



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARNE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 19th JANUARY, 2023
AT STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.00PM**

Present: Cllrs: R. Bessant; I. Church; I. Duckworth; J. Ives and A. Patrick.

Chair: Cllr S. Cranshaw

Clerk: Mr. E. Macknamara

APOLOGIES: Cllr. M. Sims

Also Present: 16 Members of the public.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- **Planning Application:** Floradene, Arne Road, Ridge: P/FUL/2022/04771
A resident was present at the meeting and outlined amendments to this planning application. The Parish Council had originally objected to the application but had not been consulted on the amendments received.
The resident explained that a Biodiversity Report had been submitted which included a reduction in the width of the site and drainage amendments which affected the public sewers. He had written to the Planning Officer setting out objections and he asked for the Parish Council's support. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Planning Officer supporting the comments made regarding these amendments.

ACTION: THE CLERK

- **Stoborough Home Guard Auxiliary:** The Parish Council was asked to support a memorial for members of the Stoborough Home Guard Auxiliary. A number of suggestions were made of how this could be achieved. Currently there was no finance available in the Parish Council's Budget and further details would be needed if this matter was to progress.
- **Flood Wardens:** A number of issues were raised concerning the flooding which had occurred in Stoborough. It was felt that there had been little guidance available to residents who had tried to erect barriers etc. A letter was also received from a local resident setting out their comments on what had happened and reinforcing the need for Flood Wardens. The Parish Council currently had two Flood Wardens who had attended during the flooding and Dorset Council had also responded to close the Causeway and erect Barriers. The Parish Council confirmed their ongoing commitment to its Resilience Plan and a local volunteer had come forward to assist in these situations. The Parish Council acknowledge the support given by local residents and confirmed its commitment to its Resilience Plan. The matter would be reviewed again at the next meeting.

ACTION: The Clerk/Chair

- **The Arne Moors Project:** The Parish Council noted that planning permission had now been given to this Project and initial timescales were being considered. A number of conditions needed to be satisfied before work on site could start but it was hoped that this could be achieved by April/May 2023. Once initial site preparation had been completed work would stop during winter and recommence in 2024. Some agricultural clearance and ditch work would be started in February/March if Dorset Council Planners would allow.

The applicants would like to engage with the Parish Council as the scheme progressed and Stakeholder Briefing Groups set up.

Questions were then invited and answered including proposed working times, storage of machinery and the payment being made to Dorset Council to compensate for the loss of habitat. A resident also suggested that the Parish Council should be party to the discussion with Dorset Council to finalise the agreed planning conditions.

- Allotments: The Parish Council were informed of a Volunteer who had been working on the site adjacent to the Parish Allotments since 1995. He had cleared ragwort, started planting in the field and carried out work in the copse. He suggested that it may be possible to use part of this area for additional allotment. His work had been undertaken with the consent of the farmer. The Chair thanked the resident for this update.
- Dorset Wildlife Trust – Corfe River Project. A representative from the Dorset Wildlife Trust reported on this Project which had been funded by funding including the Environment Agency and Imerys. He also explained that with the money remaining it was hoped to carry out further work in partnership with Planet Purbeck and work to protect River Banks. Work at the Bog Lane SANG and the Toll Bar stream was being considered including the reduction of Rhododendron.

1. COOPTION: 22.148 The vacancy on the Parish Council had been advertised and as an election had not been requested. The Parish Council could fill the vacancy by Cooption. An applicant had come forward and the Chair invited her to outline her reasons for wishing to join the Parish Council. She outlined her background and her local interest following which it was put to the vote and unanimously:

RESOLVED: That Mrs. Claire Loades of Chatterbrook, Arne Road, Ridge, Wareham, BH20 5BH be coopted to serve on Arne Parish Council for the remaining term of Office.

