



MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2020 AT
STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

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

Chair: Cllr S Cranshaw

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also Present: 4 members of the public, Ian Alexander of Natural England, Dorset Cllr B Ezzard

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chairman asked those present if anyone had any intention of filming or recording the meeting. No such intentions were declared.

1. Public Participation

20.150 Bogg Lane Nature Reserve – a request was made for some shingle to be put in the entrance to the site before the cattle grid, as the potholes are now very deep. This will be reported to Mr Pettit-Mills.

Mr Nick Cake – Furzebrook Road –sections of the road have sunk below the level of the gully in front of his property, partly as a result of the severe wet weather conditions experienced recently but compounded by the weight of the lorries. The verge bank is being pushed up and damage is being caused to the underlying structure. There is also a danger of black ice across the width of the road should it freeze. Highways will be contacted to see if there is anything that can be done.

ACTION: CLERK

The slip trench from Stoborough Green onto the footpath caused considerable flooding of the footpath during the recent heavy rains. This will be followed up with Highways.

2. Declarations of Interest

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

3. Apologies for absence

20.153 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Malcolm Sims and Vivienne Ward, and Dorset Cllr Ryan Holloway.

4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th January 2020

20.154 It was noted that item 20.137 of the minutes should read that ‘Cllr Cranshaw will arrange a meeting with Mr Hugh Ricks’. This meeting duly took place.

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

5. Matters arising – for report only

20.155 Cllr Ward has continued to chase Ade Pavin of Perenco for a meeting.

Incinerator at Rogers Concrete – no response has been received although Cllr Duckworth has contacted the Officer in charge. The application remains undecided at this time.

Tree works – the applications are continuing.

6. Dorset Councillor’s Report

20.156 Cllr Ezzard reported that the full Dorset Council meeting regarding the budget has taken place and the budget was agreed and approved.

Cllr Duckworth suggested Arne Parish Council could link with Wareham Town Council in setting up a Climate Emergency Group. He will contact the Town Clerk to see if this is a possible way forward.

ACTION: CLLR DUCKWORTH

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

20.157 To confirm the Payment of Accounts

The following payments had been requested:

Anvil	Dec and Jan maintenance	BACS051	1240.87
Wareham Burial Board	50% of annual payment	BACS052	1658.00
DC Pension Fund	February contribution	BACS053	151.25
A Crocker	February wages	BACS054	521.38
HMRC	PAYE & NIC February	BACS055	104.00

The total amount requested from the Precept is £3,675.50.

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

ACTION: CLERK

20.158 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

20.159 Councillors’ Reports on meetings attended

Cllr Duckworth – Dorset Council Local Plan engagement event 3/2

Cllr Bessant – Planning Working Party 4/2

Cllr Cranshaw – WDDT; Aster walkabout 5/2; Planning Working Party 4/2

Cllr Love – Aster walkabout 5/2

20.160 Reports from outside bodies

Stoborough Primary School – nothing to report

Stoborough WI – nothing to report this month.

Stoborough Village Hall – nothing to report

Furzebrook Village Hall – nothing to report

Stoborough Meadow Residents’ Association – nothing to report

Ridge Residents’ Association – nothing to report

20.161 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – Cllr Church has obtained a quote from the Men’s Shed group for work to the multi play equipment. The cost will be £401.64 and, if agreed, the work will commence in April. Cllr Love proposed the quote from the Men’s Shed group is accepted. Cllr Bessant seconded this. Cllr Church will confirm this with the Group and ask them to go ahead with the work.

ACTION: CLLR CHURCH

Allotments – All the allotments are now occupied with the final one being allocated last week. There are currently 3 people on the waiting list.

SANG – There are currently 9 trees down. Cllr Ward has reported this to Mr Pettit-Mills.

