



MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2021 AT
STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7PM

Present: Cllrs I Church, A Patrick, V Ward, M Sims, R Bessant, I Duckworth

Chair: Cllr S Cranshaw

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also Present: 4 members of the public, Dorset Cllr Beryl Ezzard, Ian Alexander (NE)

1. Public Participation Period

Mr Ricks asked for a follow up regarding the flooding of the Moors and the two different models that are being used. This was outlined in the October minutes. This was put to Mr Alexander, who responded saying that the Environment Agency, at the request of the owners of Ridge Wharf and Ridge Farm, agreed that they would undertake an independent examination of the existing EA model. The second model reported and suggested that the original model had underestimated the amount of water that may come down Furze Brook. The EA felt this made no effective difference as it did not affect the chance of Ridge being flooded. The EA are in the process of putting together a response which will be passed to the owners of Ridge Wharf and Ridge Farm as they commissioned the second model. Should there be a significant difference in the findings, the owners of the report will, no doubt, put this to the Planning Authority.

There is an agency that has put together a report showing the amended flood risk from sea water along the whole of the south coast. Ian Alexander felt this was irrespective of the Arne Moors Project as this refers to the Climate Change Emergency situation.

Hartland Moor speed restriction – Ian Alexander has spoken to Dorset Council regarding the grazing unit project. The cattle grids have been installed and will be utilised from next spring. The advice now is that an application for a lower speed limit should be submitted by the Parish Council, supported by the Dorset Councillors and this will then trigger the review of the speed limit. It does not look as though this project is going to come out as a particularly high priority as it is a low-risk route. However, if the application is made now, it means it will be in the system. There are other factors that could be taken into account and Ian is happy to assist the Parish Council with the submission. It would now be appropriate for the Parish Council to pass a resolution to this effect, and he would be happy to help with the wording of the resolution. This will be an agenda item for the New Year.

2. Declaration of Interests

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

3. To receive apologies for absence

21.104 Apologies had been received from Cllr John Ives and Dorset Cllr Ryan Holloway.

4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st October 2021

21.105 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 Church and agreed unanimously. The Chair signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

5. Matters arising – for report only

21.106 Dorset Rights of Way Improvement Plan – Cllr Church had submitted the agreed response.

6. Dorset Councillor’s Report

21.107 A copy of Cllr Ezzard’s report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. No comments were made.

Cllr Ezzard reported that the charging points in Stretch Road would not be installed as the car park belongs to the Rempstone Estate and not Dorset Council. Bonnets Lane, St John’s Hill and Howards Lane car parks will be receiving the electric charging points.

There is a consultation underway covering the new rules to tackle anti-social behaviour.

The Purbeck Local Plan will be going out for the last consultation at the end of November.

Speed limits – Cllr Ezzard will support the reduction in speed limits on Hartland Moor. She suggested that we go for 30mph and we may get 40mph as in the New Forest. It may be necessary to collect some data regarding vehicular and pedestrian use of the area. This may help with the submission.

7. To confirm the payment of accounts

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The following payments had been requested:

Zoom Video Conferencing	28.10.21 to 27.11.21	BACS051	14.39
DC Pension Fund	November pension	BACS052	155.41
A Crocker	November 2021 wages	BACS053	443.42
HMRC	November 2021 PAYE	BACS054	106.80
Play Inspection Co	Annual play area inspection	BACS055	81.00
Wareham Burial Board	50% of annual fee	BACS056	2,220.10
Total amount requested from Precept for November			£3,021.12

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

ACTION: CLERK

Several councillors have problems accessing the documents. From now on the payments list will be sent on the Excel spreadsheet as well.

21.109 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

21.110 Councillors' Reports on meetings attended

Cllr Duckworth – NT, NE & RSPB Liaison – looking at sustainable tourism and the nature reserve.

Cllr Ward has been in contact with Perenco requesting the reinstatement of the regular meetings.

Cllr Cranshaw – training on planning.

21.111 Reports from other village committees

Stoborough Village Hall – AGM coming up.

