



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARNE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2022
AT STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.00PM**

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

Chair: Cllr S. Cranshaw

Clerk: Mr. E. Macknamara

APOLOGIES: Cllr. R. Holloway (Dorset Council)

Also Present: Cllr. B. Ezzard (Dorset Council) and 3 members of the public.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- **Speed Limits in Arne:** A resident asked if the Council's approach to Dorset Council regarding the reduction in speed limits could be extended to include West Lane and New Road as well as traffic flows were likely to increase as a result of additional traffic created by the Arne Moors Proposals.
- **Sustainable Wareham:** The Parish Council was informed that Sustainable Wareham were engaging with local Youth Groups who were keen to become involved in the planting of trees. She asked if the Parish Council would supply a map of their landownership. The Clerk would respond accordingly.

ACTION: The Clerk

1. Declaration of Interests

22.122 No Declarations of Interest were made.

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th October, 2022

22.123 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 20th October, 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

22.124 The following matters arising from the minutes were reported for information:

- The River Corfe Project (Imerys) The meeting noted that a representative of the Dorset Wildlife Trust had been invited to attend the next meeting to be held on the 19th January, 2023.
- Resilience Hub: Cllr. Bessant reported that he had raised this matter at the AGM of the Stoborough Village Hall. Furzebrook Village Hall were also aware of the proposal to create a Hub but felt that their Hall would be difficult to get to in an emergency situation. The Chair felt that this proposal raised some important issues which required a meeting to discuss the Resilience Plan and the use of the Generators purchased by the Parish Council. A meeting would be arranged as soon as possible,

ACTION: The Chair

- 20 is Plenty Policy: The meeting noted that Dorset Council had adopted a Policy relating to speed limits and the Clerk would submit details of the areas where the speed limits should be reduced. The areas raised during the public session (West Lane and New Road) would be included.
- Barriers – The Hayricks: Work to widen the Barriers had been due to start but had been delayed by the Contractor due to illness. The work should commence during the next week.

5. 22.125 Parish Council Vacancy: The vacancy on the Parish Council caused by the resignation of Cllr. Ward had now been advertised. The period during which electors could request an Election would end on the 21st November. After this period the Parish Could fill the vacancy by Co-option.

6. Dorset Councillor’s Report

22.126 Cllr. Ryan’s Report had been circulated to all Members of the Parish Council prior to the meeting and was duly noted. Cllr. Ezzard reported that she had also attended the Remembrance Sunday Ceremony in Wareham and she had suggested to the Town Clerk that a Representative of Arne Parish Council should be invited to attend in future years. She then reported on proposals for tourism in the area and in particular the use of the shuttle bus to the RSPB site during the Summer. Statistics would be available shortly and it was hoped that this service would operate again next year as it provided an additional bus service to surrounding villages and communities. Bus passes could also be used. The Parish Councils served by this bus service could be asked to help financially next year. A member asked about the Sandbanks Ferry which was currently out of service for repair. It was noted that it would be unlikely to be back in service until the New Year.

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 £
02/11/2022	Cllr. Sims	Bulb Planters etc	BACS	67.17

18/11/2022	E. Macknamara	Clerk's Salary Expenses Telephone/ Broadband	B A C S 25	460.00 16.17
18/09/2022	HMRC	PAYE	B A C S 26	115.00
			TOTAL	658.34

The Clerk also presented a report on the current bank balances and a summary of the Budget to 31st October 2022

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

8. 22.128 Scribe Allotments Software: The Clerk reported that Scribe now offered a software Package for the administration of allotments which included mapping, invoices, agreements and information relating to plot holders. However, it was felt that the number of allotments currently available didn't warrant the costs involved but the information would be retained should the allotment site be extended in the future.

