



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARNE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 16th FEBRUARY, 2023
AT STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.00PM**

Present: Cllrs: R. Bessant; I. Church; I. Duckworth; J. Ives, C. Loades, A. Patrick and M. Sims.
Cllr. B. Ezzard (Dorset Council)

Chair: Cllr S. Cranshaw

Clerk: Mr. E. Macknamara

APOLOGIES: Cllr. R. Holloway (Dorset Council)

Also Present: 19 Members of the public.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- **Planning Application:** 2022/07955 Erection of 12 dwellings (Use Class C3) including access, drainage, landscaping and associated infrastructure Land at Stepping Stones Field, Stoborough.
A number of local residents were present at the meeting to express their concerns regarding this application and to seek the Parish Council's support in registering an objection to this proposal. Three members of the public had requested that they be able to put forward the grounds for an objection to be sent to the local planning authority (Dorset Council).
In conclusion the residents asked that Arne Parish Council respond to the consultation process by putting forward an objection to this application to Dorset Council.

ACTION: THE CLERK

- **Arne Moors Stakeholder Group:** A resident was present to lend his support to the motion (Agenda Item 5) proposed by Cllr. I. Duckworth to establish a small Group following the approval of the planning permission for the Arne Moors Project.
A representative of Natural England was present and gave an update on the Arne Moors Project and that priority was now being given to meeting the terms of the proposed S106 Agreement so that the planning permission could be issued by Dorset Council. Once this had been done it was expected that discussion could continue with the Stakeholder Group during March to April. It was also reported that Dorset Council had appointed an Officer to monitor progress of this scheme. He, therefore, envisaged that the Stakeholder Group would continue.

1. Declaration of Interests

22.173 Cllr. Ives reported that as a resident of Stoborough Meadow he had a non-pecuniary interest in the proposal to repair the posts fronting Corfe Road (Agenda Item 11) and would like to speak when this item was called for discussion.. No other Declarations were made.

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th January, 2023

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

The following amendments were proposed and seconded:

That Cllr B. Ezzard (Dorset Council) be added to the list of those present and Cllr. R. Holloway (Dorset Council) be recorded as sending his apologies.

Minute No. 22.162 That the words “ Perenco had agreed to provide a pump for the Village Hall” be amended to read “Perenco had helped with pumping water from the site”.

Minute 22.162 That the report by Cllr. Duckworth be amended to read “ Cllr. Duckworth had held a telephone conversation with Dr Calver and agreed to meet with him at the site”

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes (with the amendments proposed) of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 19th January, 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

22.175 Flood Wardens and Resilience Plan: The Clerk reported that following the recent heavy rainfall he had been in contact with the Environment Agency regarding the role of Flood Wardens. They had provided further information on the involvement of Parish Councils in flooding situations and recommended that a Flood Plan should be prepared and agreed by the Council, To this end he had been put in touch with a Council who had a plan in place which was currently being reviewed and a report would be made to a future meeting regarding this issue. The Clerk now had telephone numbers which could be used when flooding could occur and he would circulate this information to all members of the Parish Council.

ACTION: The Clerk

22.176 20 is Plenty Campaign: The Clerk reported that he had attended, along with Cllr. Cranshaw, an online meeting arranged by DAPTC on the 7th February, 2023 at which a member of the Dorset Council had outlined the procedure for Town and Parish Councils to request 20 mph areas within their Parish. A number of criteria had to be met including 12 months traffic information for the area proposed and the Parish Council meeting various costs involved in assessing the scheme put forward. The Council had discussed two possible sites but in view of the criteria to be met and the financial implication the Clerk would report further to the next meeting.

ACTION: The Clerk

22.177 The Arne Moor Project: Cllr. Cranshaw reported that she had asked the Environment Agency to video the roads leading to the RSPB Site so that they could be returned to the Current state of repair following the completion of the Arne Moor Project.

22.178 Allotment Site: RESOLVED: That the Chair, Cllr. I. Duckworth and the Clerk meet with The Scott Estate to discuss future provision of allotments for the Parish.

ACTION: The Chair/Clerk

22.179 Stoborough Green Verge Maintenance: Cllr. Ezzard had proposed that a meeting be Arranged with Dorset Council, Aster Housing to discuss the maintenance of the roadside Verges. The meeting would be attended by the Chair and the Clerk when invited.

4. 22.180 2022/07955 Erection of 12 dwellings (Use Class C3) including access, drainage, Landscaping and associated infrastructure. Land at Stepping Stones Field, Stoborough.

