



**MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020**  
**This meeting was carried out by video conferencing**

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

**Chair:** Cllr S Cranshaw

**Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker

**Also Present:** Catherine Farrugia of the Environment Agency, 1 member of the public

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**

Concern was raised about the charges levied at the Wareham Household Recycling Centre. When recently disposing of old bathroom fittings, a charge of £55 was made as it was deemed to be rubble. The staff are not permitted to help people, even when they can see some of the more elderly customers are struggling. The charges are excessive and fly tipping is on the increase.

Catherine Farrugia was invited to address the meeting. The project has been affected by Covid but surveys and design work has carried on. Bat and water vole surveys have been undertaken and ground investigations carried out. The purpose of the latter is to understand the nature of the ground and soil makeup. The information is now all being processed, and a factual report will be created. This will be used to determine the nature of the bank – whether the material from site can be used and how much will have to be brought in. the flood risk assessment has also been completed.

The issue of communication was raised. It was the intention of the EA to revamp their web site, but this was delayed. They are now in the process of improving the web site so members of the public who are not able to attend the stakeholders' meetings can be kept up to date with the project.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

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

**3. Apologies for absence**

21.080 Apologies had been received from Dorset Councillors Beryl Ezzard and Ryan Holloway.

**4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

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

Cllr Duckworth requested that the minutes are amended to include the following wording after item 21.074

‘It was agreed that the Parish Council would submit a response (regarding the Changes to the Current Planning Regulations consultation) within the required timeframe.

The Clerk will draft a response for discussion at the October meeting on the Planning for the Future White Paper.’

Cllr Duckworth expressed concern regarding the process around responding to consultation. The Clerk explained that this should be done by a group of members who draft a response, submit it before the Council, agree the response at the next meeting and then for the Clerk to submit the agree response to the appropriate authority.

It was further suggested that responses to consultations could be put on the Parish Council web site so members of the public can see what has been submitted on their behalf.

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

## **5. Matters arising – for report only**

21.082 Changes to the Current Planning Regulations consultation – The Clerk had sent a draft response to members requesting comments. The response was subsequently submitted within the required time frame.

Yellow lines on the West Lane junction – this is part of phase two of the work to the junction.

AG Tree Services – the work has now been satisfactorily completed and the payment will be included in the current list.

## **6. Dorset Councillor’s Report**

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

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

21.084 To confirm the Payment of Accounts

The following payments had been requested:

DC Pension Fund	October contribution	BACS033	180.38
HMRC	PAYE & NIC October	BACS034	124.00
A Crocker	October wages + expenses	BACS035	532.70
MB Electrical	Wire investigation re Village Hall	BACS036	106.80
Glasdon UK	Replacement bin	BACS037	237.60
Scott Estate	Allotment rent	BACS038	60.00
Anvil Ground	Landscaping July-September	BACS039	1848.78

AG Services                      Footpath 11 treeworks                      BACS040                      2328.00

The total amount requested from the Precept is £5,418.26.

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

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.

## **8. Parish Reports**

### 21.085 Councillors' Reports on meetings attended

Cllr Duckworth – Planet Purbeck inaugural meeting.

### 21.086 Reports from outside bodies

Stoborough Village Hall – No-one from the Village Hall Committee was available to attend the meeting but an email had been received from Steve Widmer saying that a meeting of the Trustees took place on the 21<sup>st</sup> September and confirming that the village hall is now Covid19 compliant. All actions recommended by ACRE Action with Communities in Rural England have been implemented. All credit goes to the Secretary, Jill Scragg, for her tenacious attention. The AGM will take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> November. The hall successfully obtained the Dorset Council grant of £10,000. The electrician will be attending the hall during the half term holiday to check the electrical supply and produce a plan to allow the maximum use of the generators. As this is necessary to further the village hall becoming an emergency hub, the Parish Council will cover the cost of the review.

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – They are in the process of involving all members in the AGM later this month. The agenda, reports and minutes are in the process of being distributed

Furzebrook Village Hall – Nothing to report other they were also able to claim the £10,000 Dorset Council grant. A date has still to be agreed for the AGM.

Stoborough Primary School – Cllr Cranshaw has been in correspondence with the new Head Teacher and a meeting is planned to discuss a number of issues, including traffic and play equipment for the Hayricks.

### 21.087 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – Nothing to report.

Allotments – Cllr Duckworth and the Clerk will arrange a meeting on site to check some of the allotments that have not been attended. Wessex Water have attended the sewer system but, as we have not had any significant rainfall since, it is not known if the work undertaken has solved the flooding problem.

