



# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARNE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 20th OCTOBER 2022 AT STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.00PM**

**Present:** Cllrs: R. Bessant; I. Church; A. Patrick and M. Simms

**Chair:** Cllr S. Cranshaw

**Clerk:** Mr. E. Macknamara

**APOLOGIES:** The Clerk reported that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Duckworth, Ives and Ward. Cllr. B. Ezzard (Dorset Council) had also sent apologies.

**Also Present:** 5 members of the public.

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

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

- **Planning Application:** Floradene, Arne Road, Ridge:  
A resident was present and informed the Parish Council that the residents had asked to meet the Planning Committee to discuss the applications received in respect of this property. However they had not received a reply to this request. The Chair advised that this was a matter for the local planning authority and as such the request should be made to the Planning Officer at Dorset Council.
- **Allotments:** A resident asked if the Parish Council had an allotment site and if there was a waiting list. He was advised to contact the Clerk to add his name to the waiting list.  
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## **1. Declaration of Interests**

**22.99** No Declarations of Interest were made.

## **2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 and the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2022**

**22.100** 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 Meetings of the Parish Council held on the 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 be agreed as a true and accurate representation of the meetings and signed by the Chair. Agreed unanimously. The Chair signed the minutes at the meeting.

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

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

- Council Insurance: This had now been renewed as agreed by Council.

- Resilience Hub: The Clerk advised that at present there had not been any discussion with Stoborough or Furzebrook Village Halls. Dorset Council had issued guidance on the issues relating to Emergency Planning and he was asked to report further at the next meeting to include the situation regarding the role of Flood Wardens for the Parish.
- Planning Application: P/FUL/2022/05149 The Moors at Arne East of the Community of Ridge and North of Arne Road.

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the response received from Dorset Council in respect of the comments made by the Parish Council as agreed at the Extraordinary Meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2022. The Parish Council's request for conditions to be attached to any approval had been largely met as well as an ongoing involvement and monitoring of the scheme as the development proposed took place. However, one area of concern was the lack of agreement to include the use of telemetry to monitor the Furzebrook Flap Valves and it was felt that this should be raised again to ensure that the ongoing safety measures were in place to reduce the risk of flooding of nearby properties and the safety of residents and their properties. The Clerk would respond accordingly to Dorset Council's Planning Officer.

## 5. **The River Corfe Project:**

**22.102** The River Conservation Officer, Dorset Wildlife Trust had been unable to attend the meeting due to illness but had provided a report to update the progress of the scheme. He would attend the meeting in January, 2023 to provide further updates on this scheme and answer any questions.

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

**22.103** Cllr. Ezzard had been unable to attend the meeting and her report to the meeting had been circulated to all Members of the Parish Council prior to the meeting.

## 7. **Speed of Traffic in the Parish:**

**22.104** The Clerk reported that Dorset Council would be discussing their policy relating to the 20 is plenty scheme. The Parish Council had previously discussed which roads should be put forward to Dorset Council for review.

The issues raised concerning the speed of traffic and noise along the A351 raised at the meeting in August had been referred to Dorset Council as the Highway Authority. They had indicated that they had considered the request but as it did not meet their current Policy requirements no further action would be taken. The residents had been advised. However, the following areas were put forward for consideration by Dorset Council:

Arne Road: 20 mph speed limit particularly with the proposed development at Arne Moor, the size of road and increasing traffic flow.

Grange Road and Furzebrook: Reduction of speed limit to 40mph to improve road safety.

The problems arising from the closure of West Lane before the school half term was raised and it was suggested that the school should be advised as the Village Hall car park was used during drop off and pick up times. The Clerk reported that the school had been advised at the request of Cllr. Bessant.

ACTION: THE CLERK
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**8. To confirm the payment of accounts**

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The following payments were presented for payment:

Invoice Date	Payee	Description	Pay Ref	Amount
				£
16/09/2022	E. Macknamara	Clerk's Salary/Expenses	BACS 25	478.22
16/09/2022	HMRC	PAYE	BACS 26	213.00
			TOTAL	691.22
21/09/2022	Viking Stationary	Stationary	BACS 27	152.72
25/09/2022	Scott Estates	Allotment Rent	BACS 28	72.00
22/09/2022	Glasdon UK Ltd	Biodegradable Bags	BACS 29	57.43
01/10/2022	PKF Littlejohn LLP	Audit Fees	BACS 30	360.00
20/10/2022	E Macknamara	Clerk's salary - October	BACS 31	467.17
20/10/2022	HMRC	PAYE	BACS 32	115.00
			TOTAL	1224.32

The Clerk also presented a report on the current bank balances and a summary of the Budget to 30th September, 2022

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

- 9. 22.106 Review of the Asset Register:** The Clerk circulated the first draft of the Asset Register which had included the assets of the Parish Council currently held. He thanked those Members of the Parish Council who had assisted with the update. He would circulate the final Register to the next meeting when the Review was completed.

