



MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL AGM
HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH MAY 2019 AT
STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL FOLLOWING THE
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Present: Cllrs I Church, S Cranshaw, V Ward

Chair: Cllr P Love

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also Present: 10 members of the public, Dorset Councillor Ryan Holloway, Catherine Farrugia (EA)

Prior to starting the meeting, the Chairman asked members of the public if they had any intention of filming or recording the meeting. No-one expressed any intention to do so.

Ashley Pellegrini felt that the council has been good in recent years in responding to issues quickly and in a timely manor e.g. the SID and the Lengthsman. However, there are some jobs that need to be undertaken by the Lengthsman in Gover Close and the Lengthsman was due to cut the grass from the triangle to the end of Stoborough Road. The Clerk will speak to the contractor and ask them to cut the verges back further.

Nick Cake asked if it would be possible to have deer warning signs from the Blue Pool roundabout to the Halfway Inn and along the bypass. This was raised last year. The Clerk will speak to Highways about getting some more signage for the main roads.

ACTION: CLERK

Richard Bessant – the sign at the end of Old Furzebrook Road is broken. The Clerk will follow this up.

ACTION: CLERK

Hugh Ricks noted that, at the beginning of May, it was announced by the Emma Howard Boyd, Chair of the Environment Agency that the government should be spending £1b a year to protect the UK because of a global warning on sea defences. It is ironic that we have, in Ridge, a perfectly good sea defence that runs the risk of being demolished so the sea can be allowed to flow within 300 yards of premises. He would urge the Parish Council to continue to defend the residents from this.

Catheryn Farrugia informed the meeting that the EA do look at the day to day water levels as well as the 100 and 200 year floods. When they assess the flood risk they do so with and without the scheme in place and their aim is to ensure nobody is at greater risk with the scheme in place. Evidence will be submitted with the planning application in about a year's time. The tidal embankments that currently exist are of a height that will be overrun by the 10 year flood risk.

Hugh Ricks – the EA are spending upwards of £18m of public money when they could just improve the current flood defences. Catheryn – the reason for the project is to create intertidal habitat to replace the habitat that will be lost with the predicted rising of the water levels and to protect properties in the Sandbanks area. The next stakeholder meeting will be on the 12th June and the next public exhibition will be in the autumn.

1. Declaration of Interests

20.01 No interests were declared at this stage and no requests for dispensation had been received.

2. To receive apologies for absence

20.02 Apologies had been received from Cllr Malcolm Sims and from Mr Don Hunter.

3. To Elect a Chairman

20.03 Cllr Cranshaw nominated Cllr Love for the role. This was seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously. Cllr Love accepted and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the presence of the meeting.

4. To Elect a Vice Chairman

20.04 Cllr Love nominated Cllr Cranshaw for the role. This was seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously.

5. To consider the co-option of a new Parish Councillor

20.05 Following the election, the Parish Council is three members short. Mr Ian Duckworth has contacted the Clerk and expressed an interest in filling one of the posts. Cllr Cranshaw proposed that Mr Duckworth is co-opted to the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously.

6. To Elect Representatives to the various bodies and groups within the Parish

20.06 It was agreed that this would be deferred until the June meeting.

7. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th April 2019

20.07 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Cranshaw proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously. The Chair signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

8. Matters arising – for report only

20.08 No matters arising not covered by this agenda.

9. Dorset Councillor’s Report

20.09 A copy of Cllr Ezzard’s report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Ryan Holloway introduced himself to the meeting. He is one of the new ward councillors elected on the 2nd May.

Cllr Ryan reported that, at the new Council meeting today, members were asked for the council to recognise that climate change is happening, and that the council agrees to declare

a climate emergency. Following a vote, members voted to pass this motion and Dorset has officially declared a climate emergency.

Ashley Pellegrini informed Cllr Holloway that the support for the proposed national park mentioned in Cllr Ezzard's report is not universal.

10. To confirm the payment of accounts and consider the bank reconciliation & position against budget

20.10 To confirm the Payment of Accounts

The following payments had been requested:

Dorset Council	Supply & install 3 posts for SID	BACS004	1074.96
Came & Co	Insurance renewal	BACS005	840.57
Wareham TC	Flower display for WIB	BACS006	50.00
DC Pension	May contribution	BACS007	151.25
Mrs A Crocker	May wages + expenses	BACS008	479.39
HMRC	May PAYE	BACS009	104.00
DAPTC	Annual subscription	BACS010	469.86
R Yates	Internal audit	BACS011	85.00

The total amount requested from the Precept is £3,255.13 Cllr Cranshaw proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously.

ACTION: CLERK

20.11 To confirm the bank reconciliation and position against budget for the year to date

A copy of both reports had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. No comments were made, or queries raised.

19:27 Cllr Holloway left the meeting.

11. Parish Reports

20.12 Councillors' Reports on meetings attended

Cllr Church – Ridge Residents Association 23/4 co-opted to the committee as a representative; commodore's reception at Ridge Yacht Club

Cllr Love – Furzebrook Village Hall AGM 30/4

20.13 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – The boules area continues to be an eye sore and has not been used for many years. The Clerk suggested the wooden frame is removed and the area grassed over. Steve Widmer agreed with this option. The Clerk will contact the contractor and obtain a price for the work.

