in August. He had visited with a friend from Holland who is involved in water management projects. Having examined some of the modelling details his friend had expressed an opinion that this was well argued. Her remarks about the intention not to use concrete cores in the banks was consistent with how things are now often done in Holland.

Cllrs Duckworth and Sims, together with the Parish Clerk, had visited the SANG for a prearranged site meeting with Henry Scott. They noted with disappointment that Mr Scott did not attend.

Cllr Cranshaw, together with the Parish Clerk, had attended a site meeting with representatives of the DC Highways Road Safety Team in Furzebrook to discuss the matters relating to residents' concerns about road safety which had been prompted by the serious road traffic accident on Furzebrook Rd earlier in the summer. The requests from Arne and Church Knowle Parish Councils for vehicle speed surveys on this road were confirmed at the meeting.

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

Stoborough Village Hall – Nothing to report.

Furzebrook Village Hall – Nothing to report.

Stoborough Meadow Residents Association – Nothing to report.

Ridge Residents Association – Cllr Church reported that the Residents Association is holding a garage sale on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

Stoborough Primary school – Nothing to report.

#### **25.109 Hayricks:**

Cllr Sims reported that Adam Smart had arranged for a bowser of 2000 litres of water to be delivered to The Hayricks. It was **AGREED** that this would be replenished weekly whilst the exceptionally dry weather continues. Cllr Sims also reported that a wasp nest had been discovered adjacent to Footpath 11. He will arrange to display a warning notice. It was also noted that Adam Smart will be asked to undertake the usual cut & collect for the wildflower area.

ACTIONS: CLLR SIMS
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#### **25.110 SANG:**

The Parish Clerk reported that following the site visit undertaken to view the boggy area which lacks a boardwalk he had, as arranged, written to Jade North, Heathland Mitigation Officer at Dorset Council about this problem. In response she had indicated that she would raise the matter with the Scott Estate. She also suggested that there may be some future opportunity for enhancements to the footpath facilities at the SANG if further local housing development takes place.

#### **25.111 Allotments:**

The Clerk reported that the tenancies on the two plots which had been neglected all year had now been ceased. He also noted that the holder of an adjacent plot to one of the neglected ones had some months ago expressed an interest in taking it on. The Clerk will now approach that tenant to see if he is still interested. If the plots are not taken on it was **AGREED** that the Clerk should approach Adam Smart to arrange for both of them to be covered with weed suppressant sheeting.

ACTION: THE CLERK
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Cllr Duckworth reported that he had arranged for a bundles of canes which had been deposited at the allotments for plot holders to help themselves to had been relocated. This had been done because their original location had upset one plot holder.

**25.112 Councillors Climate & Ecological Support Group:** No report.

**9. To consider Planning Applications received**

**25.113 Delegated –**

**P/FUL/2025/04566 Arne Work Centre (RSPB) Arne Road Ridge BH20 5BJ. Construction of seasonal trail (August-October), install removable boardwalk, wooden barriers and viewing screen. NO OBJECTION.**

**For information only... P/CLP/2025/04652 21 Old Furzebrook Road Wareham BH20 5DD. Application for a Certificate of Lawful Use to confirm the proposed use of agricultural land (approximately one acre in size, located on the Jurassic Coast) for temporary camping purposes, specifically the placement and use of up to 4 bell tents for up to 60 days in any calendar year, in accordance with Part 4, Class B of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended). NOTED.** Members also remarked on the proximity of this site to the heathland and the National Nature Reserve. It is also understood that applications under the 60 day rule are only permitted if there are mitigating circumstances. It is hoped that the Local Planning Authority take these matters into consideration when determining this application.

**P/HOU/2025/04663 Briar Bank Sunnyside Ridge BH20 5BQ. Demolish existing rear extension and erect larger replacement single storey extension. NO OBJECTION.**

**P/FUL/2025/04011 Maranoa Corfe Castle BH20 5BJ. Demolish existing farmhouse and erect a 4no bedroom detached dwelling. NO OBJECTION.**

**10. To note and consider the requirements for responses to the DAPTC survey of parish councils on the Fresh Start initiative - planning for the future of local government in Dorset.**

**25/114** The Parish Clerk referred to the details of this consultation of Parish Councils, their Members and Clerks which had been distributed to all members in advance of this meeting. It was agreed that members would access the online consultation on the DAPTC website to submit individual responses. This should provide valuable insights to inform a discussion at the September meeting at which a discussion will take place about whether to also submit a corporate response.

ACTIONS: ALL COUNCILLORS

**11. To consider the quotes obtained for the remedial work to children's play equipment identified in the 2025 RoSPA inspection.**

**25/116** After brief discussion it was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote obtained from Southern Playgrounds Ltd.