9. 22.129 National Pay Award: The Clerk reported that the National Pay Award 2022/23 had now been agreed which would increase the hourly rate of pay for the Clerk (scp 11 £11.50) to £12.50 increasing the Gross Pay of the Clerk by £50 per month back dated to the 1st April, 2022. It was agreed that the Pay Award should be implemented from the 1st April, 2022 and It was RESOLVED: That the National Pay Award be adopted and be implemented with effect From 1st April, 2022 increasing the hourly rate to £12.50 (scp 11)

ACTION: THE CLERK

10. 22.130 Budget 2023/24 The Clerk had circulated a proposed Budget for the financial year 2023/24 which proposed a Precept of £39540.20 (no increase from 2022/23) which would Leave a deficit of £1426 to be met from reserves. The Clerk further explained that the amount paid by Parishioners would depend on the Tax Rate set by Dorset Council. The Budget was then discussed, and the majority felt that the Precept should not be increased and the deficit met from current balances. A suggestion that the Precept should rise by 5% to offset inflation was not supported and on being put to the vote it was RESOLVED: i) That the Budget circulated to the meeting for 2023/24 be approved and that the Precept be set at £39540.20 for the financial year 2023/24 and that the deficit of £1426 be met from reserves.
ii) That the Clerk be authorised to submit the Precept for 2023/24 to Dorset Council amounting to £39540.20.

11. 22.131 The Asset Register:

The Asset Register had been agreed at the last meeting. The financial information would be updated and the revised Register circulated to the next meeting.

ACTION: THE CLERK

12. 22.132 Stoborough Meadow and Open Spaces Contract

The Clerk had circulated the proposed tender document and timetable as amended at the last meeting for final approval.

A resident had raised the ongoing maintenance of a small triangular area of grass at Stoborough Green/Corfe Road and the ongoing maintenance of the Village Green was also raised. After discussion it was agreed that the Tender Documents and timetable be agreed with the following amendments:

- The address for the return of the tenders be updated to the Clerk’s new address
- Village Green Management: to be quoted on an as and when required basis i.e. Price for each cut required)
- Stoborough Green triangle: to be quoted on an as and when basis i.e. Price for each cut required.

Subject to these amendments it was RESOLVED: That the tender documents for the Stoborough Meadow and Open Spaces Contract be approved together with the proposed timetable therein.

The Clerk reported that the current Contractor had informed him that his outstanding invoices would be submitted for payment. The Clerk would check the records for the last payment made.

ACTION: The Clerk

14. To consider any defects for passing on to the Lengthsman

22.133 The Chair reported that she would ask The Lengthsman to relocate the Speed Indicator Device.

15. Resilience Hub:

22.134: Meeting to be arranged

ACTION: THE CHAIR/CLERK

16. Parish Reports

22.135 Councillors’ Reports on meetings attended:

Cllr. Patrick reported that the AGM of the Furzebrook Village Hall was yet to be arranged.

She had attended the meeting of the Wareham Relief in need and sickness Charity and had been appointed as a Trustee.

Wareham Joint Burial Board: Cllr. Bessant had attended a meeting of the Board on the 21st

October 2022 when he had received the Gold Award in the Churchyard in Bloom Competition on behalf of all involved which included Arne Parish Council. The award was displayed at the meeting.

Cllr. Bessant had also attended the AGM of the Stoborough Village hall on the 7th November, 2022. The Hall’s financial position remained positive, and he had raised the issue of the proposed Resilience Hub.

Stoborough Primary School: The Chair reported that the Primary School had enjoyed taking part in the planting of bulbs in The Hayricks and she had thanked the children and staff for their support. The school was considering Academy Status.

Cllr. Ives reported that he had attended the meeting of the Stoborough Meadow Residents Association who had now circulated their latest Newsletter. A request to widen the gate at Melancholy Lane had been discussed but more information was needed before the Parish Council could discuss this matter.

Cllr, Church reported that the Ridge Residents Association was due to meet in February 2023.

