



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARNE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 15th JUNE, 2023
AT STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.15PM**

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

Chair: Cllr S. Cranshaw

Clerk: Mr. E. Macknamara

APOLOGIES: Cllr. B. Ezzard and Cllr. R. Holloway (Dorset Council)

Also Present: Cllr. Carol Turner (Mayor of Wareham) and Cllr. Gary Suttle (Deputy Leader Dorset Council).
5 Members of the public.

The Chair, Cllr. Cranshaw welcomed all present to the meeting and thanked Cllrs Turner and Suttle for accepting the invitation to come along to this Parish Council Meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- **Knoll Farm:** 2 Members of the public were present regarding Knoll Farm and Soldiers Lane. The Certificate of Lawful Development at the site had been refused by Dorset Council but there had been some activity at the site which the residents felt should be clarified by the Dorset Council's Planning team.

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from the site owners pointing out that they had permitted development rights which enabled them to organise some events. The content of the email had been circulated to all Members of the Parish Council.

The residents had corresponded with the Planning Enforcement Officer on a number of occasions and they asked the Parish Council to contact Dorset Council Planning Team to establish what activities could be carried out on this site.

ACTION: THE CLERK

- **Cypress Cottage, Barnhill Road:** The Parish Council had been asked to consider proposals to extend and alter this property. Plans had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. The resident then outlined his proposals which he felt would improve the Cottage and be more in keeping with the character of the property. A planning application was expected to be submitted in the next few weeks.
- **Dead Tree, The Hayricks:** A resident asked if the Parish Council would remove the dead Hawthorn tree on the Hayricks. He had spoken with the Council's contractor who had indicated a cost for carrying out this work. Members agreed that arrangements should be made for the tree to be removed

ACTION: THE CLERK/CLLR SIMS

- **Dorset Council matters:** Cllr Suttle agreed to answer questions from Cllr. Patrick on the following matters:

Planning Consultation with town and parish councils: It was felt that the comments made by town and parish councils on planning applications did not receive the consideration deserved given the local knowledge of parish and town councils. A member also expressed the view that the Committees who considered these planning applications didn't have representation from the area where the application site was located. This was particularly so since the Unitary Authority had replaced Purbeck District Council.

Cllr. Suttle explained that the creation of Unitary Authorities had led to these comments being made by parish and town councils in areas where Unitary Authorities now existed. He outlined the process for deciding planning applications which inevitably meant that a County wide perspective was taken in accordance with national policy.

S106 Payment – Arne Moors Project: Councillor Suttle was asked to clarify how the S106 payment from the Arne Moors Project would be spent. He reported that the Environment Agency and Natural England would use this money locally to mitigate the impact arising from this Project. He passed on details of the proposed expenditure to the Clerk.

Verges in Nutcrack Lane: A member asked if Cllr. Suttle would raise the problem of the verges along Nutcrack Lane which pedestrians could no longer use. This was now a safety issue due to increased traffic expected bringing materials and plant for the Arne Moors Project. Cllr. Suttle agreed to raise the matter with Dorset Council for action.

1. Declaration of Interests

23.049 Cllr. Cranshaw reported that as a former volunteer with the Citizens Advice Bureau she had a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item 9 Grants relating to the application made by Citizens Advice - East Dorset and Purbeck..

2. To confirm the minutes of the annual meeting held on the 18th May, 2023

23.050 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 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 18th May, 2023 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.

3. Matters arising – for report only

23.051 Lengthsman: Cllr. Cranshaw reported on the current arrangement regarding the Lengthsman and suggested that this role should now be advertised and discussed at a future meeting.

ACTION: The Clerk

23.052 . Resilience Hub: Cllr. Cranshaw reported on the meeting with representatives of Stoborough Village Hall and Dorset Council's Resilience Officer which had discussed the way forward with the Emergency Plan and other arrangements for the use of Stoborough Village Hall during an emergency. The meeting had been held on the 13th June, 2023 when it had been indicated that a location for the storage of the Generators may be available subject to appropriate terms being agreed. It was agreed that the Clerk would discuss draft terms and report to the next meeting. In view of the sensitivity of the matters to be discussed it was agreed that these would remain confidential.

The appointment of Flood Wardens would be discussed at the next meeting. A Draft Emergency Plan would also be circulated at the next meeting. Discussions with the Stoborough Village Hall Committee would be ongoing.

ACTION: The Clerk

23.053 VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR: There had been no candidates to fill the vacancy. Further advertising would be undertaken.

ACTION: THE CLERK/CHAIR

23.054 Parish Website: A date was still needed to meet with the proposed web site providers. The Clerk would ask those members who wished to attend to provide dates when they would be available. It was also suggested that a Company called Aubergine be added to the list of potential suppliers.

ACTION: THE CLERK

4. 23.055. Dorset Councillor’s Report. In the absence of Cllr. Ezzard no report was available.

5. 23.056 To confirm the payment of accounts:
The following payments were presented for approval:

**ARNE PARISH COUNCIL
PAYMENTS - JUNE 2023**

Invoice Date	Payee	Description	Pay Ref	Amount
22/05/2023	Viking Office	Printer Ink/Stationary	BACS11	188.00
23/05/2023	Scribe (Starboard Systems)	Scribe Accounts Annual Subscription	BACS 12	414.72
24/05/2023	Southern Playground Services	Repairs to Play Equipment	BACS 13	3578.40
02/06/2023	Smart Garden Services	Open Spaces Maintenance - May 2023	BACS 14	590.83
06-Jun-23	Purbeck Film Festival	Grant (Approved at the last Meeting)	BACS 15	200.00
06/06/2023	Glasdon UK Ltd.	Biodegradable Dog Bags	BACS 16	65.64
15/06/2023	HMRC	Paye/NI June 2023	BACS 17	125.00
15/06/2023	E.Macknamara	Clerk's Salary/Expenses/Print Cartridge	BACS 18	583.66
15/06/2023	E. Macknamara	Microsoft 365 Annual Renewal	BACS 19	59.99
Total for JUNE, 2023				5806.24

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 Arne Parish Council Minutes -February 2022/23

Signed:

Financial Report and Budget.