ACTION: THE CLERK

**12. To consider quotes obtained for the replacement of the Council's current website with a bespoke website which meets the public sector website accessibility standards (WCAG2.2 AA) and has a .gov.uk domain.**

**25/117** The Parish Clerk referred to a paper which he had circulated to all members of the Council in advance of the meeting which compared the quotes obtained from three suppliers. After some discussion it was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote obtained from Aubergine for the creation of a new .gov.uk domain website to replace the Council's existing website.

ACTION: THE CLERK

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

**25.118** Cllr Duckworth referred to an offer from Sandra Brown to speak to the Parish Council on the subject of the Dorset Local Plan, as she had done for some other Parishes. It was **AGREED** that the Parish Clerk would contact Mrs Brown to accept this kind offer to speak, and if possible arrange it to take place within 'Public participation' at the September meeting of the Parish Council.

ACTION: THE CLERK

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

**25.119** There were none.

### **25.120 Date of next meeting:**

Parish Council meeting Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025, At 7:15pm Stoborough Village Hall. Cllr

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 20:11

## **Appendix 1**

### **Cllr Beryl Ezzard DC Report for Arne Parish Council August 2025**

#### **Dorset Council (DC) & Cabinet**

The full council took place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30 pm, Councillors paid tribute to Cllr Bill Trite who passed away in May. The next Full DC meeting will be on 23 October. The draft DC Local Plan & Local Transport Plan has been issued and open for everyone to respond to the Consultation from 18 August to 13 October. All are urged to take part online or on paper, copies are available in Libraries and Schools. We are setting up a Popup Session at the Saturday Market on the Quay in September/October; date yet to be confirmed. The next Cabinet will meet on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm.

#### **Cost of Living Support for families on Income Support /Pension Credit.**

The DC has put aside £500k extra available each year to support those in need. Contact the Citizens Advice or visit the DC Website for information.

#### **Wareham Ward Community Speedwatch Team**

Regular sessions are held to monitor speed of vehicles in the area. We have several more volunteers from Arne Parish and need more to conduct monitoring often. Cllrs are encouraged to join us too.

#### **Furzebrook Road Speed Limit – update**

DC Officers with Church Knowle and Arne PC's, are working together to monitor the speed of traffic on this road, with the view of gathering evidence of speeding. It will help if local residents log traffic incidents that occur as all will help to build a case for reducing the speed on this road. I am requesting a 40 mph at least.

#### **Purbeck200 Shuttle Bus**

This is proving popular with the tourists and local folk. The shuttle service runs until the last Wednesday and Saturday in August. We will bring an update of passenger numbers in September.

#### **Trigon Landfill Site on Bere Road**

There have been local complaints of extra activity at this landfill site, which was lately only being monitored, and not used for dumping waste. In conjunction with the Wareham St Martin PC enquiries were made of DC Minerals & Waste Officers who admitted that extra activity had not

been relayed to the local DC Members & Parish. There had been a recent visit by DC resulting in no evidence of any breach of conditions, and it was inert waste from Household Recycling Centres that was being transferred to Trigon. However, as the Trigon Liaison Panel had not been active for the past five years, we have requested that the Operators, now changed from Viridor, be asked to set up with DC, a Panel as soon as possible to update us on the situation, and satisfy the local concern, on activity there. Cllr Ryan Holloway is the designated DC Member.

### **Lidl site-Pottery Roundabout**

The clearing of the site of reptiles, of which there was numerous, meant that the turf had to be removed, causing a dust-bowl effect that has affected the neighbours in the continued hot weather. Many complaints to DC Environmental Health and Planning have enforced the Contractors to ensure sprinklers and water dousing to be conducted during this continued hot weather. This continued dust has caused health concerns, with the houses being unable to open windows. The Lidl's contractors are having to clean the houses and double their efforts to keep the dust and disturbance to a minimum. Lidl's are advertising the Store will be in Opening in the Spring.

### **DC Road Works & Planning Enforcement**

URGENT Important road works by Southern Gas to replace a Gas Pipe started on 19 August for 29 weeks (10 March 2026) on the Valley Road (A351) from Woodyhyde Farm to Nursery Bridge (just past St Michael's Garage). One way traffic lights will be operating for the duration. Please be patient and allow more time for travel to Swanage. If any Councillor suspects a breach of planning act 1990, please contact the Clerk and local DC Cllrs.

### **Wareham Household Recycling Centre**

The proposed booking system to visit the HRC's in DC area has been re-considered; only four recycling centres in Dorset will be going ahead with a booking system, those located near our DC boundaries or have long queues. Currently the Westminster Road Household Recycling Centre will continue without change.

### **Dorset Cllrs Monthly Advice Surgeries in Wareham Library.**

Ryan on fourth Saturday every month; 10-12 noon: contact Mob: 07783362330  
Beryl on second Friday every month 10.00-12 noon. Contact No. 01929 550138  
All welcome to come along and see us, no appointment necessary.

## **Appendix 2**

### **Bank Reconciliation and accounts update**

**Please see separate .pdf file.**