



**MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022 AT**  
**STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING AT**  
**7PM**

**Present:** Cllrs: R Bessant, I Church, I Duckworth, J Ives, and V Ward.

**Chair:** Cllr S Cranshaw

**Clerk:** Mr. E. Macknamara

**Also Present:** 1 member of the public. Cllr. B. Ezzard (Dorset Council)

**1. Public Participation Period**

Arne Moor Project: Mr. Alexander of Natural England reported that the Planning Application was expected to be submitted during June/July when the pre planning process was completed. The Chair explained that the Environmental Agency had confirmed that they would give a presentation to the Parish Council at a separate meeting prior to the public exhibition and this was also expected to take place in June/July depending on the progress with the submission of the Planning Application.

**2. Declaration of Interests**

There were no Declarations of Interest made by Members present in respect of the items contained in the Agenda.

**3. To receive apologies for absence**

21.204 Apology for absence had been received from Cllr. A. Patrick and Cllr. M. Sims.

**4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

21.205 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 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting, subject to the Resolution in Minute No. 21.187 (Grant – Stoborough Village Hall) being amended to read:

**RESOLVED: That the Council receive and note the Report and alternative grant support to be sought.**

On being put to the vote it was unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2022, as amended, be approved as a correct record.

The Chair signed the minutes, as amended, in the presence of the meeting.

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

21.206 The following matters were raised:

- Minute No. 21.187 Request for a Grant received from Stoborough Village Hall: It was suggested that as the Resolution to Minute No. 21.187 had been amended Agenda item 8 should now stand deferred until the next meeting when a further report be made by the Clerk in respect of the previous Grant received from SSE and the purchase of the Generators and alternative Grant support which may be available to enable the completion of the Project.

It was, therefore, AGREED that Agenda item 8 would stand deferred until the next meeting to enable the situation to be clarified and that the Clerk be asked to report further to the next meeting.

ACTION: THE CLERK/CLLR  
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- Minute 21.170 Planning Applications: Cllr. Bessant referred to the problems accessing Dorset Council Planning Applications online which still continued. The Clerk reported that he was not aware that these difficulties persisted.

Cllr. Ezzard explained that when the six District Council had been amalgamated to create Dorset Council the online planning portals had been merged into one and the process of combining the historic planning information had not yet been completed. The Unitary Authority (Dorset Council) had been made aware of the difficulties being experienced by users particularly relating to the historic planning history still being imported into the Dorset Council system. It was AGREED that the Clerk should pursue this matter further with Dorset Council.

ACTION: THE CLERK

- Minute 21.171 Stoborough Meadow Planting Costs: Anvil had completed the sowing of the wild flower seeds and their Invoice, expected to be in the region of £150, had not yet been received. The cost of the wild seeds mix would be additional and in the region of £60.

ACTION: THE CLERK/CLLR.  
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## **6. Dorset Councillor's Report**

21.207 Councillor Ezzard presented the report on recent developments at Dorset Council and other items of interest which had been circulated to all Members prior to the meeting.

She reported that the response to the request for support for Ukrainian Refugees had been excellent both nationally and locally.

The situation regarding the Former Middle School was also discussed and the Health Hub was not being progressed. Dorset Council now owned the site and in due course a Planning Application would be submitted outlining the full proposals. It was anticipated that the site could be used for Assisted Living Purposes.

Concern was raised about the impact on parking at this site particularly for the existing users including the Doctors' Surgery which was used by many Arne Residents. This would be dealt with as part of the planning process and once it had been submitted appropriate comments could then be made on parking provision and any other matters of concern.

The Cordite Way "Right of Way" Application T498 Appeal had been allowed by the Defra Inspector which was excellent news.

