



MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2019 AT
STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs I Church, I Duckworth, A Patrick, V Ward, M Sim

Chair: Cllr S Cranshaw

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also Present: 5 members of the public

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

20.104 No matters were raised.

2. Declarations of Interest

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

3. Apologies for absence

20.106 Apologies had been received from Cllr Phil Love and Dorset Cllrs Beryl Ezzard and Ryan Holloway.

4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th October 2019

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

5. Matters arising – for report only

20.108 Correction to the payments list – the list shown in the minutes refers to the September meeting. The correct list will be added to the January meeting in order for the audit trail to be accurate and for transparency to be complete.

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

Incinerator at Rogers – The Clerk had contacted East Stoke Parish Council regarding the application for the installation of the biomass fuelled autothermic gasifier system. They have confirmed that the applicant had given a presentation to the Parish Council in September, after which the Council decided they had no objections. Cllr Duckworth felt that we should object to the application on the grounds that this leads to an additional quantity of traffic on the already busy Puddletown Road. Members felt that they would also like to take advantage of the presentation but, in the meantime, alert Cllr Ezzard of our concerns.

Tree works – Cllrs Ward and Sims, together with the Clerk met and photographed the various trees and ran through the work required. The Clerk is now in the process of submitted the applications to the Tree Officer.

6. Dorset Councillor’s Report

20.109 Cllr Ezzard was unable to attend the meeting, but a copy of her report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. The Chair gave a brief summary of the report which is available in full on request.

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

20.110 To confirm the Payment of Accounts

The following payments had been requested:

Cheap Printing	Hayricks sign	BACS036	60.00
DC Pension Fund	November contribution	BACS037	151.25
A Crocker	November wages	BACS038	576.59
HMRC	PAYE & NIC November	BACS039	104.00

The total amount requested from the Precept is £891.84.

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

ACTION: CLERK

20.111 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

20.112 Councillors’ Reports on meetings attended

Cllr Cranshaw – Dorset County workshop on the Dorset Plan

Cllr Duckworth – Dorset County workshop

Cllr Patrick – Stoborough Village Hall AGM, Imerys meeting

Cllr Church – 1/11 Swanage Railway Liaison meeting

Cllr Ward – walkabout review off trees on Parish Council land

Cllr Sim – walkabout review off trees on Parish Council land

20.113 Reports from outside bodies

Stoborough Village Hall – Steve Widmer reported that the AGM took place on the 11th November. The electrics remain outstanding, but we are assured this work will be carried

out during the school breaks, including the fitting of the external sockets for the fitting of the generators and the new cooker will be switched on.

Furzebrook Village Hall – nothing to report.

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – AGM held on the 22nd October. Cllr Sims has agreed to attend the committee meetings as an observer on behalf of the Parish Council. The Lengthsman will be asked to inspect the Horse Chestnut outside Sunshine House.

Ridge Residents' Association – a dinner party was held and money raised for the Rex Cinema improvements.

Stoborough Primary School – nothing has been received from the head teacher

20.114 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – the weekly inspections continue to be carried out. The play area – the Men's Shed group have had a look at the climbing frame and will send an estimate for the work they intend to undertake.

Allotments – The Lengthsman has cleared the ditch at the top of the allotments but has expressed concern over the invasive nature of the bamboo that is growing in this area. Cllr Duckworth reported that there is one half allotment that does not look like it is being attended. He will pass the information regarding the number on to the Clerk who will follow up with the allotment holder. All bar one allotment is now occupied, and this will be offered to the first person on the current waiting list.

SANG – Cllr Ward reported that she had contacted Mr Pettit-Mills regarding the bags of rubbish by the dog bin and he had hoped that it would all be cleared the time of this meeting. Perhaps the SANG would be a possible place for a litter pick.

20.115 Arne Moors Project Update

The next stakeholders meeting is due to take place in February 2020. In the meantime, Dorset Council have confirmed that, 'the project adopted a positive EIA screening opinion on 7th November 2019, concluding that the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment and consequently that an EIA is required.'

