



**MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020 AT**  
**STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllrs I Church, I Duckworth, V Ward, M Sim

**Chair:** Cllr S Cranshaw

**Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker

**Also Present:** 16 members of the public, Ian Alexander of Natural England, Martin Miller of Terence O'Rourke, the developers for the West Lane site, Dorset Cllr R Holloway.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chairman asked those present if anyone had any intention of filming or recording the meeting. No such intentions were declared.

**1. Public Participation**

20.124 Martin Miller, agent for the planning application for the Rempstone Estate. He explained that the planning application seeks to increase the Estate's housing portfolio and they have tried to compile an application that seeks to conform with Policy 4 of the Neighbourhood Plan. He believed that, in 2016, there was considerable support for building on this site. They are aware of all the comments that have been made. The fact that it is in the AONB only affects the scale and size of the site. The EA have, this week, confirmed that they would not be objecting to the application. The developer is required to supply a footpath from the site entrance to the school. This can be found on the Halsall Homes application for this site. Cllr Duckworth noted that many of those in 2016 would have been supportive of the site because they may have thought there would have been affordable housing on the site. Mr Miller responded saying that, to make the site profitable, they would be putting 50% affordable on the site. The definition of 'affordable' will be that in line with the Central Government definition (80% of market value). A viability appraisal has been prepared which shows that the site will require 8 market value houses in order to provide the 7 affordable.

Jane Freeman – highlighted the issue of the flood plain. It is without question a water meadow and the preliminary site investigation showed they were unable to drill the boreholes to the depth they wanted due to the presence of running water. Local knowledge knows how flooded that site is and there is a risk to flooding of properties in the area.

Robin Smaile – there has been a huge amount of local objection towards the application. Why can the developer not find a more appropriate brownfield site, rather than a waterlogged field. The site is outside the settlement boundary and should be appropriate and proportionate to the nature of the surrounding properties and this development looks nothing like the surroundings. It is more than double the density.

Christopher Weeks – the field south of the site is on a slightly higher plain and is known as Steppingstones, highlighting the fact that the area is very wet. Will the developers tell prospective buyers if the area is the subject of flooding?

Stanley Francis – his biggest fear is, to permit the development, will cause flooding of nearby properties. What happens to residents if the houses are built and the local properties become flooded. What guarantees are there for residents should this happen?

Those present requested that it is noted that, due to the events in the adjoining hall, residents were finding it very difficult to hear the comments being made by those present. This will be reported back to the Hall Booking Secretary.

**ACTION: CLERK**

Steve Widmer reported that there is someone who has been putting rubbish in the bin on the Hayricks and if there is no room in the bin, the bag is left by the side of the bin. Cllr Holloway responded saying that, if it was not fly-tipping, nothing illegal is being done. A complaint could be lodged with DWP and they may be able to do something about it.

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

20.125 No interests were declared at this stage and no requests for dispensation had been received.

## **3. Apologies for absence**

20.126 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Phil Love and Ali Patrick and Dorset Cllr Beryl Ezzard.

## **4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019**

20.127 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Church proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Duckworth and agreed unanimously. The Chair signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

## **5. Matters arising – for report only**

20.128 Cllr Ward has continued to chase Ade Pavin of Perenco for a meeting.

Incinerator at Rogers Concrete – The Clerk had submitted a response as requested but, to date, no acknowledgement has been received. Cllr Duckworth had also emailed Dorset Council but had received no reply.

Tree works – The application was submitted, and the Tree Officer has come back with a number of queries. Cllrs Ward and Sims, together with the Clerk, reviewed the queries on the 15<sup>th</sup> January and the Clerk will respond to the Tree Officer accordingly.

**ACTION: CLERK**

Accounts – The Precept request has been submitted and the Tax Band had subsequently been received from Dorset Council. The agreed increase of 1.1% will result in the addition of £1.71p.a. on a Band D property, taking the cost per property to £60.67 for the year.

