



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARNE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER,
2023
AT STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.15PM**

Present: Cllrs: R. Bessant; I. Church; I. Duckworth; J. Patrick and T. Brodie-James

Chair: Cllr S. Cranshaw

Clerk: Mr. E. Macknamara

Also Present: Cllr. B. Ezzard (Dorset Council)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs J. Ives and M. Sims. Cllr. R. Holloway (Dorset Council)

Also Present: 5 Members of the public.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Pro Coast Project: A resident was present to outline the opportunity for the Parish Council to be involved with a programme with funding provided by the European Sustainable Use Group. He outlined the Parish Council's involvement in previous Parish Surveys and asked the Parish Council to support this new Parish Survey. He circulated details of the Project Proposal and the Chair agreed that this would be discussed further at the next meeting and an item would be included on the Agenda.

A C T I O N : T H E C L E R K

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 was present to ask the Parish Council to support the large number of residents who had raised an objection to this planning application by requesting that Dorset Council refer the application to the Committee for determination rather than by a delegated decision of the Planning Officer. She outlined the unique siting and character of this dwelling and its setting within the development of Stoborough Meadow.

A representative of the Stoborough Meadow Residents Association was also present at the meeting to support this request.

Cllr. Ezzard (Dorset Council) explained the process of "calling in" a planning application so that it was referred to Committee and she indicated that she would support such a request if made by the Parish Council.

The Chair advised that the Parish Council had also objected to this application and advised the Planning Officer of the background to the development of this site provided by the Architect involved in the development. The meeting, therefore, agreed that as the proposal was out of

keeping with the character of the area and would be detrimental to the street scene intended by the original design that the Planning Officer should be requested to refer the application to Committee for determination.

ACTION: THE CLERK

The Chairman of the Stoborough Village Hall was present and felt that the Parish Council had excluded them from discussions relating to the proposed Resilience Hub by discussing issues in the Confidential Session of Parish Council meetings. He reported that the trustees considered this to be a lack of trust and that they would consider withdrawing their support to this proposal.

The Chair advised the meeting that the Parish Council was a statutory body and that in appropriate circumstances the Council was required to consider some matters in confidential session when the public interest could be prejudiced. The matters relating to the Resilience Hub discussed during the confidential session did not relate specifically to any partnership but enabled the Council to discuss some commercial aspects of the proposal and guidance given by the Government on the issue of providing a Resilience Hub within their community when. This was not a matter of not trusting potential partners but a legal requirement to avoid prejudicing the public interest as detailed in the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

The Council would certainly hope that the Village Hall would wish to continue to be involved but that decision would be for the Trustees of the Village Hall to make.

1. Declaration of Interests

23.126 None were made.

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th August, 2023

23.127 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 17th August, 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.

The Chair then introduced Mr. Tim Watton who had been interviewed for the post of Clerk/RFO and his appointment would be considered after the matters arising from the Minutes now agreed.

3. Matters arising – for report only

23.128 **Parish Website:** This matter was still ongoing and would be discussed further at the next meeting.

ACTION: THE CLERK

23.129 **SID (Speed Indicator Device:** Dorset Council were now sitting and maintaining the SID as agreed which would be reviewed after 6 months. The SID had been relocated to Arne and displaying the 20 mph speed limit.

23.130 **D Day Celebrations 6th June, 2023:** Deferred for discussion at the next meeting.

23.131: The Hayricks: The order had now been placed for the replacement of the replacement Prunus Avium and Silver Birch trees to be delivered in November.

4. 23.132 Appointment of Clerk/RFO: Following the to interview for the vacancy of Clerk/RFO on Thursday, 31st August, 2023 the Panel had unanimously recommended that Mr. Tom Watton be appointed as the Parish Clerk/RFO on the current terms agreed and that a Contract of Employment be drawn up as recommended by the National Association of Local Councils

RESOLVED: That Mr. Tim Watton be appointed as Clerk/RFO as recommended by the interview Panel to commence on Monday, 2nd October, 2023.

ACTION: THE CHAIR/
CLERK

5. 23.133. Dorset Councillor’s Report. Cllr. Ezzard reported on issues relating to Dorset Council. A copy of the report had been circulated prior to the meeting

6. 23.134 To confirm the payment of accounts:

The following payments were presented for approval:

ARNE PARISH COUNCIL
**PAYMENTS - SEPTEMBER
2023**

Invoice Date	Payee	Description	Pay Ref	Amount
30/08/2023	Dorset Council	SID Relocation/Maintenance	BACS	£624.00
01/09/2023	Cllr. S. Cranshaw	Village Green Sign	BACS	£21.60
05/09/2023	Smart Garden Services	Open Spaces Maintenance August, 2023/	BACS	£690.83
21/09	HMRC PAYE		BACS	£125.00
21/09/2023	E.Macknamara	Clerk's Salary/Broadband/ Phone Postage	BACS	£522.17
TOTAL				£1983.60

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 31st August 2023 be received.

