



MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2020
This meeting was carried out by video conferencing

Present: Cllrs I Church, I Duckworth, P Love, M Sims, A Patrick, R Bessant

Chair: Cllr S Cranshaw

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also Present: 2 members of the public, Dorset Cllr Ryan Holloway

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

Mr Richard Brown raised the issue of the Dorset Council consultation, beginning in January, on its proposed Local Plan. This Plan will determine housing and other developments throughout Dorset for the years to come and will affect all parishes across Dorset. He asked how Arne Parish Council intended to engage with the community, both to raise awareness of the issues and to develop a community led response to the consultation. He further requested that the Parish Council place drafts of all proposed responses to consultations on the website and seek inputs via elected councillors.

Cllr Cranshaw responded saying that, in future, all such responses to consultations will be posted on to the website and will be issued with the agenda.

2. Declarations of Interest

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

3. Apologies for absence

21.120 Apologies have been received from Cllr Vivienne Ward (personal), Dorset Cllr Beryl Ezzard.

4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th November 2020

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

Cllr Patrick proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Love and agreed unanimously. The Chair will sign the minutes in due course.

5. Matters arising – for report only

21.122 Footpath 11 – The Clerk has requested Anvil to undertake the cutting of the various hedges along the path.

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6. Dorset Councillor’s Report

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

Cllr Holloway added that the Local Plan Consultation will be going out to the public in the new year and many councillors have raised the issue about the lack of consultation on this at the moment. It is hoped that more consultation will be undertaken.

Cllr Holloway has also spoken to the new Head of Stoborough Primary School and it is hoped that, when it is safe to do so, a face to face meeting will be undertaken.

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

21.124 To confirm the Payment of Accounts

The following payments had been requested:

DC Pension Fund	December contribution	BACS047	155.41
HMRC	PAYE & NIC December	BACS048	106.80
A Crocker	December wages + expenses	BACS049	474.84
PKF	External audit fee	BACS050	240.00

The total amount requested from the Precept is £977.05.

Cllr Patrick proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Church and agreed unanimously.

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

The bank reconciliation and analysis were unavailable at the time of the meeting. The Clerk will send them out to members as soon as possible.

ACTION: CLERK

8. Parish Reports

21.125 Councillors’ Reports on meetings attended

Cllr Duckworth – Planet Purbeck, Dorset CAN.

21.126 Reports from outside bodies

Stoborough Village Hall – Nothing to report.

Stoborough Meadow Residents’ Association – Nothing to report.

Furzebrook Village Hall – Nothing to report.

Stoborough Primary School – Nothing further to report.

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21.127 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – Cllr Sims reported that the inspections were continuing weekly. He has produced a spreadsheet setting out the responses from the three play equipment companies' quotations. He will be speaking to each of the suppliers in the New Year to see if they are able to reconsider their pricing. Members will also decide on the items to be included at the January agenda.

The new rubbish bin has still to be installed. Cllr Church reported that the Men's Shed are not meeting at the moment but hope to do so in the New Year, at which time he will contact them and ask for an update on the various works required.

Allotments – The ditch at the bottom needs to be cleared of vegetation and the Clerk has requested the Lengthsman undertake this as soon as possible.

SANG – Nothing to report.

9. To consider Planning Applications received

21.128 Planning Applications

No planning applications had been received at the time of this meeting.

21.129 Tree work Applications

No tree work applications had been received at the time of this meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

10. Correspondence and items for action and resolution

21.130 To confirm the external auditor's report for the year ended 31st March 2020

The Clerk reported that two items had been highlighted by the external auditor. These were:

1. That Section 2 of the AGAR had not been signed by the RFO. This was an oversight.
2. That the Parish Council had not complied with Regulation 15 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 as it failed to make proper provision for the exercise of public rights as the period for public review was less than 30 days. The Clerk reported that this was due to a typing error on the report returned to the Auditors in that the start date was given as Monday 9th July instead of Monday 6th July. However, all those documents posted on the website and on notice boards clearly stated 6th July. The Clerk will respond to the auditors accordingly but is unlikely that they will alter the report.

ACTION: CLERK

This will be reviewed again at the January meeting.

21.131 To agree a response to the Climate & Ecological Emergency Consultation

Thanks are extended to Cllrs Duckworth and Sims for putting together the proposed response.

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It was suggested that Cllr Duckworth put together a final response to be issued to all members to review and submit their comments. The response needs to be submitted by the 20th January 2021.

ACTION: CLLR DUCKWORTH

21.132 To review the Risk Assessment and make any changes as necessary

A copy of the current Risk Assessment had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

Cllr Patrick proposed that the Risk Assessment is accepted in its present form with no amendments. This was seconded by Cllr Church and agreed unanimously.

21.133 To consider any defects to be passed to the Lengthsman for action

- Ivy on the Lookout notice board
- Finger post at Tuckers Mill needs repairing
- Ditch at the allotment to be cleared
- New Road trash screen

11. Correspondence received since the Agenda was set

21.134 A request has been received for a bench to be positioned on the village green in memory of Lyn Burgess. Family and neighbours have raised money for the purchase of the bench.

Concern was expressed that the bench would need to be securely bolted down to avoid theft. In addition, who would be responsible for the bench going forward as this is Parish Council land.

Cllr Cranshaw will contact them and raise the above issues.

ACTION: CLLR CRANSHAW

12. Additional items considered urgent by the Chairman – for discussion only

21.135 No additional items.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19.50hrs.