20.162 Arne Moors Project Update

The next stakeholders meeting originally planned for Wednesday 26th February at Wareham Town Hall has been postponed until Wednesday 25th March from 5:30 to 7.30pm. The key purpose of the meeting was to show definitive information on the impacts of the proposed scheme on flood risk local. As detailed design commences, the team have been reviewing the embankment positions in response to local concerns and suggestions – this involved possible re-alignment of the embankment. The flood risk models (intertidal and fluvial) are now being updated and re-run to use these revised embankment positions. Unfortunately, the results will not be ready in time for the original meeting on the 26th February.

There was a meeting held today at the Redcliffe Yacht Club. This was convened to discuss concerns raised by the possible repositioning of the embankment. There is a possibility that a newsletter may be produced in the future to keep residents up to date with events.

20.163 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The responses have been returned to the Independent Examiner and we await the next round of questions. Our responses will be put on the web site.

ACTION: CLERK

9. To consider Planning Applications received

20.164 Planning Applications

6/2019/0014 Windwhistle, Puddletown Road

Demolish existing detached garage and erect new detached garage. Erect single storey side and rear extensions with new rooflight

6/2019/0711 Arne House, Arne Road
Erect two storey detached garage with ancillary accommodation

The Planning Working Party met and considered the above applications and proposed no objections to either.

6/2019/0660 Foxleigh Grange, Grange Road
Replace existing single storey shed with two storey outbuilding with integrated car port

The properties along this stretch of road are all large and set in sizeable plots. It is not overlooked by its neighbours.

Cllr Bessant proposed that no objections are raised to the planning applications. This was seconded by Cllr Church and agreed unanimously.

20.165 Tree work Applications

TWA/2020/006 Perchance, Barnhill Road
Various tree works

TWA/2020/007 Hedgerows, Barnhill Road, Ridge
T1 Western Red Cedar – reduce back to fence line

TPO/2020/021 Boundary of Lookout Holiday Park
T3 Oak – crown raise to 5m

Members had no objections to the above tree work applications.

10. Correspondence and items for action and resolution

20.166 To consider organising a Climate Change event

Cllr Duckworth felt that, having declared support for Dorset Council's Climate Emergency declaration, we must consider where we go from here. Perhaps holding a public event would be the best way forward. The bigger the catchment, the more successful the event. He suggested contacting Wareham Town Council to see if they would be interested in a joint endeavour as Arne is very much related to Wareham as its commercial and cultural centre. He will contact the Town Clerk in the first instance.

ACTION: CLLR DUCKWORTH

Cllr Love felt that there would be very little an individual could do alone, so they might just do nothing. Cllr Duckworth responded saying that he believed many people, especially the young, were keen to do something and perhaps an organised effort could be more effective. Cllr Patrick reported that her local Church had a speaker who highlighted the need to look at the small things that are achievable.

It was suggested that Plastic Free Purbeck or a representative of Dorset Waste Partnership are invited to speak at the Annual meeting to give ideas of what individuals can do to make a difference.

Cllr Duckworth reminded members that he has sent around the personal carbon footprint calculation for individuals to complete.

20.166 To consider a response to the Dorset Local Plan Engagement event

Cllr Duckworth attended the meeting and felt that most of those who attended did not feel that they could influence the outcome. This is the first stage of the consultation process, beginning with parish councils and moving on to town councils before going out to public consultation.

The terminology around 'local need' came under question – is this the local need as deemed by Dorset Council to meet the Central Government requirements or is it the need that has been highlighted by local communities and housing need surveys. The suggestion is that if the community has a school, shop, and other facilities it could cope with additional housing. Would it be better to look at new villages and towns on green field sites, rather than expanding existing settlements and putting additional pressure on the already overstretched infrastructure. This does not stop parishes suggesting development if it is needed to make the existing facilities viable.

The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Duckworth to produce a response to the event.

20.167 To consider any defects for passing to the Lengthsman

- Notice board at the Lookout – ivy needs to be removed.
- TPOs at Stoborough Green

11. Correspondence received since the Agenda was set

20.168 Nothing further to add.

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

20.169 Cllr Duckworth flagged the meeting to be held on Thursday 27th 7.15pm on the Purbeck Beaver feasibility project.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:10pm.