



MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 17th OCTOBER 2019 AT
STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs I Church, S Cranshaw, I Duckworth, A Patrick, V Ward

Chair: Cllr P Love

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also Present: 11 members of the public, and Catherin Farrugia (EA)

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

20.85 David Hunt – Worgret – expressed concern regarding safety on the A352 from the Purbeck School roundabout to the Puddletown Road turning. There have been a number of accidents outside their house and several near misses, with vehicles overtaking when residents are turning into the houses/farm. Dorset Police have been asked to site a safety camera on the area, but they responded saying it is too dangerous a spot to put a camera as it might encourage drivers to brake hard. The market sign obstructs visibility and it could be moved to the next big sign. The unauthorised layby is also causing problems as vehicles parking there are obstructing visibility. This is a very fast stretch of road with entrances to the VW rally and the cemetery.

Steve Widmer – Stoborough Meadow – residents AGM next week. Is there an update on cutting back the oak trees on footpath 11? Use of the Hayricks continues to increase with parents bringing their children by car. This means more people are parking in Stoborough Meadow and needing the turning circle to turn around in. However, cars are beginning to park in the turning circle, leading to congestion and dangerous vehicle movements along the road. A sign is needed asking people not to park in the turning circle.

Jane Lambert – thatched roof – the trees are now going over their roof. This will be picked up by the tree works programme and put forward as a priority.

2. Declarations of Interest

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

3. Apologies for absence

20.87 Apologies had been received from Dorset Cllrs Beryl Ezzard and Ryan Holloway.

4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th September 2019

20.88 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Cranshaw 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

20.89 Puddletown Road – Cllr Ezzard had followed up the request made at the last meeting and had informed the Clerk that Highways have stated that the sign requesting lorries not to turn left in to Puddletown Road is not regulatory, only advisory and are as much for the benefit of the HGV drivers as other road users. Highways are not aware of a turning ban that could be installed that would only restrict certain types of vehicles. Regarding limitations on times whereby quarries may operate – there are time limits of 7am and 7.30am on the quarries but not on the skip lorries. All the quarry operators are aware of the time restrictions and do police it effectively. However, the trucks would be able to travel along the road at any time of the day or night but would be prohibited by planning permission of entering the quarry.

Play park works – the organiser is currently on holiday.

Incinerator at Rogers – raises issues regarding additional traffic movements.

Trees Reports – Cllr Ward and the Clerk will meet and arrange the completion of the applications for tree works.

ACTION: CLLR WARD/CLERK

Cllr Ward has contacted Ade Parvin of Perenco regarding the seismic surveys.

ACTION: CLLR WARD

6. Dorset Councillor's Report

20.90 No report was available.

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

20.91 To confirm the Payment of Accounts

The following payments had been requested:

DAPTC	New councillor training – M Sims	BACS021	40.00
A King	Strimming towpath	BACS022	120.00
Play Inspection Co	Annual play area inspection	BACS023	78.00
DC Pension Fund	August & September contribution	BACS024	302.50
R Scragg	NP mapping May-September	BACS025	79.88
A Crocker	August & September wages	BACS026	1027.46
Wareham BJC	50% of annual contribution	BACS027	1658.00
HMRC	PAYE & NIC August & Sept'	BACS028	306.10

The total amount requested from the Precept is £3,297.04.

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

ACTION: CLERK

20.92 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.

The Clerk will issue all Barclays paperwork to all members of the Parish Council in order to increase the number of those available to authorise the payments.

ACTION: CLERK

8. Parish Reports

20.93 Councillors' Reports on meetings attended

Cllr Cranshaw – 7/10 WDDT; 9/10 Arne Moors Project; 15/10 RSPB visit.

Cllr Duckworth – 9/10 Arne Moors Project

Cllr Patrick – 13/9 Stoborough Village Hall meeting

20.94 Reports from outside bodies

RSPB – planting at Arne. There is a plan for a tree lined avenue leading to the new hide. There will be the annual pull a pine weekend. The woodland at Arne covers a considerable area and there is a continuing process of replacing dead and damaged trees.

