



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARNE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 20th MARCH 2025
AT STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.15PM

Present: Cllrs: T Brodie-James, I Church, I Duckworth, J Ives, A Patrick and M Sims

Chair: Cllr R Cranshaw

Clerk: Mr T Watton

Also Present: Dorset Cllr B Ezzard and three members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence

24.239 There were none.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

24.240 Speaking on behalf of the Stoborough Village Hall Trustees, their Treasurer / Hall Bookings Secretary provided a report covering matters related to the hall. This included:

- i. The fitting of LED lights in the main hall,
- ii. A hall booking between 24th May and 1st June for Purbeck Arts Week to display work by sculptor Andrew Thomas,
- iii. Agreement to install a defibrillator on the outside of the Village Hall, and
- iv. The replacement of the single electrical consumer unit with three separate ones in line with some previous recommendations and to satisfy insurance requirements.

A copy of the full report is associated at **Appendix 1** to these minutes.

With regard to the matter of siting and / or connection of Parish Council owned generators raised in connection with point iv. above, the Chair indicated that the Parish Council members would discuss this on another occasion.

3. Declaration of Interests

24.241 There were none.

4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2025

24.242 A copy of the minutes had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th February 2025 were agreed as a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

5. Matters arising not covered by the agenda – for report only

24.243 There were none.

6. Dorset Councillor's Report.

24.244 Cllr. Ezzard had provided a written report which was made available to all Council members ahead of the meeting. A copy is associated at **Appendix 2** to these minutes.

Cllr Ezzard drew particular attention to the official opening by Vicky Slade MP of The Cordite Way (footpath 25) at 11am on Saturday 29th March at Jade Aden's business unit on the Holton Heath Trading Estate.

7. To confirm the payment of accounts for February 2025 and consider the banks reconciliation and position against budget for the year to date:

7(a) 24.245 The following payments were presented for approval:

INVOICE DATE	BACS number	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Payments already made				
27/02/2025	76/24	Jimmy Johnson	Remove broken section of concrete path at Hayricks and replace	800.00
01/03/2025	77/24	Starboard Systems Ltd	Scribe Allotments monthly subscription (INV-9391)	£21.60
Payments due				
20/03/2025	78/24	T Watton	Salary, Mar 25	£565.10
20/03/2025	79/24	HMRC	PAYE, Mar 25	£141.40
06/03/2025	80/24	Smart Garden Services	Regular grounds maintenance (£590.83) plus cutting path edges (£440.00)	£1,030.83
12/03/1025	81/24	Viking Office UK Ltd	3 x back in cartridges (for Cllr Cranshaw)	£71.71
24/02/2025	82/24	Playinspections.co.uk	Annual ROSPA Inspection of Hayricks play area	£108.30
27/02/2025	83/24	CH & HG Johnson	Hiring and operating mini digger for clearing & tidying hedge, bank and surrounding area at allotments.	£150.00
05/03/2025	84/24	DAPTC	Attendance at Future Planning event on 4 Mar 2025 - Cllr Duckwo	£75.00
20/02/2025	85/24	Purbeck Youth and Community Foundation	Grant award	£500.00
17/03/2025	86/24	OHE Horticultural Ltd	Generator storage, October 2024 (Inv 219308)	£36.00
17/03/2025	87/24	OHE Horticultural Ltd	Generator storage, November 2024 (Inv 219309)	£36.00
17/03/2025	88/24	OHE Horticultural Ltd	Generator storage, December 2024 (Inv 219310)	£36.00
17/03/2025	89/24	OHE Horticultural Ltd	Generator storage, January 2025 (Inv 219320)	£36.00
17/03/2025	90/24	OHE Horticultural Ltd	Generator storage, February 2025 (Inv 219321)	£36.00
17/03/2025	91/24	OHE Horticultural Ltd	Generator storage, March 2025 (Inv 219322)	£36.00
07/03/2025	92/24	Scott Estate Management	Allotment field hire (6 months (Inv-0975)	£72.00
TOTAL				£3,751.94

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the payments be approved and paid.

ACTION: THE CLERK

It was also **RESOLVED** to receive and note the bank reconciliation and position against the budget for the year to date. A copy of these documents is associated at **Appendix 3** to these minutes.

7(b) To consider a request for a grant from Arne Parish Council as a contribution towards the Purbeck Film Festival.

24.246 The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £200 for this purpose.

ACTION: THE CLERK

8. Parish Reports

24.247 Councillors' Reports on meetings attended:

Cllr Brodie-James reported on his and Cllr Duckworth's attendance at the Purbeck Sustainable Tourism Meeting, which had been held on Tuesday 11th March. Cllr Brodie-James advised that a copy of the notes of this meeting had been provided to all Council members.

Cllr Duckworth reported on his attendance on 4th March on the "Future Planning" day arranged by DAPTC. He summarised the content of a number of the presentations given on the day – including the keynote / opening by DC Leader Nick Ireland, and sessions covering topics such as Strategic Planning, changes to the NPPF, targets for new housing, the status of Neighbourhood Plans and the need to keep them up to date, changes of designation from 'Green-belt' to 'Grey-belt', and the new Dorset Local Plan and consultation process for it.

