



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARNE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 19th OCTOBER, 2023
AT STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.15PM**

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

Chair: Cllr S. Cranshaw

Clerk: Mr. T. Watton

Also Present: Cllr. R. Holloway (Dorset Council)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs T Brodie-James and I. Church. Cllr. B Ezzard (Dorset Council)

Also Present: 5 Members of the public.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Planning Application P/HOU/2023/04459 Erect front extension and part cladding to all existing elevations(demolish existing balcony and part cladding to all existing elevations) The Villa, 33 Stoborough Meadow BH20 5HP:

A resident noted that this application, the third related to this property in under 2 years, had been withdrawn. However, he expressed the view that a revised application with some changes to the original proposal might be expected.

Pro Coast Project: the resident who had outlined the opportunity for the Parish Council to be involved with a funded programme from the European Sustainable Use Group to conduct a case study with voluntary involvement of local residents. He reminded those present that the Parish Council had supported a similar initiative around 10 years ago. This initiative could include a survey of residents' views, if the Council so wished. The survey would be in the form of an online questionnaire, but with an option for residents to submit responses on paper if they prefer. In response to a question, he explained that local residents involved would be self-selected by volunteering, if the Council required a survey to be included. If not, then random selection would be used. He also commented that communication / promotion of this initiative would be handled by the organisers, and that it would commence in spring 2024.

1. Declaration of Interests

23.151 None were made.

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st September, 2023

23.152 A copy of the minutes had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

It was then proposed and seconded that the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 21st September, 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

23.153 Parish Website: This matter was still ongoing and would be discussed further at the next meeting. Cllr Sims asked if it was possible to obtain data on the number of hits received by the current website. It is understood that this is possible. However, doing so currently presents some technical difficulties.

ACTION: THE CLERK

23.154 D Day Celebrations 6th June, 2023: Deferred for discussion at the meeting in January 2024.

4. 23.155. Dorset Councillor’s Report. Cllr. Holloway reported on issues relating to Dorset Council. A copy of the report prepared by Cllr Ezzard had been circulated prior to the meeting. He added the following updates to points covered in it:

Bibby Stockholm Barge: Dorset Council Communications Dept has issued a statement on 19th October that asylum seekers were beginning to move back onto the barge from that evening.

Planning Enforcement matters: Cllr Holloway has regular meetings with the Enforcement Officers and so he encouraged Parish Council members to refer on to him any relevant comments or questions about such matters.

5. 23.156 To confirm the payment of accounts:

The following payments were presented for approval:

**ARNE PARISH
COUNCIL
PAYMENTS –
OCTOBER 2023**

Invoice Date	Payee	Description	Pay Ref	Amount
25/09/2023	Scott Estate Management	Rent for 6 months	BACS 34	£72.00

25/09/20	BDO LLP	Fee for annual return	BACS	£378.0
23		external audit	35	0
	Smart Garden			
03/10/20	Services	Open Spaces Maintenance	BACS	£590.8
23		September 2023	36	3
			TOTA	£1040.
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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 Financial Report and Budget.

RESOLVED: That the financial report for the period ending 30th September 2023 be received.

6. 23.157 Budget 2024/25

The Clerk referred to the 2024/25 budget preparation paper that he had circulated to all members before the meeting. He explained that this was a work-in-progress towards establishing the budget for the next financial year and that he had taken the spreadsheet used in previous years and added new columns of data to cover 2023/24 actual incomes and expenditures per budget line for the year-to-date and then added forecasts for each of these budget lines to arrive at a forecast totals for the current year as a whole. These full year forecast figures had then been used to make suggestions for budget figures for 2024/25. He highlighted that at this stage the suggested 204/25 figures were intended as a starting point for members’ thoughts, and that he would expect several to be adjusted as it becomes clearer what some of the Council’s suppliers may charge next year. It is intended to review this further at the November meeting.

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8. 23.158 FP 11 – TREE WORK

The Clerk reported that he had written to the Dorset Council Tree Officer with a request for a site visit, but had not yet received a reply. This matter is to be chased up.

ACTION: CLLR SIMS/THE CLERK

9. 23.159 Arne Moors Project:

The Clerk reported that whilst the Stakeholder Group was scheduled to meet for a progress update on 2nd November, a visit to the site had been arranged for all Council members with representatives of Kier at 10:30am on Tuesday 7th November 2023.

10. 23.160 Pro-Coast programme – parish survey.

It was proposed and seconded that Arne Parish Council endorses this initiative. RESOLVED.

11. 23.161 Review of the DorsetCOP event and a proposal to sign “the Dorchester Declaration”:

A copy of the Dorchester Declaration had been circulated to all members in advance of the meeting. It was noted that members may wish to sign this as individuals – and can do so on the Dorset COP website at <https://dorsetcop.info/> They could then choose to add a personal pledge if they so wish.

After some discussion it was agreed that Arne Parish Council would continue to support the principle of addressing the climate crisis as a matter of great importance.