Stoborough Village Hall – Jill Scragg had forwarded the following to the Clerk – ‘The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday 11th November at 7pm at the hall. The meeting is open to all Arne Parish residents and hall user groups. A wheelchair ramp for the side door is now available.’ Cllr Patrick reported that the electrical work should be carried out in December and, once this has been done, the next step will be to look at connecting the generator. The external lights will also be looked at as a member of a user group had fallen over recently due to the lack of light at the corner of the building.

Furzebrook Village Hall – nothing to report.

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – nothing further to report.

Ridge Residents' Association – nothing to report.

Stoborough Primary School – nothing to report.

20.95 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – nothing to report.

Allotments – The annual renewal invitations have all gone out. At present there is one vacant allotment and a waiting list of three potential candidates. A plan of the allotments has been passed to Cllr Duckworth. The drain at the far end of the allotments seems to be free flowing but is very overgrown. The Lengthsman cleared this area last year and will be asked to do so again.

ACTION: CLERK

SANG – nothing to report.

20.96 Arne Moors Project Update

A stakeholders meeting was held on the 9th October. Cllr Cranshaw reported that matters have moved ahead more speedily than anticipated and a planning application is likely to be submitted in about a year rather than 2 years. The modelling is still on-going. The risk assessment for freshwater run-off is still crucial and the planning cannot go ahead until the flood risk assessment is complete. Nothing has been heard from Dorset Council regarding the Scoping Agreement.

Cllr Duckworth added that the planning application is EA/2019/0005 and 6 responses have been received as a result of the Scoping Agreement. The public access is still under review and there is a suggestion of a footpath going along the Arne Road with limited access to the area of the lagoons and salt marsh. It is uncertain of the location and amount of vehicle access and what parking is likely. At this time, no dogs will be permitted on the site. More silt studies will be happening in the Spring of 2020.

20.97 Neighbourhood Plan Update

An application for the Examiner has been submitted and we await confirmation that our requested examiner has accepted.

9. To consider Planning Applications received

20.98 PDF/2019/0001 Forestry Buildings, Arne Road, Ridge
Prior approval change of use from agricultural to storage

No objections

TWA/2019/205 5 Gover Close
T1 Oak – reduce by 1.5-2m

TWA/2019/206 11 Gover Close
T1 & T2 Oaks – crown reduce by 2m

TWA/2019/213 4 Old Kiln Road, Ridge
T1 Oak – crown lift to 4m

The Parish council has no objection to the works being undertaken but will be guided by the Tree Officer.

10. Correspondence and items for action and resolution

20.99 To review preparations for winter – top up grit bins

All the bins should, by now, have been topped up by Dorset Council. Members are asked to check the bins near to them and ensure this has been done.

20.100 To confirm the amendments to the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019 and to accept the External Auditors report

During the recent audit by PKF Littlejohn, the treatment of the Wareham Burial Joint Committee was raised and found to be incorrect. At present, the lead authority, Wareham Town Council, accounts for the Committee within its Annual Return leaving the parish councils involved free to account for only their own figures. PKF have resolved that this is incorrect and each party must account for their percentage of the income and costs within their final year figures. This means Arne needed to account for 16.06% of the activity. The auditors also required all parties to go back to 1st April 2017 and restate all the figures with this in mind. Members had been presented with the amended calculations and restated Annual Return prior to the start of the meeting.

The amended accounts were proposed by Cllr Cranshaw and seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously. The Chairman then signed the restated accounts in the presence of the

meeting. The Clerk will forward the amended, signed accounts to PKF and update the website accordingly.

ACTION: CLERK

20.101 To consider the DATC motions to go before the AGM

Unfortunately, no members are able to attend the meeting.

20.102 To consider any items of work for the Lengthsman

- ditch at the allotments
- the New Road finger posts
- trash screen in New Road

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

20.103 There were no additional items to add.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:00.