Furzebrook Village Hall – The leak to the roof has been repaired and bookings are picking up.

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – The AGM was held on the 9th November. Minutes of the meeting had been issued to members and some of the items raised will be included on future agendas.

Ridge Residents' Association – Nothing to report.

Stoborough Primary School – School children helped with the planting of the hedge at the Hayricks and named all the protective tubes for the shrubs they planted. Thanks are extended to the school.

21.112 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – Cllr Sims checked the site following the annual inspection. The planting undertaken last weekend is all still doing well. A letter will be sent to Trees for Dorset thanking them for their help.

ACTION: CLEK

Allotments – All the allotments are fully paid up.

SANG – No work has been done on the roadside entrance to date.

21.113 To receive an update on the Arne Moors Project

Nothing further to report.

21.114 To receive an update on the Parish Council website

Cllr Sims reported that there has been some progress.

21.115 To receive an update on the reduced speeding limit for Hartland Moor

Nothing further to add.

9. To consider Planning Applications received

21.116 The following plans and tree work application have been received since the last meeting:

P/HOU/2021/04538 3 Old Furzebrook Road
Removal of existing entrance porch and erection of new porch

Support

P/HOU/2021/04217 18 Corfe Road
Alterations & additions to existing property including updating facades, internal layout changes & replacement of external timber framed structure with a new garden room

Support

P/NMA/2021/03346 Land to the rear of 16 Old Furzebrook Road
Amendments to PA 6/2017/0094

This is a very small plot and neighbours originally accepted a bungalow could go on the plot. What is now happening is the proposal is being enlarged, with multiple windows, one of which overlooks the neighbours. There is a large tree which takes up a sizeable amount of the plot. The window in question faces number 16 Old Furzebrook Road. Which side is 'the rear' of the property?

Object – There is a lack of clarity as to which side of the building is elevation 5 and the proposal in general. There is a possibility of the proposed window and balcony reducing the privacy of the adjoining property.

10. Correspondence and items for action and resolution

21.117 To confirm the appointment of the new Clerk

Following the recent interviews, Edwin Macknamara had been offered the post of Clerk, initially for a trial period of 6 months. References will be taken up and the offer letter will be sent. The Chair will send a letter confirming the offer of the job.

21.118 To consider supporting Cllr Josephine Parish as representative on the NALC Smaller Councillors Committee

It is important to have local knowledge when national interests are considered. Members were all in full support of Cllr Parish's nomination.

21.119 To consider the Annual Play Inspection report and confirm any action required

Cllr Sims will undertake a summary of the report for putting on the next agenda. A copy of the full report has been sent to Southern Play as several items of the new equipment were included.

20:00 Cllr Ezzard left the meeting.

21.120 To consider the future management of the Hayricks

The contractor has yet to respond to the report and has not costed it. One of the items covers how the grass areas on the perimeter should be managed. A path has been included along the hedge line which would be kept cut during the growing season to allow access to the area.

The grass along the eastern boundary, together with that on Footpath 11 have been quite badly damaged by the tractor cutting the hedges. Cllr Duckworth is exploring sources of wildflower seed for Anvil.

It was noted that the oak trees on the Hayricks had also been flailed on the eastern boundary as the hedges were done. In future, the contractor will be asked not to flail the hedges. This will be brought out in the redrafted contract.

A letter will be sent to the contractor expressing our disappointment.

This will be brought forward to the next meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

21.121 To consider holding a meeting in December

The December meeting would be held on Thursday 16th December. In the past it was felt that this was too close to Christmas and the meeting had been cancelled. Due to the arrival of the new Clerk, members agreed that there will be a meeting in December

21.122 To consider any defects to be passed to the Lengthsman

- notice boards

11. Correspondence received since the agenda was set

21.123 Nothing to report.

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

21.124 Cllr Duckworth noted that he had received a document from Dorset CPRE – this reviews the analysis of the responses to the Local Plan. It was noted that Parish Councils are recorded as 1 response.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.