20.116 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The External Examiner is in the process of reviewing the Plan but has highlighted a number of inconsistencies relating to the number of dwellings permitted on sites – i.e. 6 – and the reasoning behind that figure, the affordable housing policy and comments regarding second homes and sheltered housing. The Clerk has met with Jo Witherden and many of the issues can be overcome by a slight rewording. However, with regard to the reasoning behind allowing up to 6 dwellings, the Clerk asked if members would be willing to be guided by Natural England or, if they are happy to accept the emerging Local Plan Small Sites Policy in relation to Arne. This allows up to 15 dwellings on larger sites in Stoborough and 5 dwellings on sites in Ridge.

The Clerk asked permission of members to continue working with Jo through December to draw up a response to submit to the Examiner. This would then be brought back to the January meeting for ratification. Members agreed that the Clerk should proceed.

9. To consider Planning Applications received

- 20.117 6/2019/0427 Pine Trees Farm – extension and roof alterations
No objections
- 6/2019/0586 4 Old Furzebrook Road – single storey flat roofed brick extension at rear of property
No objection
- 6/2019/0598 40 Corfe Road – increase roof ridge height & construct 2 new dormers
No objection
- 6/2019/0603 Lookout Holiday Park – use of land for siting twin lodges – certificate of lawfulness
No objection. The touring park field is known to flood – what is going to be done to alleviate this when the bases for static lodges are to be put down.
- 6/2019/0614 43 Corfe Road – removal of condition 5 re planning app 6/2019/0181 so property shall not only be occupied as a principle home

It is understood that the condition objecting to second homes is now unlawful.

10. Correspondence and items for action and resolution

20.118 To consider and confirm the budget for the year 2020/21

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

The Clerk’s salary has been increased by 5% in line with the NALC proposals based on SCP11 being increased to SPC12 plus the suggested increase. NIC and pension costs have been increased in line with this.

All other costs have been held the same or given a slight increase of 3%.

Cllr Ward proposed the precept is increased by £422.61, or 1.1%, taking the precept to £38,990.00 for the year to 31st March 2021.

Cllr Patrick second the proposal and this was agreed unanimously. The Clerk will submit the request for the increase Precept.

ACTION: CLERK

20.119 To accept the new model Financial Regulations 2019

A copy of the New Mode Financial Regulations had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Patrick proposed this was accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously.

20.120 To consider a response to the new Dorset Plan

Members had received a copy of the Dorset Plan prior to the start of the meeting. It was noted that there was no mention of climate emergency or ecological emergency and it is difficult to see how what has been said is going to take this on board. Housing - 53% is set aside for 1 bedroom properties – if you look at the type of properties being built they are clearing not all 1 bedroom. How is the housing policy going to meet this demand? All new buildings should be carbon-neutral.

20.121 To consider the resolution that ‘Arne Parish Council recognises that Climate Change is happening and supports the declaration of a climate emergency by Dorset Council’

Cllr Duckworth reported that a number of local councils have declared their support for Dorset Council. It has also been asked if Arne would allow a delegate to attend a non-statutory association to see what avenues can be explored to mitigate a climate emergency. Cllr Duckworth kindly offered to take on the role as a delegate.

Cllr Duckworth proposed that Arne Parish Council recognises that Climate Change is happening and supports the declaration of a climate emergency by Dorset Council. Cllr Ward seconded the proposal and all members agreed unanimously.

20.122 To consider any items of work for the Lengthsman

- Trash screen to be cleared – speak to NE to see if they can put a trash screen higher up the river. Larger branches from their site on the heath block the screen and gather rubbish.

ACTION: CLERK

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

20.123 There were no additional items to add.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19.56.

Please note the Parish Council will not be meeting in December. The next meeting will be on Thursday 16th January 2020.

Merry Christmas