Cllr Ives commented on a discussion he had held with a former APC member regarding the APC Resilience Plan. This had resulted in obtaining a digital copy of the plan. He explained that the plan had been constructed around a template provided by Dorset council; and he has done some work on bringing it up-to-date. He would now like some guidance from the Parish Council on how they wish to take the plan forward.

Cllr Cranshaw reported on her attendance at the Corfe Health & Care meeting for Purbeck Parishes and Surgeries. She explained that an aim of this group is to ensure that Purbeck is not neglected in terms of healthcare and emergency service provision. One current area of consideration for the group is the possibility of establishing an ambulance taxi.

Cllr Cranshaw reported on her attendance at the meeting of the Wytch Farm Local Liaison Committee on 19th March. She noted that the company operates over 90 sites and are licenced to extract oil until 2037. Some sites are now beginning to be closed down, and as this happens they will be returned to nature. In response to a question at the meeting the company confirmed that sites would not be redesignated as brownfield sites for development.

In addition, Cllr Cranshaw also reported on her contact with Wareham & District Development Trust to see if they might be able to assist with any restoration of the surface of the river towpath. This clarified that their funds are now exhausted. Upon inspection it appears the towpath surface is in a reasonable condition.

Finally, Cllr Cranshaw commented on a successful meeting on 20th March attended by herself and Cllr Patrick with the Parish Clerk to review the Council's Insurance cover.

24.248 Reports from Stoborough Village Hall, Furzebrook Village Hall, Stoborough Meadow Residents Association, Ridge Residents Association and the Stoborough Primary School

Stoborough Village Hall – see minute **24.240** above.

Furzebrook Village Hall – Nothing to report.

Stoborough Meadow Residents Association – Nothing to report.

Ridge Residents Association - Nothing to report.

Stoborough Primary school – Details of an opportunity put forward by Wessex water for pupils to become involved in monitoring of the quality of the water in local rivers has been passed on to the school.

24.249 Hayricks:

Cllr Sims remarked on the following points:

- Mr Smart has now planted the Silver Birch tree and attended to the shrub which had blown over and needed to be re-staked.
- The temporary signs for use when weed spraying is taking place, which had been ordered from Tradewind Graphics, should be ready soon.
- The work to remove the grass encroaching over the path has now been satisfactorily completed.
- The work to replace the broken section of concrete has now been satisfactorily completed.
- Some work has been done by the contractor booked to undertake the tree work on FP11. However, this has suffered an interruption. It is currently unclear when work will re-commence.
- It had previously been agreed for the Wareham Men's Shed to produce a new back-to-back bench. They have indicated that they are able to replace the wooden parts of the existing one at a cost of £95.00 plus "a donation". It was **RESOLVED** to approve a total payment of £150 to them for this.

ACTION: THE CLERK

24.250 SANG:

Nothing to report.

24.251 Allotments:

Cllr Duckworth commented on some temporary access difficulties created by delivery of manure to the site recently. This has since been resolved.

Currently there are two vacant plots and one person on the waiting list who is being approached now to see if they are interested in either of the available plots.

The Parish Clerk advised that the regular monthly condition inspections of the allotments will commence in April.

ACTION: PARISH CLERK

24.252 Resilience hub:

It was noted that the two-way radios have now been sold. NB: Council Asset Register to be adjusted accordingly, and the proceeds of the sale to be brought into the Council's accounts.

ACTION: PARISH CLERK

24.253 Councillors Climate & Ecological Support Group: Cllr Duckworth commented that as indicated at the February meeting, he had circulated the communications material to all members for information.

9. To consider Planning Applications received

24.254 P/HOU/2025/01114 School House Arne BH20 5BJ. Erect a single storey rear extension and erect a linked single storey outbuilding with associated patios and landscaping works
NO OBJECTION.

10. To consider the annual ROSPA safety inspection report for The Hayricks and how the council wishes to respond to the identified "medium" risk areas.

24.255 Cllr Sims had summarised the content of the report in a short paper which had then been circulated ahead of this meeting to all members for consideration. Each item was discussed in turn and it was agreed that Council members would visit the site to examine the items / issues in question in order to decide on the appropriate action to take.

ACTION: PARISH COUNCILLORS

11. To consider for approval a Scope of Work document for electrical contractors to assess the practicalities of installation of a single generator at the nominated "Resilience Hub" for the Arne Parish.

24.256 Cllr Cranshaw explained that the Council had owned three generators for several years (acquired around 2016/17) with the intention that they would be used at a designated resilience hub for the benefit of the local community in the event of power outages. Work on this project has progressed ever since on that basis. However, it had recently been suggested that it may now be preferable to have one larger generator than three smaller ones. The reasoning for this is that it would be more practical for any designated resilience hub premises, as well as being cheaper to install and to maintain.

The Council members noted that the next step is to evaluate whether this assumption is so. It is therefore proposed, and was subsequently **AGREED**, that the Council approaches the electrical supplier who had been selected in the recent tendering process to request that they carry out this

assessment. It is intended that the output of such an assessment would be a report which would then be used as the basis for a revised specification for a further (revised) tendering exercise.