The Chair agreed to bring this item forward following the comments received from local Residents during the period of public consultation. Members had noted the concerns raised and supported the views expressed and it was, therefore;

RESOLVED: That Arne Parish Council support the view of local residents regarding this Application and submit the following comments to Dorset Council:

ARNE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION

The Parish Council considered this application at their meeting on the 17th February, 2023 and received comments from a number of local residents outlining their objection to this application.

The objections being put forward by the Parish Council supports these comments made by residents and are detailed as follows:

1. The site lies within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty as identified in the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan and the Purbeck Local Plan and the proposed development will have a further detrimental effect on this area.
2. The proposed development will impact further on the local amenities generally and the school in particular.
3. This site lies outside of the residential areas of the Village and will lead to further urbanisation of the area which is predominantly rural in character.
4. The proposed development is outside the existing settlement contrary to the policies in the Purbeck Local Plan.
5. The development will increase the flood risk to nearby property and the nearby roads which flood regularly. The proposed drainage scheme is considered to increase the flood risk in this area and is contrary to the sustainable design policy of the Neighbourhood Plan Policy 8.3.1.
6. The use of the adjacent waterway for drainage is not satisfactory and could exacerbate further the flooding risks in the area.
7. The proposal will lead to further loss of agricultural land. And the loss of rural culture.
8. The proposed development will increase traffic flow onto the adjacent road junction and narrow lane increasing risk and congestion.
9. The design of the development is out of keeping with the rural character of the area .
10. The habitat for local wildlife will be adversely affected.
11. The Arne Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan includes guidance on the delivery and mix of house types which includes the need for affordable housing available for those who wish to be permanent residents of the Parish. There is no proven local need for this development.

The Purbeck Local Plan identifies this area as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and is not identified as a Rural Exception Site and as such should be protected from further development outside of the main settlement areas.

5. 22.181 NOTICE OF MOTION – The following Notice of Motion has been received under Standing Order 9 from Cllr.Duckworth:

“That Arne Parish Council invites local resident members of the Arne Moors Stakeholder Group to join in establishing a small group (say 6/7 people) which would:

- Review and if appropriate propose amendments to the various agreements that have to be entered into between the Environment Agency and Dorset Council as part of the implementation of the Arne Moors Project;
- Make recommendations to Dorset Council on the environmental projects to be initiated under the S106 Agreement between the Environmental Agency and Dorset Council to address the loss of priority terrestrial habitats. Dorset Council have indicated that these S106 funds should be spent on creating, restoring, or enhancing priority grassland and woodland as close to the site as possible.”

“Arne Parish Council is the Community most affected by the Moors at Arne Project, and hence, I suggest that the Community should be involved in commenting on and influencing the various agreements and expenditure of the £550,00 S106 Funding which should be spent locally as far as possible.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. A. Patrick.

A discussion then followed regarding the proposed S106 Agreement which had yet to be finalised and under usual procedures Dorset Council would decide how the money raised would be allocated. Dorset Council had appointed an Officer to monitor this scheme and it was agreed that this Officer should be invited to the next meeting to discuss this Project with the Parish Council.

It was also noted that the Residents Stakeholder Group would continue to meet and further information was needed on how this Group might continue.

Whilst the principle of the motion was supported the Clerk suggested that further advice should be obtained regarding the constitution of such a group and the terms of reference. As there was time for these issues to be discussed further it was suggested that this motion be deferred until the next meeting.

- RESOLVED: i) That the motion be held in abeyance until the next meeting.
ii) That the Officer appointed by Dorset Council to monitor the Arne Moor Project be invited to the next meeting.

ACTION: The Clerk/Chair

6. Dorset Councillor’s Report

22.182 Cllr. Ezzard report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

7. To confirm the payment of accounts

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The following payments were presented for payment:

INVOICE DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
23/01/2023	Wareham Joint Burial Cttee	Contribution to Running Costs	£2,220.10

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25/01/2023	Allotment Society	Membership Subscription	66.00
31/01/2023	Viking Direct	Stationary	152.70
08/02/2023	Wentworth Grounds	Footpath Repair - Hayricks	738.00
20/02/2023	E Macknamara	Salary - February 2023	500.00
	Macknamara	Postage	13.04
	E. Macknamara	Telephone/Broadband	16.17
18/02/2022	HMRC	PAYE	£125.00
14/02/2023	Viking Direct	Stationary	98.14
14/02/2023	Glasdon Direct	Biodegradable Dog Waste Bags	65.64
18/02/2023		Cllr. R. Bessant	Printer Ink
		10.47	
	TOTAL		6255.36

The Clerk also presented a report on the current bank balances and a summary of the Financial Report and Bank Balances

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

22.184 To Review the Council's Banking Arrangements.

The Council agreed that the current Banking Arrangements with Barclays Bank met the Council's requirements.