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

6. 23.057 The Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23 and the Dates for the Exercise of Public Rights:

The Clerk had circulated the Annual Governance and Accountability Return together with the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statement for the financial year 2022/23.

The meeting was asked to approve these documents for submission to BDO LLP the external Auditor.

In addition the Clerk reported that the dates for the public to exercise their rights to inspect the Accounts would commence on the 19th June, 2023 until 28th July, 2023.

RESOLVED: i) That the Annual Governance and Accountability Return be received together with the Annual Governance Statement and Annual Accounting Return and signed by the Clerk as Responsible Finance Officer and the Chair for submission to BDO LLP External Auditor.

ii) That the dates for the exercise of Public Rights to Inspect the Accounts 2022/23 be noted.

7. 23.058 GRANTS:

a) **Citizens Advice: East Dorset and Purbeck:** The Clerk reported that Citizens Advice East Dorset and Purbeck had requested a Grant to support their work in the area.

RESOLVED: That a Grant of £500 be made to Citizens Advice East Dorset and Purbeck under powers contained in S142 Local Government Act, 1972.

b) **GRANTS FORM:** The Clerk had circulated a Draft Grants Form to be used by applicants seeking financial support from the Parish Council. It would also ensure that appropriate information was provided to consider the request.

RESOLVED: That future applicants for financial support be asked to complete the Grants form circulated with the agenda.

8. 23.059 FP 11 – TREE WORK

Quotes were being obtained for the tree work needed along FP AA. These would be submitted at a future meeting.

ACTION: CLLR
SIMS/THE CLERK

9 23.060 RIVERSIDE TOWPATH

The Clerk had requested a quote from Smart Garden Services to cut along the towpath and remove some low branches along the path. The quote for the work amounted to £225.

RESOLVED: That the quote be accepted.

ACTION: The CLERK

10. Parish Reports

23.061 Councillors' Reports on meetings attended:

Cllr. Bessant reported that he had attended, along with Cllr. Duckworth, the meeting arranged by the BBC in respect of the Springwatch Programme being broadcast from Arne RSPB

Cllr. Bessant reported that he had also attended the last meeting of the Wareham Joint Burial Board and had been re-elected as the Vice Chair.

Stoborough Village Hall: Nothing to report. There next meeting would take place next week.

Furzebrook Village Hall: Cllr. Bessant reported on the drainage problems currently being dealt with.

Cllr. Patrick had attended a meeting of the Wareham in Need and Sickness Charity.

Cllr. Cranshaw reported that Stoborough School were considering becoming an Academy.

23.062 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks: Cllr.Sims reported that the repairs to the play equipment at the Hayricks had been completed except for some repainting of equipment which was yet to be finished.

He also reported that watering was needed due to the weather conditions, and some trees would also need replacing. It was agreed that arrangements be made for the area to be watered by Smart Garden Services.

The planting enrichment areas were now flourishing.

ACTION: THE CLERK/CLLR SIMS

23.063 Allotments: The Clerk reported that there were now 4 residents on the waiting list.

2 allotments hadn't been cultivated and letters sent asking for a response or the tenancy would be terminated. No response had been received. It was agreed that these 2 tenancies be terminated and re-allocated.

ACTION: THE CLERK

23.064 SANG – Bog Lane: No matters to report.

11 To consider Planning Applications received

23.065 The following applications were noted for information:

P/NMA/2023/03103 Non material amendment to approved PA 6/2020/0528 (Alterations and additions to form bedroom) addition of extra 70mm x 90mm window and the bricking up of the bedroom patio door and replace with a smaller double opener.

Holly Bank, Sunnyside, Ridge BH20 5BQ

P/PABA/2023/03338 Erect an agricultural building for secure storage and an office.

Maranoa, Corfe Castle, BH20 5BJ

P/NMA/2023/03367 Non material amendment for removal of passing place 3 and introduction of Passing place 3A and removal of passing place 6, to PP P/FUL/2022/05149 (The creation of intertidal habitat and restricted tidal exchange shallow saltwater lagoons, through managed realignment involving selective breaching of existing tidal embankments, including the provision of flapped surface water outfalls, tidal exchange culverts and an improved channel and outfall for the Furzebrook Stream. The formation of permissive

footpaths and screens for public to view birds from, maintenance of access tracks and the provision of associated gates, fences and boundary treatment works)
The Moors Arne East of the Community of Ridge and North of Arne Road.

23.066 KNOLL FARM: Discussed as part of the Public Participation session at the start of the meeting.

12 Correspondence and items for action and resolution

23.067 Proposed temporary 20 mph speed limit various roads Stoborough and Ridge

The speed limit had been introduced on the 12th June, 2023 and road signage erected.
Discussion took place on how the speed limit would be monitored and breaches could be reported to the Contractor Kier and also to Dorset Council Highways.
The contractor was also considering an additional passing point in Ridge.

23.068 Corfe Road Dog Bin: A resident had asked if the Dog Bin at Corfe Road could be replaced. This was one of the Bins reported to Dorset Council who had agreed to replace some bins in the Parish. The Clerk would check with Dorset Council if the work would be done soon.

ACTION: THE CLERK

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

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

23.069 No items raised.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:54pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 20th July 2023 commencing at 7.15pm Stoborough Village Hall.