



MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2022 AT
STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING AT
7PM

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

Chair: Cllr S Cranshaw

Clerk: Mr. E. Macknamara

Also Present: 1 member of the public.

1. Public Participation Period

A Representative of Sustainable Wareham gave a short presentation on their tree and hedge planting work. The Group was keen to build on work already being undertaken and to engage with the Community in the planning, design and planting of future schemes.

A member asked for information regarding the source of trees and noted that Stoborough W.I were keen to be involved in this type of work

The Chair thanked the representative for his presentation.

2. Declaration of Interests

21.180 Cllr. V. Ward declared an interest in Planning Application P/FUL/2021/05197 Erect a new agricultural barn and demolish existing agricultural barn at Agricultural field adj. Chantilly, New Road, BH20 5HR.

3. To receive apologies for absence

21.181 An apology had been received from Dorset Cllr B. Ezzard.

4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th January 2022

21.182 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20th January, 2022 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Agreed unanimously. The Chair signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

5. Matters arising – for report only

21.183 The following matters were raised:

- Minute No. 21.161 Notice Board at Sunnyside:
Cllr. Church reported that the cost of the materials involved to repair the Notice Board at Sunnyside would be £200 but did not include additional costs involved including staff time and Installation. The Council were asked to agree to make an additional payment to cover these additional costs incurred by this local Group (Shedman HQ)

RESOLVED: That an additional payment of £250 be made to Shedman HQ (total £450) to cover the additional costs involved in refurbishing the Notice Board at Sunnyside.

- Minute No. 21.167 and 21.168 Dorset Local Plan and Purbeck Local Plan: The Clerk confirmed that he had implemented the decisions taken at the last meeting. The PAN Dorset Alliance had now written to Dorset Council setting out objections to the Dorset Local Plan which the Parish Council had supported. A response had now been received from the Leader of the Council (Councillor Flowers) who had responded following discussions with The Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. Cllr. Duckworth reported that a number of Town and Parish Councils had supported the PAN Dorset Alliance objections and the response from Cllr. Flowers was welcomed.
- Minute 21.170 Planning Applications: The problems accessing Dorset Council Planning Applications online continued. The Clerk would pursue the matter with Dorset Council
ACTION: THE CLERK
- Minute 21.171 Stoborough Meadow Planting Costs: Anvil had indicated that their labour costs would be in the region of £150. The cost of the wild seeds mix would be additional and met directly by the Parish Council.
ACTION: THE CLERK/CLLR. DUCKWORTH
- Minute 21.172 Lengthsman Scheme. The Lengthsman had been unable to attend the meeting.
- Minute 21.177 Proposed Tree Nursery: A reply from the Henry Scott Estate regarding land for the proposed Tree Nursery was awaited.

6. Dorset Councillor's Report

21.184 In the absence of both Dorset Councillors a Report was not available. However, it was reported that it was understood that Dorset Council had increased their Budget by 2.9%. Dorset Council had also been contacted regarding work at The Lookout which was being investigated by the Enforcement Officer.

7. To confirm the payment of accounts

21.185 To confirm the Payment of Accounts

The following payments had been requested:

Invoice Date	Payee	Description	Amount
17/11/2021	Dorset Association of Local Councils	Training Seminar	£39.00
27/01/2022	Glasdon UK Ltd	Degradable Dog Bags	£53.80
25/01/2022	The National Allotment Society	Membership fee	£66.00
01/02/2022	Wareham Burial Committee	Parish 2 nd Instalment to Burial Joint Cttee.	£2220.10
17/02/2022	E Macknamara	Clerk Salary (February) and Stationary Costs	£502.65
14/02/2022	AG Tree Services	Tree Work Stoborough Meadow	£329.40

RESOLVED: That the payments amounting to £3210.95 as listed above be paid.

ACTION: CHAIR

21.186 To agree the bank reconciliation and position against budget

Copies of the reports had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. The meeting noted the current balances and the Budget Report for the period ended 31st January, 2022. Due to the outstanding changes to the Bank Mandate the Bank Statements had been unavailable to reconcile the bank accounts. To overcome this problem in the future the Clerk had asked Cllr. Patrick to download the monthly statements until such time the Bank Mandate had been amended by Barclays Bank to include the present Clerk/RFO. RESOLVED: That the present position regarding the Bank Mandate be noted and that the Clerk advise the Council when the Bank Mandate with Barclays Bank had been updated.

