



MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 20th AUGUST 2020
This meeting was carried out by video conferencing

Present: Cllrs I Church, I Duckworth, R Bessant, P Love, M Sims, V Ward

Chair: Cllr S Cranshaw

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also Present: Dorset Cllrs B Ezzard and R Holloway and 1 member of the public.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chairman reminded those present that the meeting was being recorded for the purposes of the minutes.

1. Public Participation

Concern was expressed by the number of cyclists that were coming into the area, especially during the lockdown period. They do not observe social distancing, nor do they wear masks, and few seem to be using the cycle paths. In addition, cyclists appear to be using any footpath they wish. They complain that the notices cannot be seen or there are not enough of them. A particular problem area is the tow path. Should we wish to improve the signage on the tow path, it will be the responsibility of the Parish Council to pay for the signs. The Clerk will look into this for the next meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

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

3. Apologies for absence

21.043 Apologies had been received from Cllr Ali Patrick and Mr Steve Widmer.

4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th July 2020

21.044 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Love proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously. The Chair will sign the minutes in due course.

5. Matters arising – for report only

21.045 AG Services are due to start the work to the trees during the first week of September.

6. Dorset Councillor's Report

21.046 A copy of Cllr Ezzard's report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

Cllr Bessant raised the issue of lack of waste collections by Dorset Waste Partnership. Cllr Love pointed out that this seems to be a regular occurrence throughout the district, not just Furzebrook Road. It is a major issue. Cllr Ezzard reported that she has been speaking to DWP on a daily basis as the problem is universal throughout the district and the website is not particularly helpful.

Members are reminded that they should not deal with Dorset Council directly, they should go via the Clerk and the local Dorset Councillor's name should be included and copied in.

Members were asked to keep a record of how the waste and recycling collections go over the next month and report back at the September meeting.

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

21.047 To confirm the Payment of Accounts

The following payments had been requested:

Anvil	Grounds maintenance April-June	BACS021	1,861.31
Caloo	Repair & replace basket swing	BACS022	1,053.60
Purbeck Youth	Donation	BACS023	500.00
Cheap Printing	A1 notices	BACS024	43.20
Adobe Systems	Mapping system Dec'19-June'20	BACS025	139.79
Scribe	Annual accounts fee	BACS026	339.60
DC Pension Fund	August contribution	BACS027	151.25
A Crocker	August wages + expenses	BACS028	459.92
HMRC	PAYE & NIC August	BACS029	104.00

The total amount requested from the Precept is £4,652.47.

Cllr Bessant proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously.

ACTION: CLERK

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.

8. Parish Reports

21.048 Councillors' Reports on meetings attended

Cllr Duckworth – Purbeck Energy Group – still pursuing the setting up of an Energy Local Co-operative. This has been temporarily put on hold until Bridport Group is up and running.

No other meetings had been attended.

21.049 Reports from outside bodies

Stoborough Village Hall – Steve Widmer was unable to attend the meeting but had sent the following report – ‘The Trustees have secured a £10k non-repayable grant for the village

hall and, through the diligence of Jill Scragg and other Trustees, drawn up a Contract of Hire for outside bodies with specific conditions that they would be responsible for upon hiring the hall, as well as the necessary Risk Assessment. The grant will go some way to off-setting the costs and lost revenue as well as covering the extra expenses of dealing with Covid19.

Stoborough Primary School – the Chair will write to the new head teacher.

21.050 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – Cllrs Cranshaw and Sims have attended the site and checked the Covid19 signs which are now in place. The risk assessment has also been completed.

The Men’s Shed hope to get a team together this month to undertake the necessary repair works – weather permitting.

Allotments – There is a great deal of work going on on the allotments. The Clerk reported that the sewage drain had overflowed during the recent heavy rainfall and drained into the allotment nearest New Road. This had been reported to Wessex Water and an engineer attended the site. It is important to report every time the drain overflows and, eventually, it may be possible for the drain to be enlarged.

SANG – Cllr Ward attended the site and reported that there is not the level of rubbish that was being experienced.

21.051 To receive an update on the Climate Change & Environmental Emergency Initiative

Cllr Duckworth had raised a report regarding this initiative which had been submitted to all members. The next step would be to wait for the Wareham Council Climate Change Committee to meet and put the document before them.