ACTION: CLERK

Allotments – nothing to report

SANG - Ashley Pellegrini reported that signs have been put up saying Bog Lane Nature Recreation site. The wooded area has been cleared of undergrowth.

20.14 Engine Shed Update

The sale is in the process of going through for the whole 7 acres of land, though things are progressing very slowly. The use of the site and shed have not been finalised but it is hoped the area will be kept as natural as possible.

20.15 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The consultation period for the Strategic Environmental Assessment has been extended to the 29th May. Once this has passed, we will continue with the path set out in the March minutes.

20.16 Chairman's Report

Before continuing with the remainder of the meeting, the Chair read out a brief report of the year past. A full copy of the report is available on the web site.

12. To consider Planning Applications received

20.17 6/2019/0181 43 Corfe Road - demolish garage & erect new building

Mr Gould made his presence known to the meeting and reported that he is representing his mother who is the applicant. The proposal is for a small, single storey 2 bed property. The intention is that the property would remain in the family and the cottage has been empty for a number of years and will be sold.

Mrs Randall responded saying that she is concerned about being overlooked by the proposed property. The property is listed.

Councillors said they would like to have a site meeting and Mr Gould reported that he would be happy for them to view the site and report back by email.

Post meeting note; Councillors subsequently met both Mr Gould and Mrs Randall on site. Following discussions with both parties the Parish Council submitted the following comments:

'Arne Parish Council has considered this application. The Local policy permits infill development of this type and there is already one such development in a neighbour's garden, set back to the proposed building line.

Having visited the site, members felt that there would be some partial loss of privacy for residents of number 47, Corfe Road. A substantial hedge already exists between the two properties, but it is noted that the Arboricultural Assessment recommends cutting this hedge back hard. We request that, as part of the planning conditions, the hedge is maintained and improved and, perhaps, a 6' high fence is added to mitigate any potential loss of privacy suffered by No. 47.

With this condition in place, Arne Parish Council has no objection to the application.'

6/2019/0186 8 Hollow Oak Road - erect rear extension

Cllr Ward asked how the site was going to be accessed during the works. The applicant reported that this had been considered and the developers were confident that access would not be a problem. Surface water reports had been undertaken and showed that the issues were based in the field behind and not with the houses. The extension is required as the existing property is a small three bedroom bungalow and there are now 5 adults living there and more space is needed for an additional bedroom.

No objections were raised.

6/2019/0222 1 Old Furzebrook Road – erect single storey rear extension

No objections

6/2019/0238 Ivy Cottage, Worgret Hill - CofU of outbuilding to unit of independent residential occupation. To be used for holiday letting

No objections

6/2019/0292 57 Corfe Road – internal & external repairs to render, windows and porch

No objections

TWA/2019/098 59 Corfe Road – Apple trees – various works

Members raised no objections to the application and agreed to abide by the comments of the Dorset Tree Officer.

13. Correspondence and items for action and resolution

20.18 To agree the Annual Governance Statement

A copy of the Statement had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Each statement was reviewed and individually acknowledged. Cllr Church proposed that the Annual Governance Statement is accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Cranshaw and agreed unanimously. The Statement was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk in the presence of the meeting.

20.19 To agree the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019

A copy of the full set of accounts had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Cranshaw proposed the accounts are accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously. The Accounting Statement was signed by the Chairman and RFO in the presence of the meeting.

20.20 To consider the report from the Internal Auditor

A copy of the report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

There was an issue regarding the BACS payments when one payment was made twice. This resulted from a glitch in the Barclays system but was rectified immediately. Money was

paid into the wrong account – this was again immediately rectified. 2 pages within the June and July minutes were not initialled.

The Internal Auditor's notes were accepted, and the report unanimously accepted.

A full copy of the report is available on the Parish Council web site.

20.21 To confirm the insurance for the coming year

The Clerk reported that the 3-year long term agreement has now expired. The premium for the coming year will be £846.73 or £806.90 should we wish to enter into another 3-year LTA. Members unanimously agreed that another LTA should be entered into.

20.22 To confirm the Standing Order and Financial Regulations

A copy of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Cranshaw proposed they are accepted without amendment. This was seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously. There are a number of points that will be reviewed in more detail.

20.23 To review and confirm the Risk Assessment

A copy of the Assessment had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Ward proposed the Risk Assessment is accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Church and agreed unanimously.

20.24 To review and confirm the Asset Register

A copy of the current Register had been issued to all members at the start of the meeting. Cllr Cranshaw proposed that the Register is accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously.

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

20.25 - New Road trash screen

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

20.26 The Clerk reported that the Housing Need Survey is due to be delivered to every household in the parish in the next day or two. All residents are encouraged to complete the form.

Concern was expressed that there are one or two properties that currently belong to Aster that are due to be sold as market housing. Residents requested that this is drawn to the attention of the officers although it was noted that, as a business, Aster are able to make such transactions and there is not a great deal that can be done to stop them.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:05pm