ACTION: THE CLERK

- 10. 22.107 Audit of Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022:**  
The Clerk reported that PKF Littlejohn LLP had now completed the Audit of the Parish Council's accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022.  
The Notice of the Public Rights had been displayed on the Notice Boards and the website as required.

- 11. 22.108 The SAAA Central External Audit Appointment Arrangements – 5 yearly REVIEW**

The Clerk explained that all Parish Councils required an appointed external Auditor and the current 5 yearly Review was being undertaken under the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015. Whilst the Parish Council could opt out this was not recommended.

**RESOLVED:** That Arne Parish Council accept the appointment of an external auditor to be made by the SAAA for the period 2022/23 until 2026/27.

ACTION: THE CLERK

**12. 22.109 Barriers at the Entrance to The Hayricks:**

The Clerk explained that three quotes had been requested for the widening of the Barriers at the entrance to the Hayricks but only one quotation had been submitted by Wentworth Grounds Maintenance Ltd. In the sum of £410.00 plus VAT.

**RESOLVED:** That as the quotation is under the de minimus level required by the Financial Regulations and three quotations had been requested the Quotation received from Wentworth Grounds Maintenance Ltd. be accepted and the Clerk place an Order for the work to be carried out.

ACTION: The Clerk

**13. (i) 22.110 Stoborough Meadow and Open Spaces Contract:**

A draft of a proposed tender document had been circulated prior to the meeting. A suggestion regarding the inclusion of the Village Green was discussed and it was agreed that the Village Green should be cut and collected twice each season and it was, therefore,

**RESOLVED:** That subject to the cut and collection of the Village Green on two occasions each season and the proposed tender Document amended accordingly, that four quotations be invited and submitted to the next meeting for further consideration.

ACTION: THE CLERK

**22.111 Parish Council Website:** **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk arrange a meeting with the four identified website providers in January, 2023 and that all Members of the Parish Council be invited to participate.

ACTION: THE CLERK

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

**22.112** The Chair reported on the Lengthsman Scheme and thanked him for assisting with the relocation of the Speed Indicator Device.

**15. Resilience Hub:**

**22.113. Deferred until the next meeting**

ACTION: THE CLERK

**16. Parish Reports**

**22.114 Councillors' Reports on meetings attended:**

Bus Services: Cllr. Cranshaw reported that the Institute of Public Policy had advised that Government Grants to improve bus services had failed rural areas compared to more urban areas.

Wareham Joint Burial Board: Cllr. Bessant had attended a meeting of the Board on the 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 which had discussed improvements to the maintenance of the closed churchyard area and the encouragement of wild flowers. This included no mow areas. The Burial Board had also received a Gold Award in the Churchyard in Bloom Competition. The Wareham Joint Burial Board had also decided not to increase their Precept in 2023/4.

Cllr. Bessant had also attended the meeting to discuss The Hayricks Tender and Website also held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2022

Stoborough Village Hall: The AGM would take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2022

Furzebrook Village Hall would be meeting in 2 weeks' time.

Stoborough Primary School: The Chair reported that she would ask if the Primary School would wish to help with the planting of bulbs in The Hayricks.

Dorset Council Planning Seminar: The Clerk together with Cllr. Duckworth had attended The Planning Seminar arranged for Parish and Town Councils held at the Allendale Centre Wimborne.

No reports were made in respect of the following:

Stoborough Meadow Residents Association; Ridge Residents Association.

## **22.115 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG**

**Hayricks:** Cllr Sims reported that the Play equipment inspection report for October had been completed. The Zip wire had been inspected following a report that it was stiff to use. There had been some wear on the rollers and Southern Playground had been asked to quote. The Witches Hat had been repaired.

A report would be available from Bonsai regarding replacement trees at the next meeting.

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## **22.116 Allotments:** There was nothing further to report on the Allotment Site.

**22.117 Dorset Local Plan and Purbeck Local Plan:** The Clerk understood that the Purbeck Local Plan was still in use but would be included in the Dorset Plan although this was not expected to be completed until 2024.

## **17. To consider Planning Applications received**

### **22.118** The following application was considered:

2022/06129 Erect 10 Panel (3.6KW) ground mounted solar array within residential Curtilage. No Objection

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## **18. Correspondence and items for action and resolution**

**22.119** The Clerk reported that Dorset Council would be refilling the salt bins provided they had not been relocated to a different position.

## **17. Correspondence received since the Agenda was set:**

**22.120 Pull a Pine RSPB Arne:** The Chair reported that the annual Christmas Pull a Pine Event at Arne RSPB would take place this year which would lead to additional traffic in the Area.

**18. 22.98 Additional items considered urgent by the Chairman for discussion only**

No items raised.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19:50pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 commencing at 7pm Stoborough Village Hall.