ACTION: CLLR IVES

It was separately noted that the Scope Of Work for a security cage for the generators, which had been considered at the February meeting of the Council, is currently on hold due to the possible change from three generators to a single larger one. However, members noted that the adjustment of the specification for the cage to accommodate a single generator is expected to be relatively simple.

12. Correspondence received since the agenda was set:

24.257 The Parish Clerk referred to a planning application received on the day of the meeting. He will respond to the DC Planning Team to request a consultation response deadline extension to enable this application to be considered at the next meeting on 17th April.

ACTION: THE CLERK

Cllr Cranshaw referred to correspondence from Catherine Ferrugia regarding an application to be submitted to Dorset Council Planning department for a change to a planning condition for the Arne Moors project. The Parish Clerk was requested to approach the DC Planning Department to ensure that APC is provided with a copy of the application and is consulted on it.

ACTION: THE CLERK

13. Additional items considered urgent by the Chairman for discussion only:

24.258 There were none.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 20:14

Date of next meetings:

Parish Council meeting Thursday, 17th April 2025, At 7:15pm Stoborough Village Hall.

Appendix 1

Copy of report from Stoborough Village Hall Trustees

See associated .pdf file

Appendix 2

Report from Dorset Cllr Ezzard.

Cllr Beryl Ezzard DC Report for Arne Parish Council March 2025

Dorset Council (DC) & DC Cabinet

There will be an extraordinary full Council Meeting on Tuesday 25 March following the rising of the DC Cabinet Meeting at 6.30pm at County Hall, This will be to adjust the Budget arrangements for DC for 2025/26 of £417.2M. We have an ever-increasing adult social care and special education and disability (SEND) commitment in Dorset. However, with second homes Council tax set to be 200% from April will bring in an extra estimated £2m revenue...

The newly Reviewed DC Street Lighting Policy will be decided in the next month. With improved softer and variable street lighting being considered.

There is a DC Consultation on Day Care Opportunities now available until June for everyone to have their say in the way Day Care will be provided in the future. Do take part; find on DC Website.

Wareham area Defibrillators

Following the tragic loss of their son last year, where having a Defib close by, could have prevented his death, the parents have formed a Sub-Group of the Swanage based Purbeck Defib Organisation, to raise funds to place Defibs on Northmoor Park especially and to increase the number in the Wareham area. Ryan & I are very much in favour of this project, as compared to other places in Purbeck, the Wareham Ward is poorly served. We encourage the Parish Council to support and approve this Campaign with having a briefing from the Swanage Defib Organisation to know what is entailed with placing Defibs and maintaining of them.

Wareham Level Crossing updates

Vikki Slade MP has had a meeting with the minister for Rail Lord Hendy with a non-committal outcome; stating that it is NR/ORR's policy of H&S risk that is decisive! We will however insist on pushing for an electronic fix that could be possible for our level crossing in the future.

DC-Cabinet Cost of Living Support for families on Income Support /Pension Credit.

The DC has put aside £500k extra available each year to support those in need. DC are working with the Dorset Citizens Advice teams to give for advice and assistance in this regard.

Wareham Area Community Speedwatch Team

Regular Sessions monitoring the speed of traffic in the Sandford & Wareham areas have taken place. We have session in March/April in Carey and Worgret Road. Cllr Matt Richter is the Team Leader.

Purbeck Shuttle 200 (formerly 2RN Bus) update.

The PCRCP are leading this new project to continue a Shuttle bus, from Wareham Station with DCT Minibuses, to visit the Blue Pool, Norden Farm and Purbeck Park as well as Arne RSPB. Since our Meeting, we have been successful in being granted £5,000 from the Dorset Community Fund, for rural community transport. We have received local funding from WTC, and Wareham St Martin PC; donations from individuals and promise of support from RSPB & Blue Pool, showing local partnership buy-in to the Project for this year. We are awaiting the outcome of a £20,000 bid, in April before we will be able to take this project forward to start in the Summer half-term. More contributions would be welcome, please contact Beryl 01929 550138 to do so.

Planning Enforcement & DC Road Works

If any Councillor suspects a breach of planning act 1990, please go to DC website and you can report your concerns there, or contact us, your local DC Cllrs.

Local roadwork information is notified by DC to T&PC Clerks, for distribution. Any highway issues i.e. Potholes can be reported on the DC website.

The Cordite Way – First Phase to be Opened by MP

On Saturday 29 March at 11 am MP Vikki Slade will officially Open the Cordite Way (Footpath 25) first phase. Invitations have now been sent to all who have been involved in the 15 years that this Right of Way Application was sent to DCC. All the Parish Cllrs and Town Cllrs are welcome to come along and enjoy the 1 km walk to view Poole Harbour from the footpath. Meet at Jade Aden's Business Unit, Holton Heath Trading Estate, for the event.

Dorset Cllrs Monthly Advice Surgeries in Wareham Library.

Ryan on fourth Saturday every month; 10-12 noon. Beryl on second Friday every month 10.00-12 noon. All welcome to come along and see us, no appointment needed.

Appendix 3

Bank reconciliation and accounts update.

See associated .pdf file