**7. To confirm the payment of accounts**

**21.208 To confirm the Payment of Accounts**

The following payments had been requested:

Invoice Date	Payee	Description	Amount
	<b>PAYMENTS AGREED AT THE LAST MEETING</b>		
28/02/2022	Wareham Area Men's Shed	Remove and replace Notice Board - Sunnyside	£200.00
22/02/2022	Southern Playground Services Ltd	Playground Repairs	£5536.44
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5736.44</b>
	<b>OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED</b>		
10/03/2022	A Crocker	Zoom Meeting Payments	£28.78
11/03/2022	Parish on Line	On Line Mapping	£72.00
17/03/2022	A Crocker	Back Pay	£70.00
17/03/2022	E Macknamara	Salary – March Stationary Costs	£558.04
17/03/2022	HMRC	PAYE Payment	£123.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£851.82</b>

The Clerk reported that the agreed National Pay Award had been back dated to 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021 and that the payment to A Crocker and the Current Clerk (EMacknamara) included the agreed back pay for both the former Clerk and Current Clerk

RESOLVED: i) That the payments amounting to £5736.44 and £851.82 as listed above be paid.

ii) That the National Pay Award 2021/22 be adopted by Arne Parish Council

**ACTION: CHAIR**

**21.209 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 28th February, 2022.

**ACTION: THE CLERK**

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

This item was deferred until the next meeting pending a further report from the Clerk.

ACTION: THE CLERK

21.211 To review the arrangements for the Parish Council Website:

The meeting to review the arrangements for the Parish Council Website had been arranged to take place on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2022. A report would be made to the next meeting in April, 2022.

ACTION: THE CHAIR/CLERK

## **8. Parish Reports**

21.212 Councillors' Reports on meetings attended

Cllr. Duckworth had attended the Stoborough Heaths – Sustainable Tourism Launch on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 which he had attended along with Cllrs. Cranshaw and Ives. Further details were available from the website: [www.purbeckheaths.org.uk](http://www.purbeckheaths.org.uk)

Cllr. Duckworth had also attended a meeting of the Town and Parish Councils Emergency Support Group. A £19 million Grant had been received to enable Dorset to aim at being Carbon free. Proposals to achieve this included a Green Spaces workforce with facilities to charge tools on the electric vehicles, changes at County Hall to reduce the impact on climate change and moving towards future building in Dorset being Carbon Neutral as part of the Local Plan process. It was also hoped that support would be offered to Town and Parish Councils to enable them to reduce their Carbon Footprint.

Cllr. Bessant: Had attended a meeting of the Wareham Burial Joint Committee which had discussed the proposed sale of the Parish Hall and rebuild a new one on land next to the Church. The meeting had noted that further work was being undertaken on this scheme before the proposal for a new Hall could go ahead. This would need planning approval in due course.

21.213 Reports from other village committees

Stoborough Village Hall – Nothing further to report.

Furzebrook Village Hall – The Village Hall had lost power to the building during the recent storms which had affected the access to the building.

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – Plans to celebrate the Queens Jubilee were ongoing.

Ridge Residents' Association – Nothing to report.

Stoborough Primary School – Nothing further to report.

**21.214 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG**

Replacement Benches: A meeting had taken place with the local residents who wished to purchase the bench adjacent to the play area where their Son used to sit. The Bench was in poor condition and the family had asked if the Parish Council would accept family donations for the Bench which would be relocated to the family home.

The costings for the replacement Benches had been done calculated the basis of receipts for this bench and some idea of the amount being offered should be obtained. This could affect the final costings being met by the Parish Council.

Local residents of the Hayricks were concerned about the reduction in the S106 Maintenance money and the implications for future maintenance of the area. The meeting noted that the maintenance of the Play Equipment and the surrounding area would fall on the general Parish Precept as these facilities were available to all residents of the Parish.

21.215 SANG: Three trees had fallen during the recent storm which had been reported to the Scott Estate

21.216 ARNE ALLOTMENTS: Plot 7AL had now been allocated and the new tenants had started Work on the Plot. There had been an increase in activity at the allotment site.

21.217 Dorset Local Plan: Cllr Duckworth reported on the latest proposals from the Dorset Deserves Better Campaign and the growing support for the approach they had adopted in respect of the Dorset Local Plan. Membership of the Group was increasing amongst Town and Parish Councils and the Open Letter to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Spencer Flowers had been accepted by him which proposed that a new plan was needed that put the need for sustainable development ahead of “chasing housing numbers” and had at its heart the Climate and Ecological Strategy.