9. To consider Planning Applications received

21.052 Planning Applications

6/2020/0327 Adele, Arne Road - Demolish existing bungalow & erect replacement 1.5 storey dwelling with covered balcony

No objections were raised. It was felt that the proposal was preferable to what exists at the moment and concern was expressed about the number of vehicles already parked on the forecourt of the existing property. Should all these need to move off the site whilst construction is underway, it could cause a problem to traffic on the Arne Road. In addition, it was noted that local knowledge had highlighted the possibility of asbestos within the construction of the present building and this would need to be disposed of in a suitable manner.

21.053 Tree work Applications

TPO/2020/082 6 Gover Close, Ridge
T4 Oak & T5 Oak – reduce lateral branches

No objections were made to this application.

Cllr Love raised the issue of TPOs and asked if the requested TPOs elsewhere in the parish were being progressed. The Clerk will speak to the Tree Officer accordingly.

ACTION: CLERK

10. Correspondence and items for action and resolution

21.054 To consider the purchase of a replacement litter/dog bin for the Hayricks

Details of several different types of bin had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Ward noted that the Community bin required a key to open it and asked if it would be possible to go for something similar to what already exists. DWP are saying that the litter and dog waste bins should be combined as the contents of both go to landfill. A label can be put on the bin saying the bin takes both litter and dog waste.

Cllr Duckworth proposed that the Community Litter Bin at £261.56 + VAT is purchased in deep green with concrete foundation fixing bolts at £15.63 + VAT. This was seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will order the bin and fixings and will check with DWP that they would be happy to empty it.

ACTION: CLERK

21.055 To consider a response to the Devolution Consultation

A copy of the documentation had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Cranshaw expressed concern that the proposal suggests that parish councils lose their opportunity to have a say in planning permissions. The government if proposing three designated areas for building. The only one suitable for this parish would be that of 'protected.' If this is the case, we would retain our right to be consulted on any planning application. If we were to fall into either of the other two categories, this right would be lost. It was felt that local knowledge is paramount in the agreement of planning applications.

Cllr Holloway reported that Dorset Council are overspent, and this is a big concern for the Council. The Government has sent additional monies are being made available, but this is not going to meet the shortfall. The Leader of Council has written to the Secretary of State and Prime Minister saying that if the overspend is not filled, most of the reserves will have been spent.

Cllr Love – affordable housing – future developments of over 50 might not have any affordable housing at all. 25% of future developments will be for first time buyers but the size of developments we are likely to have in the Parish of Arne, is unlikely to have any affordable housing.

Cllr Duckworth reported that the implication of the Planning for the Future document sets out that Local Plans would be required to list all available land into one of three categories: growth, renewal or protected. Once these allocations are made there is no further local input. The document assumes that the planning process is the reason why insufficient houses are built whilst 95% of housing applications are passed. Cllr Duckworth suggested that, whilst he is going to respond personally, he felt that Arne Parish Council should also respond.

The Clerk will draft responses to both Devolution consultation and the Planning for the Future document and members will review them at the September meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

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21.056 To consider defects to be passed to the Lengthsman

- New Street trash screen – dig out and level and spread waste on either bank. Cllr Ward has been in touch with Stephen Mepham and asked him to check the pipes under the road.

21.057 To consider holding a meeting during September

Members agreed that, as there is a requirement to respond to the Planning Consultations, it will be necessary to meet in September to confirm the joint response.

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

21.058 Cllr Ward reported that complaints have been received regarding the new Corfe Road/West Lane junction. There is virtually permanent parking opposite the junction where it had originally been suggested yellow lines should be applied. The process for yellow lines will be progressed. All the work to replace the drain outside the school seems to have been in vain as the drain was blocked during the heavy rain.

Cllr Bessant confirmed that parents were still parking on the double yellow lines on the new section of road. Unfortunately, this will not stop. Lorries are having trouble turning left out of West Lane. Even if double yellow lines are put opposite the junction, parents will undoubtedly continue to park along this section.

It was suggested that, when Cllr Cranshaw writes to the new Head Teacher, she can include reference to the West Lane parking.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:25hrs.