12. Parish Reports

23.162 Councillors’ Reports on meetings attended:

Cllr. Bessant reported that he had attended RHS Wisley for the In Bloom awards for the South East on behalf of the Wareham Burial Board. Wareham had achieved a gold for the second successive year.

Cllr Cranshaw had attended a Zoom meeting on winter preparedness, which was chaired by Clare Jennings, Dorset Council’s Community Resilience Liaison Officer. This event had included some good speakers and offered some valuable ideas which Cllr Cranshaw felt Arne Parish Council could take forward.

23.163 Reports from Stoborough Village Hall, Furzebrook Village Hall, Stoborough Meadow Residents Association, and the Stoborough Primary School

Stoborough Village Hall:

The Chairman of the Stoborough Village Hall reported that the AGM was scheduled to take place in week commencing 30th October. He reminded those present that the keys to the hall are now available in a key safe on the front of the building. In relation to the matter of the Resilience Hub, he remarked that it was the intention of the Village Hall Trustees to speak to electricians regarding the necessary electrical wiring into the building to accommodate the three generators intended for use as part of the resilience plan. However, the electricians will need to know the KVA capacity of the generators and confirmation of their uses – i.e. heating, lighting, power sockets.

ACTION: THE CLERK

Stoborough Meadow Residents Association:

It was noted that the Association’s Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place on 26th October.

23.164 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks: Cllr Sims reported that the grass had been cut and that it had been arranged for a group from the Mens’ Shed to treat the benches. The recently ordered trees had yet to arrive. A further tree appeared to be dead. Holme Garden Centre will be supplying a Corkscrew Willow and a crab Apple in November. Cllr Sims also reported that he had now received and fitted a number of plastic bolt head covers where they had gone missing on the slide. In response to a question from Cllr Patrick, it was agreed in principle to purchase a quantity of snowdrops. A discussion took place regarding the quantity required and the planting locations.

23.165 Allotments: Cllr Duckworth referred to the hedge along the allotment boundary with New Road. He still hoped to have a price for the work shortly. Plot 6BR remains vacant, and with no one on the waiting list. Details are on the website.

ACTION: CLLR DUCKWORTH/
THE CLERK

23.166 SANG:

It was observed that a good amount of vegetation clearance had been achieved – which had then been burnt. Some concerns were expressed about the lack of planting which may be seen to potentially reduce biodiversity. It was suggested that thanks should be expressed to those who had put up and mended the signs.

ACTION: THE CLERK/CLLR
SIMS/DUCKWORTH

23.167 Climate and Emergency Support Group: Cllr Duckworth reported that he had not been able to attend the October meeting of this group.

13. 23.168 To consider Planning Applications received

Notice of withdrawal of application: P/HOU/2023/04459 The Villa, 33 Stoborough Meadow, B20 5HP. Erect front extension and part cladding to all existing elevations (demolish existing balcony and part cladding to all existing elevations). Withdrawn on 26th September 2023. Noted.

ACTION: THE
CLERK

14 Correspondence and items for action and resolution

23.169 Dorset Council Review of Accessibility of Polling Places. No comment to make.

23.170 Planning Enforcement Knoll Farm Camp Site. Planning Enforcement Knoll Farm Camp site EN/2021/0056: It was noted that the Enforcement Officer had advised that the site owners have complied with the requirement to dismantle and remove the toilet block and showers. Also, to note that the site owners have indicated to the Enforcement Officer an intention to operate in 2024 under a new permitted 60-day exception. On this latter point Dorset Cllr Holloway explained that the introduction of the new 60 day exception was a legislative change made by Central Government, the application of which Dorset Council will be monitoring. It was noted that this provides the opportunity for operators to apply for up to 60 days – but that such applications may still be refused where there are grounds to do so. It was agreed to invite Mr Ian Alexander of Natural England to the next Council meeting to speak about this.

ACTION: THE
CLERK

23.171 Purbeck Transport Action Group AGM 14th Sept – notes and reports circulated 29th Sept. Nothing to report.

15. 23.172 Correspondence received since the agenda was set:

DAPTC: Instructions for Parish Clerk to set up personal access for Council members to the “members area” of the new DAPTC website. The Clerk will set up each council member’s access. Individual login and password details will be included in a personal email to each member.

DAPTC AGM: opportunity to attend this meeting, via zoom, on 18th November 2023. Cllr Cranshaw indicated that she would attend.

Dorset AONB: reminder of annual forum invitation, 8th November 2023.

Dorset Council Planning Dept: Notification for information only of a request to the LPA as to whether a prior approval is required. P/PABA/2023/05999 - Maranoa, Slepe Farm, BH20 5BJ

16. 23.173 Additional items considered urgent by the Chairman for discussion only:

No items were raised.

17. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Resolved: That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business pursuant to Section 1 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:17pm

Date of next meetings:

Thursday, 30th November, 2023 at 7.15pm Stoborough Village Hall

December, 2023 (Recess)

Thursday, 18th January, 2024 at 7.15pm Stoborough Village Hall