ACTION: THE CLERK

21.187 To consider a request for a Grant received from Stoborough Village Hall

A grant application had been received from Stoborough Village Hall to fund the Completion of electrical work which included equipment and the installation of Generators.

Cllr. Ward explained the background to this situation and the amount of finance available to complete this work. Quotes had been obtained which left a shortfall in funds. Other sources of Grant Funding would also be investigated.

RESOLVED: That the Council receive and note the report and that the request for financial support from Stoborough Village Hall be deferred pending a further report on the availability of alternative grant support, estimates of cost and the amount being requested from Arne Parish Council.

ACTION: CLLR. WARD

21.188 To review the arrangements for the Parish Council Website

Following the last meeting quotes had been obtained to update the Council's website.

To enable the Council to consider this matter further it was agreed that a meeting should be arranged to discuss the type of website upgrade needed to resolve the issue of access, layout and content and that a further report be made to the next meeting. This course of action was AGREED unanimously.

ACTION: THE CHAIR/CLERK

8. Parish Reports

21.189 Councillors' Reports on meetings attended

Cllr. Duckworth: He had attended a meeting of the Town and Parish Councils Emergency Support Group.

Cllr. Bessant – A meeting had taken place at St. Mary's Church which he had attended with other Members of the Wareham Burial Joint Committee: The meeting had been held to discuss the sale of the adjacent Village Hall and rebuild it on land next to the Church. The Parochial Church Council had supported the proposal. However, there was some concern about the proposal and the effect on the Closed Burial Ground and the implications for the Burial Joint Committee. Cllr. Bessant reported that he felt that the Partners in the Joint Burial Board should be included in the discussions particularly as no costing were available. The situation would be monitored.

Cllr. Bessant reported that Stoborough Primary School would be closed tomorrow (18th February) due to the weather forecast and the expected arrival of Storm Eunice.

23.190 Allotments – Vacancy

Plot 7AL had become vacant. The Clerk reported that there was a waiting list and it was agreed that the Clerk offer the Plot 7AL to the next person on the list subject to the acceptance of the Tenancy Agreement.

It was also reported that the ditch adjacent to the Allotments should be cleared by the Lengthsman.

RESOLVED: i) That Plot 7AL be allocated on the basis of the waiting list and the acceptance of the Council's Tenancy Agreement.

ii) That the Lengthsman be asked to clear the ditch adjacent to the Allotments.

ACTION: THE CLERK

21.191 Reports from other village committees

Stoborough Village Hall – Nothing further to report.

Furzebrook Village Hall – Nothing further to report.

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – Nothing further to report.

Ridge Residents' Association – Nothing to report.

Stoborough Primary School – Nothing further to report.

21.192 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – Cllr Sims reported the work needed arising from the recent Play Equipment Report which had been deferred at the last meeting. He had previously circulated a spreadsheet of work required to the play equipment at The Hayricks and the benches/picnic tables. He suggested that as the Report had categorised the repairs as low risk they should be completed in two stages i.e. this financial year Items 3 – 13 of the Report and next financial year Items 14 – 17. He outlined the estimated costs involved.

The offer from local residents who wished to pay for the replacement of one of the benches provided they could have the old bench, had not progressed and the Clerk would make further contact with them.

RESOLVED: i) That quotations be obtained for the work to be carried out to the Play Equipment at The Hayricks to include items 3 – 13 of the Inspection Report and the replacement of the Benches and refurbishment of the Picnic Bench/Table during the current financial year.

ii) That any remaining repairs needed be carried out during the financial year 2022/23.

iii) That the Clerk investigate the appropriate source of financing the repairs from the Council's current balances.