However, the Campaign Group wished to regain the initiative rather than wait for the outcome of further meetings with Government Ministers. There were significant dangers in a long delay to the revised Local Plan which could lead to speculative development.

The Dorset Deserves Better Group had, therefore, written to Cllr. Flowers setting out their concerns and asking for an early meeting with him whilst they would also lobby Government directly. The “Way Forward” from the Dorset Deserves Better Group set out the ongoing work they would be doing to encourage Dorset Council to prepare a revised Local Plan without delay.

21.218 Purbeck Local Plan: Nothing further to Report.

**9. To consider Planning Applications received**

21.219 There had been no plans and tree work application received since the last meeting:

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

21.220 Review of the Stoborough Meadow and open spaces management Contract:  
The Clerk had circulated details of the current arrangement with Anvil Grounds Maintenance at Stoborough Meadow and Footpath 11 and other Open Spaces.  
A meeting would be arranged with the Contractor and a further report would be presented to the Council at the next meeting.

ACTION: THE CLERK

21.221 Lengthsman Scheme: Cllr. Cranshaw had contacted the Lengthman again regarding his future availability. A reply was awaited. The need for a Lengthsman was discussed as he currently moved the Speed Indicator Device and undertook other work including areas such as the Allotments. It was agreed that this should be discussed further at the next meeting to assess what ongoing arrangements should be made to continue the Lengthsman Scheme.

ACTION: THE CHAIR

21.222 Arrangements for the Queen's Jubilee The meeting noted that local Groups were making Arrangements to mark the Queen's Jubilee in June 2022. A number of suggestions were put forward which wouldn't clash with other celebrations. As a result it was agreed that the Parish Council mark the Queen's Jubilee in conjunction with the Annual Parish Meeting and that details be agreed at the next meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting must assemble between the 1<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> June (both inclusive) and it had also been agreed that arrangements would be made to plant a tree with plaque at The Hayricks to mark this event.

RESOLVED: That arrangements be made to mark the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee in conjunction with the Annual Parish Meeting details to be agreed at the next meeting.

ACTION: THE CLERK

21.223 Missing Post Box at Creech Bottom: The Clerk to Church Knowle Parish Council had asked for support for a request made to Royal Mail for the post box at Creech Bottom to be replaced. Royal Mail had so far decided not to replace this Post Box which had been removed by unknown persons.

RESOLVED: That the request made to Royal Mail to replace the missing Post Box be Supported.

ACTION: THE CLERK

21.224 School Transport Plan – Consultation:

Details of the School Transport Plan proposed by Dorset Council had been received:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schooltransport/consultation-on-school-transport-policies>

RESOLVED: That the proposals be noted.

21.225. Dorset Council: Dorset Community Governance Review – Public Consultation

Details of the Dorset Council Community Governance Review could be found at:

[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/community-governance-review](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/community-governance-review)

The Review proposed a number of changes which would affect some of the Parish/Town Councils in Dorset but the Review had not put forward any changes which would affect Arne Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the Review be noted.

## **11. Correspondence received since the agenda was set**

21.226 Creech Road Notice Board: The Clerk at Church Knowle Parish Council had asked if Arne PC would help with the cost of repairing th Notice Board at Creech Road.

RESOLVED: That as the Notice Board is outside the Arne Parish Boundary and not used By Arne Parish Council the request be noted and no further action taken.

21.227 Web Site: The Clerk had received a request from Future Learn asking the Council to link details of their Nature and Environment Courses on the Parish Council website. It was agreed that the request be declined.

ACTION: THE CLERK

21.228 Purbeck Coast Radio Station: Purbeck Coast Radio Station was based on Swanage Pier and was holding a coffee morning at Stoborough Village Hall on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> March. The Parish Council had been invited to send a representative.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Cranshaw attend this coffee morning on behalf of Arne Parish Council

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

21.229 ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT: The Clerk reported, for information, that arrangements for the Council's Internal Audit of the Accounts for the financial year 2021/22 would be undertaken on the same basis as the previous year.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2022 at 7pm Stoborough Village Hall