Mrs. Loades signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

2. Declaration of Interests

22.149 Cllr. Cranshaw declared that she had been involved with the local Citizens Advice Bureau 30 years previously and asked for this to be noted in respect of their application for a Parish Council grant being considered later in the meeting. No other Declarations were made.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th November, 2022

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

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 17th November, 2022 be agreed as a true and accurate representation of the meeting and signed by the Chair. Agreed unanimously. The Chair signed the minutes at the meeting.

4. Matters arising – for report only

22.151 The River Corfe Project:

The River Conservation Officer, Dorset Wildlife Trust had reported to the meeting during the Public Participation item on the agenda.

Home Guard Auxiliary: A report had been made to the meeting during the Public Participation item on the Agenda.

5. Dorset Councillor's Report

22.152 Cllr. Ezzard report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

6. Speed of Traffic in the Parish:

22.153 The Clerk reported that Dorset Council had informed him that the concerns regarding traffic speeds along the A351 between Worgret and Bluepool Roundabouts was being reviewed by the Road Safety Team. He also reported that he had received a request for the review of traffic speed along Grange Road and Furzebrook Road which would be pursued with Dorset Council.

20 is Plenty Campaign: The Clerk reported that the following areas would be submitted to Dorset Council as part of the 20 is Plenty Campaign:

- Corfe Road/West Lane (School area)
- New Road/Nutcrack Lane/Arne Road

As part of the process a Seminar was being held on the 7th February, 2023 which the Clerk would attend to enable the appropriate requests to be submitted to Dorset Council.

ACTION: THE CLERK

7. To confirm the payment of accounts

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The following payments were presented for payment:

Invoice Date	Payee	Description	Pay Ref	Amount
DECEMBER PAYMENTS				£
March 2020 to Sept 2022	Anvil Grounds Maintenance	Grounds Maintenance	BACS 43	12010.27
29 Nov 2022	Playground Inspection Company	Playground Inspection	BACS 41	87.54
7 Dec 2022	Viking Direct	Stationary/Printer Ink	BACS 40	86.46
14 Dec 2022	Wentworth Ground Maintenance Ltd	Hayricks Chicane - Widen	BACS 42	492.00
17 Dec 2022	Mr. E. Macknamara	Clerk's Salary and Back Pay	BACS 38	820.00
17 Dec 2022	Mr. E. Macknamara	Broadband/Telephone and Stationary	BACS 37	52.05
17 Dec 2022	HMRC	PAYE	BACS 39	205.00
		TOTAL		13753.32
JANUARY PAYMENTS				
22 Jan 2023	Mr. E. Macknamara	Clerk's Salary (January)	BACS 44	500.00
22 Jan 2023	Mr. E. Macknamara	Broadband/Telephone	BACS 44	16.17
22 Jan 2023	HMRC	PAYE	BACS 45	125.00
31 Jan 2023	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Fee	Direct Debit	40.00
			TOTAL	681.17

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

RESOLVED: That the payments be approved, and the financial report received.

ACTION: THE CLERK

8. 22.155 The SAAA Central External Audit Appointment Arrangements – 5 yearly REVIEW

The Clerk reported that BDO LLP had been appointed as the external auditor for the next 5 years by the SAAA.

Internal Auditor: RESOLVED: That Paula Harding of Barker Fox be reappointed to carry out the Internal Audit of the Parish Council's Accounts for the financial year 2022/23.

ACTION: THE CLERK

9. 22.156 GRANT REQUESTS:

The Clerk reported that Grant Requests had been received from the Citizens Advice Bureau and the Purbeck Youth and Community Foundation (Wareham Youth Centre).

Both applications had been accompanied by information relating to their involvement with Residents of the Parish.

RESOLVED: That the following Grants be approved and paid to the Organisations listed:

Citizens Advice Bureau East Dorset and Purbeck: £500

Purbeck Youth and Community Foundation (Wareham Youth Centre): £500

ACTION: The Clerk

10. 22.157 GOVERNANCE REVIEW:

The Clerk had circulated revised copies of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations which had been updated in accordance with the advice given by The National Association of Local Councils. The Council's Risk Assessment had been reviewed in May, 2022 and no Further amendments were proposed.

