



MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH AUGUST 2021 AT
STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7PM

Present: Cllrs R Bessant, I Church, I Duckworth, J Ives, M Sims, Mrs V Ward

Chair: Cllr Mrs S Cranshaw

Clerk: Miss D Weller

Also Present: Mrs B Kenward and Dr R Kenward, Ian Alexander (Natural England), Mr S Widmer (Stoborough Meadows), Mrs M Morris and Mrs J Lambert (Sustainable Wareham) and Janet Toal. Dorset Councillor Mrs B Ezzard was present.

Mary Morris advised Sustainable Wareham had started in April 2021 and has 11 committee members but with supporters they number nearly 50 people. The ambition is to work with residents in the greater Wareham area on climate change; due to complexity of the subject many people were unsure of what they could do. Jane Lambert reported they had already held a couple of events and are concentrating on litter collection, plastics, energy, eco-tourism and enhancement of nature. They supported a group carrying out a wild life survey at Lady St Mary's Churchyard, identifying what was found and generating interest. They had a stall at the WI fete and talked to people about what they could do. Some had already planted a hedge and wildflower garden but needed to recycle the hedge plastic guards, we help them to make a difference.

Cllr Sims asked what was the next step and Mary Morris said they were in discussions with shop managers about reducing plastic on goods, sent information to Dorset Cllr Mrs Ezzard on solar energy for new build housing and written to the Government about this. They work with local people but also those on a higher level; it is more effective to work as a group and members bring different sets of knowledge to it.

Cllr Duckworth asked if they would be using Wanda the Fish and Mary Morris advised she is part of the eco-tourism aspect, had spoken to Bournemouth Council who have this large sculpture made from recycled pipes shaped like a fish with large red lips that young people like to throw their cans into. It is on wheels and can be emptied like the wheelie bins. Bournemouth Council have agreed to lend Wanda for a week for free and deliver it at no cost. Wanda will be used at the Planet Purbeck event on Priory Meadow to see how popular it is. Chairman advised Arne Parish Council had given permission for this at the previous meeting and thanked Mrs Morris and Mrs Lambert for their presentation.

1. Public Participation Period

Chairman brought Item 10(b) forward as Bridget Kenward wished to speak and refer to Dr Robert Kenward's report circulated earlier to members. Bridget Kenward reported that no representative of Arne Parish Council or Church Knowle Parish Council had been able to attend a meeting of the Imerys Dorset Community Liaison Group but she had managed to log on whilst away. What is being suggested are preliminary plans for the Doreys Pit extension. Imerys is a good employer of local residents and want to engage with them. Bridewell Plantation has been a valuable recreation area for both parishes for 3 generations with the Tollbar Stream running through it. The woodland is valuable owing to the huge veteran Beech

trees as well as plantation trees. The only access now is along a bridleway. If only a strip of trees is left as proposed, the trees will die so it is necessary to retain more. Dr Robert Kenward advised the veteran Beech trees are hundreds of years old, a veteran tree is defined as one that 2 people can circle their arms round but these take 4 people. Imerys propose to leave a strip on either side but if it is 40m wide the tree roots will be part of it; taking soil away will alter the water table and not help the trees. We need to know from an Environmental Impact Assessment exactly how much of a strip needs to be left. There is a Ramsar site to the southwest and is an important water holding area which keeps the Tollbar Stream running in dry periods so keeping the salmon and trout alive. There needs to be a thorough hydrology survey and geological survey carried out by experts and Imerys needs to have pressure put on it to agree to this. He did not think there was sufficient expertise locally and suggested the British Geological Society would have the right people to do the surveys. Chairman thanked Bridget and Dr Robert Kenward for giving their presentation.

Ian Alexander, Natural England, was introduced and he asked if anyone had any questions for him, there being none he then left the meeting.

Chairman introduced the 2 newly co-opted councillors, Vivienne Ward and John Ives. She advised they had to sign an Acceptance of Office but this would be done at a later date.