## **6. To consider the co-option of a new councillor**

20.129 At present the Parish Council has had one vacancy since the May 2019 elections. Richard Bessant, a former parish councillor, had said that he would like to be considered for the post as his health was now well improved.

Cllr Ward proposed that Mr Bessant is invited to re-join the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Church and agreed unanimously. Mr Bessant was invited to take a seat on the Parish Council.

## **7. Dorset Councillor's Report**

20.130 Cllr Ezzard was unable to attend the meeting, but a copy of her report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. As Cllr Holloway was present, he was invited to take any questions from members relating to the report or any other parish matters. He reported that a meeting had taken place earlier in the day regarding the Wareham level crossing. The contractor, STM has now recruited 2 new members of staff and another one is in training. Cllrs Ezzard and Holloway met with John Selwin, of Dorset Council this morning to discuss the way forward. They are committed to finding a long-term solution for the crossing. It may mean raising the case with central government as the lease runs out in 18 years' time so something must be done.

Robin Smaile asked what proportion of the projected budget increase goes towards the pension scheme. Does the council discuss the question of reforming the pension scheme? Cllr Holloway responded saying much of the pension is decided outside the remit of Dorset Council. He will look into this and clarify at a future meeting.

## **8. To confirm the payments list for October which had been incorrectly recorded in the October 2019 minutes**

20.131 The payments for October 2019 were:

PKF Littlejohn	External auditors Ye 31.03.19	BACS029	240.00
DAPTC	Planning training	BACS030	195.00
Anvil	Maintenance June-Sept' 19	BACS031	1861.31
DC Pension Fund	October contribution	BACS032	151.25
Stoborough Village Hall	Hall hire 01.09.18-31.08.19	BACS033	260.00
A Crocker	October wages + expenses	BACS034	485.48
HMRC	PAYE & NIC October	BACS035	104.00

Total amount requested from the Precept: £3,297.04

Cllr Church proposed the payments are confirmed. This was seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously.

## **9. To confirm the payment of accounts and consider the bank reconciliation & position against budget**

20.132 To confirm the Payment of Accounts

The following payments had been requested:

Anvil	Sept, Oct & Nov' 19 maintenance	BACS040	1861.31
R Scragg	Adobe mapping Oct-Dec' 19	BACS041	59.91
DAPTC	Clerks' seminar	BACS042	17.50
DC Pension Fund	December contribution	BACS043	151.25
A Crocker	December wages	BACS044	471.91
HMRC	PAYE & NIC December	BACS045	103.80
Dorset Planning	Assistance with examiner's queries	BACS046	764.58

DC Pension Fud	January contribution	BACS047	151.25
HMRC	PAYE & NIC January	BACS048	104.00
A Crocker	January wages + expenses	BACS049	445.97
National Allotments	Annual membership	BACS050	66.00

The total amount requested from the Precept is £4,197.48.

Cllr Ward proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Sims and agreed unanimously.

**ACTION: CLERK**

20.133 To confirm the bank reconciliation and position against budget for the year to date

A copy of both reports had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. No comments were made, or queries raised.

**10. Parish Reports**

20.134 Councillors' Reports on meetings attended

Cllr Ward – walkabout review of trees on Parish Council land 15/1; EA Flood resilience event 14/1

Cllr Sim – walkabout review of trees on Parish Council land 15/1; EA Flood Resilience event 14/1

20.135 Reports from outside bodies

Stoborough Primary School – nothing to report.

Stoborough WI – Anne-Marie Goodbody, President of the WI, had submitted the following report – ‘The Lookout defibrillator is now operational and there will be a training session at the village hall for local residents. The residents of the Corfe end of Stoborough will be leafletted when the date and time are known. The WI have donated funds to the Neo Natal Unit at Poole Hospital for the purchase of a ‘Zaky Hand’ for premature babies.’

20.136 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – The play area – the Men’s Shed group have had a look at the climbing frame and will send an estimate for the work they intend to undertake. Cllr Sims reported that the regular inspections are being carried out and he did notice the carrier bag of rubbish as reported in the public participation period. He felt an extra bin might be useful near the children’s area.