ACTION: THE CLERK/CLLR. SIMS

21.193 SANG: No matters to report.

21.194 ARNE ALLOTMENTS: Nothing further to report.

21.195 Dorset Local Plan: No further to report.

21.196 Purbeck Local Plan: Nothing further to Report.

21.197 Purbeck Heaths National Nature Reserve: Cllr. Sims reported on the visit he had made on The 10th February, 2022 to Hartland Farm together with Cllr. Cranshaw and the Clerk. The National Trust and RSPB together with the Managing Contractor gave a guided tour of the Area and reported on the proposed re-wilding of the area to restore the Heathland. The Scheme was being carried out jointly by the National Trust, RSPB and local Landowners which had enabled the scheme to extend over a larger area. The grazing of cattle was already in progress and the effect on the heathland was already apparent. Future plans included the use of horses and pigs to assess the impact on the biodiversity of the Heathland. As this progressed consideration would be given to introducing wild Boar. A progressive approach had been adopted which had included fencing and the installation of Cattle Grids which had enabled an advisory speed limit of 20mph to be introduced in some areas.

9. To consider Planning Applications received

21.198 The following plans and tree work application have been received since the last meeting:

P/HOU/2022/00882 Location: 33 The Villa, Stoborough Meadow. Proposal: Erect ground floor rear extension and insert window. NO OBJECTION

P/FUL/2021/05197 Location: Agricultural Field adj. Chantilly New Road. Proposal: Erect a new agricultural barn. Demolish existing agricultural barn. NO OBJECTION.

Cllr. Ward having declared an interest in this application took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

P/HOU/2022/00908 Location: 18 Old Furzebrook Road Proposal: Erect detached Garden Room. Subject to a condition being imposed restricting the use of the Garden Room for purposes ancillary to the residential use of the main dwelling NO OBJECTION

ACTION: THE CLERK

10. Correspondence and items for action and resolution

21.199 Review of the Stoborough Meadow and open spaces management Contract: The arrangements in hand for the work being undertaken at Stoborough Meadow and other Open Spaces was discussed. The Clerk was requested to investigate the history of the current arrangements and report further to the next meeting

ACTION: THE CLERK

21.200 Lengthsman Scheme: The Chair reported that the Lengthsman had been invited to attend this meeting to discuss his ongoing involvement but had again been unable to attend. At present the Lengthsman helped to relocate the SID Device for which he had been trained By the Highway Authority which enabled him to be able to undertake this work. Cllr. Cranshaw agreed to contact him again and ask him to confirm his future availability To act as the Parish Council's Lengthsman.

ACTION: THE CHAIR

21.201 Arrangements for the Queen's Jubilee: A discussion took place on what arrangements would be appropriate to mark the Queen's Jubilee in June 2022. It was suggested that it may be possible to arrange a celebration of this event in conjunction with the Annual Parish Meeting usually held on the third Thursday of May. However, to

ensure the celebration could take place during June it was suggested that the Annual Parish Meeting be re-schedule as close as possible to the weekend of Thursday, 2nd June to Sunday, 5th June 2022. The Annual Parish Meeting must assemble between the 1st March and 1st June (both inclusive).

Arrangements would be made to plant a tree with plaque at The Hayricks to mark this event.

RESOLVED: That the arrangements to mark the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee be deferred until the next meeting.

ACTION: THE CLERK

11. Correspondence received since the agenda was set

21.202 The Moors at Arne Project: The Chair had received an email from the Environmental Agency regarding the proposed Programme of The Moors at Arne Project. The submission of the Planning Application was currently programmed for June/July, 2022.

The Environmental Agency were committed to liaising with the Parish Council and as such had offered to run through the proposed Public Exhibition in a session either prior to a Parish Council Meeting or on a separate convenient occasion.

Members agreed that it was important for residents to have the opportunity to be involved In this Project and arrangements should be made for a Public Meeting to take place.

However, to respond to the request from the Environmental Agency it was:

RESOLVED: i) That the Environmental Agency be informed that the Parish Council would welcome the opportunity to run through the proposed exhibition on a separate evening to the normal Parish Council meeting dates.

ii) That the Environmental Agency be requested to arrange a Public Meeting following the Exhibition and submission of the Planning Application so that residents have the opportunity of being fully consulted on this proposal.

13. Additional Items Considered urgent by the Chairman – For Discussion only

21.203 No further items were raised.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.