7. 23.135 Budget 2024/25

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council would be asked to consider the Budget for 2024/25 at the next meeting. The Joint Burial Board had advised that they would not be increasing the amount contributed by the Parish Council in the next financial year.

ACTION: THE CLERK

8. 23.136 FP 11 – TREE WORK

Cllr. Sims had invited 3 Tree Surgeons to quote for the work and a further report would be Made to the next meeting.

ACTION: CLLR SIMS/THE CLERK

9. 23.137 Parish Lengthsman: Currently in abeyance.

ACTION: THE CHAIR/ CLERK

10. 23.138 Arne Moors Project: Nothing to report.

11. Parish Reports

23.139 Councillors' Reports on meetings attended:

Cllr. Church reported that he had attended the last meeting of the Joint Burial Board on the 7th September, 2023.

Cllr. Bessant was also present at the meeting. He also reported that he would be attending the Awards Ceremony for the In Bloom Competition (South East) on behalf of the Burial Board.

Cllr Duckworth had attended a meeting of the Dorset COP and outlined the discussion which had taken place. Access to this meeting was available via you tube and he would circulate details to all members. He also noted that the availability of cycle racks in Wareham was quite limited and that a request had been made to the Town Council to consider additional facilities.

Cllr. Cranshaw reported that she had attended the Care and Well Being Forum at Wareham Hospital and had highlighted the fact that cancer care had now been relocated to Poole

Hospital. Similar representations had been made concerning services at Swanage Hospital which had also been relocated to Poole and the adverse affect this had for the patients affected from the Wareham and Swanage areas.

23.140 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks: Cllr Duckworth reported that the work being undertaken by Smart Garden Services was progressing well and the cut and collect areas were looking neat and tidy. Strimming had been done along the hedges

Cllr. Sims had submitted a written report circulated to all members. He had ordered the plastic nut covers for the slide which would be fixed to the bolts shortly. The Dog Poo Bag Dispenser had been filled with a notice requesting residents to take only the number of bags needed.

ACTION: THE CLERK/CLLR
SIMS/DUCKWORTH

23.141 Allotments: Cllr Duckworth reported that he had asked for the hedge along the allotment boundary with New Road to be layed. He hoped to have a price for the work shortly. The Clerk reported that Plot 6BR was vacant but there was currently no one on the waiting list. Details had been placed on the website.

ACTION: CLLR DUCKWORTH/
THE CLERK

23.142 SANG – Bog Lane: Nothing to report.

12. 23.143 To consider Planning Applications received

Notice of Appeal: WP/20/00692/DCC Proposed development of an Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) with ancillary buildings and works including administrative Facilities, gatehouse and weighbridge parking and circulation areas, cable routes to Ship berths and existing off site electrical sub station with site access to Portland Port through Castletown: Portland Port, Castletown, Portland DT5 1PP – For Information.

P/ESC/2023/03598: Decommissioning Plan restoration and after Care Plan for Well Site G (Perenco were granted permission to continue operations until 2027) This is the decommissioning plan required by that approval. Noted.

TPO/2023/0064 Provisional Tree Preservation Order 40 Corfe Road, Stoborough: Mature Silver Birch Tree within the Stoborough Conservation Area 20th September, 2023 Provisional for 6 months.

13 Correspondence and items for action and resolution

23.144 NALC Consultation PC2-23: Local Plans and Mineral Waste Planning

Update to the Model Financial Regulation:

Details of these consultations were noted. The Clerk reported that a Zoom meeting was being held on Monday, 2nd October regarding the consultation relating to the Model Financial Regulations.

23.145 SANG – Bog Lane: The Invasive Plant Project Phase 3 was now underway.

23.146 Milestone Corfe Road: The Clerk had asked Dorset Council to cut back the verge around the Milestone.

23.147 Play Equipment Ridge: A resident had asked the Parish Council to consider providing play equipment on a site off Barnhill Road. Cllr. Church would discuss with the Ridge Residents Association.

23.1148: Allotment Officers Forum: Meeting via Zoom to be held on the 2nd October, 2023 at 2pm.

13. 23.149 Correspondence received since the Agenda was set:

Purbeck Area Committee: The role of Vice Chair was currently vacant.

RSPB Arne Shuttle Bus 2RN: The RSPB were requesting feedback on this shuttle service which had been run throughout the summer. Details had been circulated to all members.

14. 23.150 Additional items considered urgent by the Chairman for discussion only:

No items were raised.

15. 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.

23.151 Resilience Hub: Deferred until the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 19th October 2023 commencing at 7.15pm
Stoborough Village Hall.

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

December, 2023 (Recess)

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