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SANG – Cllr Ward reported that she had attended the site recently and in the layby alongside the SANG there was a lot of bottles and cans thrown over the fence. When she went back someone had bagged it all up and put it for removal by the dog bin. The ‘No Camping’ sign

21.088 Arne Moors Project update

Mr Ricks raised the issue of communication regarding the project. He felt that many residents are under the impression that the project has ‘gone away’ as nothing has been said for several months. If they are thinking this, then they are unlikely to check the web site. He requested that someone advises Ridge residents that the project is still progressing. Nothing has been said about the smell or the midges that will become a problem.

21.089 To receive an update on the Footpath 11 tree works

The works were attended to and have now been completed. The contractor is going to produce a report regarding the large oak in G3 and say that it is sound.

**9. To consider Planning Applications received**

21.090 Planning Applications

6/2020/0363 The Larches, Puddletown Road  
Erect single storey rear extension & first floor side extension

Members had no objections to this application.

21.091 Tree work Applications

TPO/2020/097 Perchance, Barnhill Road, Ridge  
Various tree works

Cllr Duckworth expressed concern over the felling of the 2 pine trees. A previous application requesting the felling of the trees met a refusal from the Tree Officer who said that, whilst the trees were diseased, it was not sufficient to warrant their felling. This point will be raised in our response.

TPO/2020/110 2 The Meerings, Arne Road, Ridge  
Various tree works

Members had no objection to this work being undertaken but would be guided by the Tree Officer.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**10. Correspondence and items for action and resolution**

21.092 To review preparations for winter – top up grit bins

The bins are due to be filled by the end of the month. Members were asked to check the bins to make sure there was no rubbish or anything in them before they are filled.

Cllr Ward suggested that the Parish Council have a bag of sand and a stock of bags somewhere and she wondered if they could be kept on the Hayricks somewhere. The problem is, they need to be stored under cover.

21.093 To review a report on the proposed upgrade of the Hayricks play area

Two quotations have been received and a third is awaited. This will be deferred to the November meeting.

21.094 To consider a proposal to put before Wareham Town Council requesting Wareham Quay is made into a pedestrian zone with no parking facilities and that a professional study is undertaken with the objective of ensuring that South Street could become a pedestrian zone within a reasonable timescale

A response had been received from Cllr Ezzard saying that the Quay is own by Dorset Council and there had been a number of attempts to pedestrianise it in the past – all of which had failed, although the reason for the failures was not known.

Cllr Duckworth suggested approaching this via the Climate Emergency initiative, i.e. reduction of traffic, etc.

Cllr Ward expressed concern over the resultant effect on the traffic on the causeway. Cllr Sims suggested a survey would need to be undertaken but his main concern was to make the Quay pedestrianised.

Cllr Duckworth proposed that the Parish Council ask Cllr Beryl Ezzard to take the initiative forward to Dorset Council. This was seconded by Cllr Sims. By show of hands:

4 against  
2 in favour  
1 abstention

Hugh Ricks was invited to comment. He objected to the pedestrianisation of the Quay as this was the only disabled parking in the vicinity of the quay, the next nearest parking would be in the long stay car park.

Cllr Cranshaw said that the Saturday market was set up in the face of considerable objection but had now proved to be very successful and anything to upset this would not be welcome.

It was suggested that a more detailed proposal is required – time periods during which the area was pedestrianised, what would happen to the disabled parking? Cllrs Duckworth and Sims will produce a more workable solution and a more detailed proposal would be put before the Parish Council at the December meeting.

21.095 To receive the proposed response to the Planning for the Future White Paper

A draft response had been issued to members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Duckworth felt that some amendments could be made to the draft to emphasise the points raised.

Cllr Duckworth will review the draft and amend. This will then be reissued to all members.

**ACTION: CLLR DUCKWORTH**

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21.096 To consider the cost of new signs for the tow path

To be put forward to the November agenda.

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

- Ditch at the end of the allotments need clearing
- Finger post at Tuckers Mill needs repairing
- SID needs to be moved – Cllr Cranshaw will organise this

**11. Correspondence received since the Agenda was set**

21.098 Nothing to report.

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

21.099 Cllr Sims highlighted the fact that no work has been carried out on the hedgerows on either side of Footpath 11. The Clerk will check with Anvil Ground Maintenance and ask them to undertake the appropriate works.

<b>ACTION: CLERK</b>
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There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:43hrs.