2. Declaration of Interests

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

3. To receive apologies for absence

21.46 Apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs A Patrick (pinged) and Dorset Cllr Ryan Holloway. Clerk Mrs A Crocker also sent her apologies (family).

4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th July 2021

21.47 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Bessant proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Church and agreed unanimously. The Chair would sign the minutes later.

5. Matters arising – for report only

21.48 Cllr Duckworth asked that the actions noted for the Clerk be put on the next agenda. Cllr Mrs Ward advised a report had been sent to Highways with a list of drains to be cleared.

6. Dorset Councillor's Report

21.49 A copy of Cllr R Holloway's report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Mrs Ezzard read the report for the benefit of the public attending. She added that Dorset Council had now installed over 40 electric points in Dorset car parks and the one for Wareham would probably be for 2 vehicles. She had forwarded an email to the Clerk relating to the new parking arrangements and permits and asked that councils put their comments in by 7th September. There is also a Blue Badge Review to be commented on by 26th September.

Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Ezzard for her support on the West Lane planning application.

7. To confirm the payment of accounts

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The following payments had been requested:

DAPTC	Training	BACS027	50.00
Anatrak Ltd	Computer costs	BACS028	1,200.00
HMRC	August PAYE	BACS029	106.80
A Crocker	August Salary	BACS030	427.25
A Crocker	Telephones	BACS031	16.13
A Crocker	Mileage costs	BACS032	6.75
Zoom Video	Video conferencing	BACS033	14.39
DC Pension Fund	August pension contributions	BACS034	31.08
DC Pension Fund	Employer pension paid	BACS035	124.33
Glasdon UK Ltd	Eco-rest Bench	BACS036	380.78
Glasdon UK Ltd	Litter bin/Dog bag dispenser	BACS037	421.20
Total amount requested from Precept for August			£2,778.71

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

ACTION: CLERK

21.51 To agree the bank reconciliation and position against budget

Copies of the reports had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

8. Parish Reports

21.52 Councillors' Reports on meetings attended

Cllr Sims – Tutorial on web site from Dr R Kenward

Cllr Ives – Code of Conduct training

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Cllr Church – None

Cllr Bessant – None

.Cllr Cranshaw – Code of Conduct training

21.53 Reports from other village committees

Stoborough Village Hall – Mr S Widmer advised they were getting back to normal and first meeting is on the 6th September. They have made an application for start up activity grant to support the wifi installation in the hall. He did not know when the decision would be made.

Furzebrook Village Hall – No report

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – No report

Ridge Residents' Association – No report

Stoborough Primary School – No report as they are now on holiday.

21.54 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – Cllr Sims advised matting installed under the zip wire and swings, gym equipment to be fitted tomorrow as the concrete foundations are in and the area to be grassed afterwards. The BMX restoration is outstanding but hopefully fitted tomorrow with similar matting. New panels on the slide need to have 5 sides though normally they are 6 sides so need to remove them. The top of the slide will be replaced with plastic top. Gate restrictor to be fitted, bin is in and Dorset Waste Partnership to be contacted for emptying it. Clerk advised as it is an extra bin, they may face a charge for this. Cllr Sims said the dog bin is in and will organise another one later.

Planting was agreed at the last meeting, budget is £1,000 but Bonsai will do for £300, received some free trees from a solar farm project which could be useful for hedging. Cllr Duckworth said a quote was expected from Anvil.

Cllr Church reported the Men’s Shed will try to get the work done on the slide to replace the wooden pieces but they are having difficulty getting on the web site of the original installer. They will take photos of what is needed to be replaced and contact the company to order them. Cllr Bessant said the seats at the Hayricks need painting as they are in a terrible condition. Cllr Church advised the Men’s Shed will do this.

Allotments – Cllr Duckworth reported that one of the new allotment holders has not done a lot of work yet on his plot which was well tended by the previous tenant. Another tenant has given up half of his plot and it has been brought back into good condition. It has been a bumper year on the allotments.