8. 22.185 Parish Lengthsman:

The following items were reported for attention:

Names Road sign Arne Road/Sunnyside – Damaged – Report to Dorset Council

Finger Post of New Road (near the Dog Waste Bin) pointing in the wrong direction (realign)

ACTION: The Clerk

9 22.186 RESILIENCE HUB:

The Clerk would contact the Chair of Stoborough Village Hall to request a meeting with an Electrician to check the suitability of the Electrical System for the Generators to function.

Cllr. Loades would obtain informal advice on maintenance that may be required for the Generator's to be brought into use.

ACTION: The CLERK/CHAIR

10. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:

22.187 Members were asked to confirm their availability so that the proposed meeting with website providers could go ahead,

ACTION: THE CLERK

11. Parish Reports

22.188 Councillors' Reports on meetings attended:

Cllr. Sims reported that he had attended a meeting of the Purbeck Area Committee (DAPTC) on the 1st February, 2023 which had received a presentation from the Chief Executive regarding dedicated contact details for the various departments of Dorset Council. The Committee had also been asked to discuss the issue of Flooding. Cllr. Duckworth outlined the discussion at the Climate and Ecological Emergency Support Group on the 17th January, 2023. The Clerk had circulated the notes from this meeting to All Members. The next meeting would take place on the 13th March, 2023.

Stoborough Meadow Residents Association; A copy of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Residents Association had been sent to the Clerk.

Cllr. Church had attended the AGM of the Ridge Residents Association. No further reports were made.

22.189 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks: Cllr. Ives reported that the damaged posts at the junction of Corfe Road/ Stoborough Meadow had been repaired by the Residents Association. Repairs to the Gym Equipment at the Hayricks had been arranged for the 6th March, 2023. Further repairs would be carried out in the next financial year including the Zip Wire.

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

Hegding: Cllr. Sims reminded Members that the hedging work would take place on the 26th February, 2023 at 10.00am. The replacement hedging would be provided by Trees for Dorset and it was agreed that these costs would be reimbursed.

RESOLVED: That a payment of £50 be made to Trees for Dorset to reimburse the costs of the Hedge planting.

22.190 Allotments: The Clerk would contact the Scott Estate regarding the provision of additional allotments.

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

22.191 SANG – Bog Lane: The landowner was to provide additional fencing for the area And a gate for protection from further fly tipping.

12 To consider Planning Applications received

22.192 The following application was considered:

2022/07955 Erection of 12 dwellings (Use Class C3) including access, drainage, Landscaping and Infrastructure Land at Stepping Stones Field, Stoborough. The application had been declared void by Dorset Council.

This item had been discussed earlier in the meeting

E/2021/0056 Hardstanding and Structures without Planning Permission at Knoll Farm Campsite Soldiers Road BH20 5DU

This matter was currently being dealt with by Dorset Council Planning Officers. Any new Information should be reported to them.

13. 22.193 The King's Coronation: The meeting considered ways to mark the occasion of The King's Coronation on the 6th May, 2023.

RESOLVED: That a Community Picnic be organised on the Hayricks on Monday, 8th May, 2023.

17 Correspondence and items for action and resolution

22.194 Scottish and Southern Electricity: The Company had offered to meet with the Parish Council to outline their networks Free Priority Register and their help for vulnerable people during outages and other emergencies.. Their representative would be at the meeting in March

22.195 Area Tourism Workshop – Swanage 15th March, 2023. Details were reported to the Meeting.

22.196 DAPTC Networking Event – Kingston Maurwood 9th March, 2023. This event Was taking place on the 9th March, 2023 at a cost of £75. Cllr. Sims indicated an interest.

ACTION: The Clerk/Cllr. Sims

18. Correspondence received since the Agenda was set:

22.197 East Dorset and Purbeck CAB: The Clerk reported receipt of a letter of thanks from East Dorset and Purbeck CAB for the donation of £500 made to them by the Parish Council.

22.198 Footpath: Wareham Quay to Ridge: A letter had been received from a local Resident regarding the maintenance of trees and shrubs along this path. It was agreed that the Clerk obtain a cost for the suggested work.

ACTION: THE CLERK

22.199 RSPB ARNE: Application for a premises licence under the Licensing Act, 2003 The application was noted..

19. Additional items considered urgent by the Chairman for discussion only

22.200 No items raised.

20. 22.201 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS 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 (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reasons of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Stoborough Meadow and Open Spaces Contract (To report the Tenders received)

The Clerk circulated details of three tenders received for the Open Spaces Contract
Commencing 1st April, 2023.

RESOLVED: That each Contractor be invited to meet the Parish Council to discuss their tenders.

ACTION: THE CLERK

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:16pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 16th March 2023 commencing at 7pm Stoborough Village
Hall.