



MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2020
This meeting was carried out by video conferencing

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

Chair: Cllr S Cranshaw

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also Present: Dorset Cllr R Holloway and 2 members 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

Sandra Brown addressed the meeting regarding the Planning White paper. A copy of her response template had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. The main concerns are that the Government's housing targets are far in excess of local need and the proposals will take away local input from planning applications. A National Park would change this situation as, where a National Park shares an area with a local authority, a local methodology would be used to calculate local housing need, rather than be bound by the Central Government targets.

It was made clear that Natural England would not be the lead authority should a National Park be set up in Dorset. The question of a consultation was raised and Mrs Brown said this would have in the future.

Mr Hugh Ricks asked if anyone attended the Arne Moors Stakeholders meeting that was due to take place on the 16th September. Cllr Duckworth had attended the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

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

3. Apologies for absence

21.060 Apologies had been received from Dorset Councillor Beryl Ezzard and Cllr Richard Bessant.

4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th August 2020

21.061 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Love proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Church and agreed unanimously. The Chair will sign the minutes in due course.

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5. Matters arising – for report only

21.062 Cllr Cranshaw has written to the new Head Teacher of Stoborough Primary School and invited her to attend the Parish Council meeting if she has time.

Cllr Love raised the issue of parking on the double yellow lines up towards the bridge and he asked if, when Cllr Cranshaw does meet with the Head Teacher, she requests that this area is made into a no loading zone and also to have the Traffic Management team attend the area and issue some tickets. The Clerk will contact Highways regarding the no loading zone and the installation of double yellow lines on the road opposite the junction.

ACTION: CLERK

AG Tree Services – There was some confusion about the work being undertaken on the group of trees referred to as G3. There still seems to be some work that needs to be undertaken and we either need a credit or they need to come back and finish the work. A site meeting will be arranged to go through everything.

6. Dorset Councillor’s Report

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

The issues regarding DWP were noted and these will be raised at Full Council. There is now a portfolio holder, Cllr Jill Haynes, who will deal with such things and the problems to date regarding refuse collections have been put to her.

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

21.064 To confirm the Payment of Accounts

The following payments had been requested:

DC Pension Fund	September contribution	BACS030	151.25
A Crocker	September wages + expenses	BACS031	733.25
HMRC	PAYE & NIC September	BACS032	104.00

The total amount requested from the Precept is £988.50.

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

ACTION: CLERK

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. Cllr Duckworth requested clarification regarding the allotment figures. The Clerk pointed out that the rental income is what the Parish Council bills the allotment holders and the allotment rent is what we are charged by the Scott Estate. To an extent the Parish Council subsidises the allotments and it may be worth looking at the rents going forward as they have not been increased for many years. At the very least, we need to be able to cover all costs incurred.

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8. Parish Reports

21.065 Councillors' Reports on meetings attended

Cllr Duckworth – Moors Stakeholder Liaison meeting on the 16th September; Planet Purbeck – met with the organiser.

21.066 Reports from outside bodies

Stoborough Village Hall – Nothing to report. A meeting is due to be held on Monday 21st September.

Furzebrook Village Hall – Cllr Love was notified that a meeting will be taking place as the treasurer will be leaving. A date has yet to be organised.

21.067 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – Nothing to report at this stage. Cllr Sims has been in touch with some play equipment companies with a view to upgrading the equipment. He will obtain 3 quotes for consideration at the October meeting.

Allotments – Letters to go out in early October. Cllr Duckworth reported that the same allotment that had been left last year has still been left this year. He felt that the allotment needs to be reclaimed and given to someone on the waiting list who wants one. In addition, one other allotment holder has been considering giving up, but it may be possible to divide the allotment in the first instance. The drainage ditch at the bottom of the allotments needs to be cleared before winter.

SANG – Cllr Ward reported that the pressure on the SANG has improved.

21.068 To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan

This has now been put before the Full Council at Dorset and has been agreed. The next step will be for the Plan to go to referendum in May 2021. Prior to that, the Parish Council will have to promote the Plan and encourage residents to vote in favour of it at the referendum. This will be left until the New Year and take the form of a village meeting.

20.069 Arne Moors Project update

Cllr Duckworth attended the meeting on the 16th September. A copy of the relevant paperwork had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Ground investigations and ecological surveys are currently underway. Covid19 has produced a delay from March to July. There is on-going work on surface water levels and a planning application is anticipated in the early part of 2021. There have been changes to the embankment on both the western and eastern sides. Atkins' investigations have come to the conclusion that there is no flood risk to Ridge and there will be no change to the tidal flows or course of the river. The risk of flooding to the surface drainage will be lessened by the proposed work. Funding of the project will not be affected by the Covid19 expenses incurred by Central Government.

Mr Ricks asked if it would be possible to update the Ridge residents to bring them up to speed with all the work to date.

A representative of the Environment Agency will be attending the October meeting.

9. To consider Planning Applications received

21.070 Planning Applications

6/2020/0395 3 Old Furzebrook Road – Erect 2 storey rear extn & first floor extn over existing garage with new dormer & rooflights

Members had no objections to this application.

21.071 Tree work Applications

There were no tree work applications for consideration.

ACTION: CLERK

8:03 Cllr Holloway left the meeting.

10. Correspondence and items for action and resolution

21.072 To review the 2020 Play Inspection report for the Hayricks & consider any action needed

The Men’s Shed are going to be looking at most of the work highlighted by the report. In addition, the report recommended the orange fencing around the bike ramps is removed. A check will be made of the bolt on the zip wire. The Lengthsman will be asked to check the bolt on a regular basis going forward.

The vegetation around the edge of the play area needs to be cut back. Anvil will be asked to deal with this when they next cut the grass.

21.073 To consider a response to the consultation regarding Devolution of Powers

The response to this consultation needs to be in by the 25th September. In general, this does not affect the smaller parish councils but is aimed more at Town and large parishes. There is a danger, as in the past, that powers may be forced down to parishes, but no budget will follow.

21.074 To consider a response to the Planning for the Future White Paper

Members were all issued a copy of the paper prior to the start of the meeting. Members strongly oppose the implications of the White Paper. It was noted that there are currently two consultations underway involving planning. The first is the Changes to the Current Planning Regulations and responses have to be in by the 1st October. The second is the White Paper ‘Planning for the Future’ for which responses need to be in by the 25th October.

The Clerk will draft a response for discussion at the October meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

21.075 To consider responses to the Dorset Council Climate and Environmental Emergency papers

Dorset Council is working towards becoming carbon neutral. However, there would appear to be a conflict between this and the proposed Planning for the Future White Paper.

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The paper will be out for public consultation in the Autumn.

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

To be put forward to the October agenda.

21.077 To confirm the increase of 2.75% to the Clerk's salary in line with the National Pay Awards

Cllr Patrick proposed that the increase is accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Church and agreed unanimously.

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

21.078 Cllr Love asked if the ivy and brambles had been removed from the notice board at the Lookout. This will be checked.

The finger post at New Road needs to be repaired.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:49hrs.