Allotments – All the allotments are now occupied with the final one being allocated last week. There are currently 3 people on the waiting list.

SANG – The rubbish has been cleared and two large pine trees have fallen. Mr Pettit-Mills is aware.

20.137 Arne Moors Project Update

The next stakeholders meeting will take place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at Wareham Town Hall from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Hugh Ricks asked if he could meet with the Parish Council's representative on the Stakeholders Liaison group. Cllr Duckworth has now taken on this role and will arrange a meeting.

**ACTION: CLLR DUCKWORTH**

20.138 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Clerk met with Jo Witherden and reviewed the examiner's questions and a set of responses was drawn up. Steve Boyt of Purbeck District Council subsequently submitted his responses to our responses and the Clerk is currently reviewing these before responding to him. Once this is agreed, the final responses can be sent back to the examiner. It is hoped that this will be done and agreed early in the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> January.

**11. To consider Planning Applications received**

20.139 Planning Applications

6/2019/0638 Land north of West Lane  
Outline application for residential dwellings, site reprofiling & associated infrastructures, with all matters reserved apart from vehicular access from West Lane

The Parish Council strongly OBJECTS to this application. A full copy of the response was made available to those present and is available on request from the Clerk.

20.140 Tree work Applications

TWA/2019/273 18 Old Furzebrook Road  
T1 and T2 Oaks – crown lift

TWA/2019/272 Lookout Holiday Park  
Various tree works to crown lift oaks

Members had no objections to either of the above tree work applications.

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

20.141 To consider items raised by the public for placing on the next agenda

Nothing to add.

20.142 To consider setting up a Planning Working Party

Councillors will consider this and report back to the Clerk.

20.143 To consider a response to the Draft Dorset Heathlands Framework SPD

A copy of the report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Duckworth reported that this was an extension that takes the original document to the review that is due to take place later in the year. He suggested that we respond saying we would not like to see a relaxation of the 400m rule. This was unanimously agreed.

**ACTION: CLERK**

20.144 To discuss the Parish Council's future steps with regard to the Climate & Ecological Emergency resolution and the possible formation of a working party

Cllr Duckworth reported that other local councils have taken the matter further by setting up working groups to look into how parish councils can make a difference. Perhaps this something we should consider doing. In the meantime, he will look at the spreadsheets issued following the Dorset Council meeting held in December.

20.145 To review the Emergency Flood Plan

Cllr Ward had issued a copy of the Flood Manual to all members prior to the start of the meeting. It sets out the necessary actions when either a flood warning or a flood alert is received. Cllr Sims proposed that the Manual is adopted. This was seconded by Cllr Church and agreed unanimously. A copy of the Manual will be put on the Parish Council web site.

**ACTION: CLERK**

20.146 To consider a response to the Bournemouth Airport Consultation

A copy of the consultation papers had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Hugh Ricks explained to members that planes currently operate under an 'open skies' policy which means, within reason, they are able to approach Hurn Airport from the most convenient flight path and not necessarily the recommended route. He felt that the drawings contained within the consultation papers do not address the lack of discipline currently permitted and that pilots need to be encouraged to use the recommended flight path of Beacon Hill. We would also need to stress in our response that we would want reassurances that any alterations would not lead to aircraft approaching any lower.

**ACTION: CLERK**

20.147 To consider any defects for passing to the Lengthsman

- New Road trash screen
- Tucker's Mill finger post needs attention

**13. Correspondence received since the Agenda was set**

20.148 Nothing further to add.

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

20.149 Cllr Bessant raised the issue of the amount of run-off rainwater crossing Furzebrook Road from the heathland. This often becomes a hazard but, should temperatures drop, and it freezes, it would be extremely dangerous. In addition, following heavy rain, the corner of West Land and Corfe Road becomes quite flooded. This is an on-going problem and, despite Dorset Council jetting the nearby drains, never seems to be solved.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:16pm.