SANG – Cllr Ward advised new growth is appearing where trees had been removed. Bridget Kenward reported that the no camping sign had been stolen which made it difficult to deter people from camping. She suggested the Scott Estate be asked to provide a new one and that it be located in the car park. Cllr Mrs Ezzard offered to get a sign from Dorset Council but warned they may be a cost issue. Bridget Kenward said that there may be camping in the woods and camper vans in the car park as they get under the barrier so the sign needs to say no camping overnight in the car park or the woods.

21.55 To receive an update on the Parish Council website

ACTION: CLERK and Cllr Mrs Ezzard
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This is work in progress.

21.56 To receive an update on the Arne Moors Project

No further report.

21.57 To receive an update on the Re-wilding Project

Cllr Duckworth advised they had the village green grass cut and collected but the green was not used. Next step is to mow and collect along the periphery of Hayricks and along FP11.

9. To consider Planning Applications received

21.58 The following planning applications were considered:

6/2021/0234 4 Barndale Drive, Ridge
First floor front extension over garage

No Objection

6/2021/0203 13 Hollow Oak Road, Stoborough
Alterations and extension, extension

No Objection

6/2021/0100 1 Thatch Cottage, Grange Road
Erect single storey rear extension.
Documents could not be seen online so no comment made

6/2021/0311 RSPB Arne Nature Reserve, The Work Centre
Create new entrance pathway

No Objection

6/2021/0290 Land associated to No 1 Corfe Road, Stoborough
Change of use to use as training area for dog agility

No Objection

6/2021/0341 Holly Bank, Sunnyside, Ridge
Alterations and additions to form bedroom

No Objection

10. Correspondence and items for action and resolution

21.59 Cllr Sims advised there is a considerable problem with moles along FP11 and he had asked Rokill to quote for trapping them but there was the problem of access. Also the traps might constitute a trip hazard so Rokill suggested cordoning the footpath off for 3 weeks. They quoted £490. Cllr Mrs Ezzard was against the idea of getting rid of the moles and Janet Toal supported her. Cllr Sims advised it was in response to Anvil's concerns about the machinery being damaged. It was agreed this needed to be re-considered.

ACTION: CLLR SIMS

21.60 To consider adopting the new Code of Conduct

Chairman had been on the DAPTC training course and advised this new Code was to unify codes nationally. The Registers of Interests has to be completed online by councillors by the 30th September and it is a criminal offence not to declare a pecuniary interest. The Code and Register have changed and become more inclusive so it is necessary for councillors to understand their position. After some discussion, Clerk suggested that there appeared to be several councillors who had not looked at the new Code and as it was an important document for them to sign up to, they should check it online and bring the matter to the next meeting for adoption.

ACTION: CLERK

21.61 To consider the Imerys Liaison Group notes

This had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

21.62 To agree the planting scheme for the Hayricks

Cllr Sims advised there needed to be some revision to the agreed plan on costs and species.

Cllr Duckworth was concerned that Spindle be removed from the planting and Cllr Sims agreed to check the suggested species for this shrub.

21.63 To consider any defects to be passed on to the Lengthsman

Cllr Bessant reported a large amount of Ragwort on Furzebrook Road. The Corfe Road area had been cleared by Dr R Kenward. Cllr Mrs Ezzard had received many complaints about Ragwort in the area; she advised landowners and farmers were responsible for clearing their own land. Cllr Bessant felt the RSPB should be approached to clear it.

ACTION: CLERK

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

Cllr Duckworth advised the Dorset Council Portland Power Fuelling Application was now out and if councils had any objections to an incinerator, they needed to respond. He would circulate the information to the other councillors.

ACTION: CLLR DUCKWORTH

Members are reminded to pass any items for inclusion on the September agenda to the Clerk by the 3rd September.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:24hrs.