RESOLVED: i) That the Revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be adopted for use by Arne Parish Council.

ii) That the Council's current Risk Assessment be approved.

11. 22.158 Stoborough Meadow and Open Spaces Contract:

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred for consideration at the next meeting.

ACTION: THE CLERK

12. 22.159 RESILIENCE HUB:

The Chair reported that dates had been proposed to meet with representatives to discuss the situation regarding the use of the Stoborough Village Hall as the Resilience Hub and the deployment of the three Generators purchased by the Parish Council. A response was awaited.

ACTION: The CLERK/CHAIR

13. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:

22.160 RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange meetings with the proposed Website Providers in February 2023

ACTION: THE CLERK

14. 22.161 Parish Lengthsman:

The following items were reported for attention:

Trash Screen on New Road required clearing out

Finger Post of New Road (near the Dog Waste Bin) pointing in the wrong direction (realign)

ACTION: THE CLERK

15. Parish Reports

22.162 Councillors' Reports on meetings attended:

The Chair reported that she had walked the moors at Arne with Cllr. Sims and a representative of Natural England on the 6th December, 2022.

She had also attended, together with the Clerk, the meeting of Dorset Council's Planning Committee which had given approval to the Arne Moors Project.

Cllr. Bessant Reported that the Furzebrook Village Hall Car Park had been flooded and the water pumped out by Imerys. Perenco had agreed to provide a pump for the Village Hall to keep for future use.

Cllr. Duckworth reported that he had met Dr. Calver at the allotment site. A report had been made during the Public Session of the meeting.

Stoborough Meadow Residents Association; A copy of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Residents Association had been sent to the Clerk.

Ridge Residents Association would be holding their AGM in February.

22.163 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks: The Clerk reported that Cllr. Sims had put in hand the necessary repairs identified in the recent Play Inspection Report, including the repainting of the Gym Equipment. Other items would be brought forward for action in the new financial year.

ACTION: THE CLERK/CLLR SIMS

22.164 Allotments: The Clerk would contact the Scott Estate regarding the provision of additional allotments. The information provided at the meeting regarding the use of the adjacent site would be taken into account.

ACTION: THE CLERK

22.165 Cllr. Duckworth reported that tree planting would take place at the Hayricks with the help of volunteers and Trees for Dorset on the 26th February, 2023. Arrangements for providing Refreshments were noted. The request by the Youth Club to generate hot water for refreshments was approved and their help as volunteers appreciated.

22.166 SANG – Bog Lane: The Clerk reported that fly tipping had taken place at the SANG in Bog Lane and thanked two local residents who had assisted in getting it removed. It was reported that the landowner intended to provide additional protection for the area by way of a gate.

16. To consider Planning Applications received

22.167 The following application was considered:

2022/07955 Erection of 12 dwellings (Use Class C3) including access, drainage, Landscaping and Infrastructure Land at Stepping Stones Field, Stoborough.

The application had been declared void by Dorset Council.

17. Correspondence and items for action and resolution

22.168: DAPTC Training: Dorset Council 20 mph Policy, 7th February, 2023
The Clerk to attend.

22.169 Stoborough Green – Verges: The Clerk had contacted Aster regarding the Grass Cutting in Stoborough Green and they had provided details of their ownership. Cllr. Ezzard was pursuing the ongoing maintenance of the grass verges with Dorset Council.

18. Correspondence received since the Agenda was set:

22.170 Scottish and Southern Electricity: The Company had offered to meet with the **Parish Council to outline their networks** Free Priority Register and their help for vulnerable people during outages and other emergencies.. It was agreed that a representative be invited to the next meeting.

ACTION: THE CLERK

22.171 The Causeway: The Clerk reported that he had received an email which suggested that The Causeway should be permanently closed to traffic. (Currently closed due to flooding). The meeting agreed that this suggestion should not be supported.

19. Additional items considered urgent by the Chairman for discussion only

22.172 No items raised.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:42pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 16th February 2023 commencing at 7pm Stoborough Village Hall.