22.136 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks: Cllr. Sims reported that the Zip Wire had been inspected and made safe. A quote had been requested for an additional carriage. The trampoline had filled with water and the supplier would be asked if a drainage solution was available
A report from Bonsai regarding replacement trees had not been received. Alternative quotes would be obtained.

Cllr. Duckworth reported that hedging plants needed to be replaced and Trees for Dorset had recommended that approximately 50 plants would be needed at a cost of approximately £120 as the stakes would not be needed.

ACTION: CLLR
SIMS/DUCKWORTH

22.137 Allotments: The annual Invoices would now be issued to allotment holders. No price Increase from the previous year.

ACTION: The Clerk

22.138 Dorset Local Plan and Purbeck Local Plan: Cllr Duckworth reported that the Dorset Local Plan was now expected to be completed in 2024. Issues relating to the enrichment of Poole Harbour and Weymouth Sea front had to be resolved.

22.139 Litter/Dog Waste Bins: Replacement Bins were needed at:
West Lane/Corfe Road
New Road
Tuckers, Mill Lane
Sunnyside/Tramway – Repair.

The Clerk to obtain quotes for Bins and Installation and permission from Dorset Council if needed.

ACTION: THE CLERK

22.140: The notes of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Group had been circulated by the Clerk. Cllr. Duckworth reported that the Group had met Cllr. Ray Bryan of Dorset Council and details were awaited.

17. To consider Planning Applications received

22.141 The following application was considered:

2021/03128 Drilling of one sidetrack (SW1-T2) from the existing Slot 10A in the M-19 Well at Wellsite M Wytch Farm.

The need for the continued extraction in this area was noted with regret.

2022/07046 Overflow Car Park for RSPB Arne reserve visitors required when permanent car park was full. RSPB Arne Road, Ridge, Wareham (Certificate of Lawfulness)

ACTION: THE CLERK

Land at Steppingstones Field, Stoborough Pre Planning Consultation: Halsall Homes
Details of this proposed development had been circulated prior to the meeting (12 New Dwellings)

Members noted the proposal and put forward the following observations for consideration:

Compliance with the Neighbourhood Plan

Provision and number of affordable homes and prime residence policy

Planning Conditions imposed to comply with the standards imposed on the site to the north of West Lane

Flooding and water level proposals required

Access to West Lane

Speed and Traffic flows from the A351 turning into West Lane.

18. Correspondence and items for action and resolution

22.142 Register of Interests update and reform.

Dorset Council now required Members Interests Forms update and reform online. The Clerk would circulate details.

ACTION: THE CLERK

22.143 Wytch Farm Business Update – 30th November, 2022: The Parish Council had been invited to send one representative to this meeting and the Chair would attend.

The Clerk was asked if an additional representative could attend

17. Correspondence received since the Agenda was set:

22.144 Working together Project: The Chair had attended a Zoom Meeting with DAPTC to discuss the principle of a Working together Document with Dorset Council.

The proposal would set out clear guidelines on how Dorset Council and Town and Parish Councils might work together. DAPTC had asked if there was any support for this to be Done. Members agreed that the proposal would be supported in principle.

22.145 Walk on the Moors: Natural England had invited the Parish Council to walk on the Moors (Guided Tour) on the 6th December, 2022.

22.146 Wareham Wombles and Stoborough Spikers: These ladies groups had been litter Picking in the Parish. The Groups were thanked for their recent work.

18. 22.147 Additional items considered urgent by the Chairman for discussion only

Ridge Yacht Club: An email had been received from the Yacht Club following the recent heavy rainfall which raised concerns about the proposed Arne Moors Project and the

effect on the Yacht Club. The Planning Officer had received this email from the Yacht Club with photographic evidence of flooding of sections of the ditch to the east of Ridge Wharf. The Clerk would ask the Planning Officer to take these comments into account and in Particular the Parish Council's view that telemetry to monitor the sluices would be needed.

ACTION: THE CLERK

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.00pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 19th January 2023 commencing at 7pm Stoborough Village Hall.