

Arne Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNE PARISH COUNCIL
held in Stoborough Village Hall, West Lane, Stoborough
on Thursday, the 21st February 2013 at 7.00 pm

Present: Mrs BJ Kenward Chairman
 Mr NI Barnes
 Mr TH Heritage
 Mr R Scragg

Also present was District Councillor N Cake
 Minutes were taken by the Clerk, Miss M D Weller

As neither Mrs C Macleod (Chair) nor Mrs V Ward (Vice) were present, Mrs B Kenward took the Chair.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

13/254 Chairman asked councillors for any Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on items contained in the Agenda applicable to themselves or spouses/partners.
 None were declared.

2. APOLOGIES

13/255 There were apologies for absence from Mrs CA Macleod (family), Mrs V Ward (family) and Mr M Frenchman (holiday). County Councillor M Lovell sent his apologies also.

3. MINUTES

13/256 Mr T Heritage proposed and Mr N Barnes seconded the motion *it was* **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council Minutes of the last meeting held on 17th January 2013, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

13/257 Mr T Heritage proposed and Mr N Barnes seconded the motion *it was* **RESOLVED** that the Planning Committee Minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2013, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

13/258 Mr A Pellegrini of Ridge advised a dog located at Sunnyside Farm was allowed to bark day and night and he was concerned with the welfare of the dog. The Chairman agreed to talk to the dog's owner about this situation.

13/259 Mr H Ricks of Ridge advised the grit bin at Sunnyside was full of water, which had gathered on the lid and drained in via the hinges. Clerk stated this was a design fault

and Glasdon UK Limited had been unable to suggest any remedy. If the bin is on a hard surface, it would be safe to drill holes in it to drain the water but as the grit is contaminated with salt, it would kill off any vegetation nearby. The caked surface can be broken and the grit underneath used.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

13/260 County Councillor M Lovell was not present.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

13/261 District Councillor N Cake reported the District Council will be meeting next week to decide the Council tax but he was not expecting much of an increase. There are 3 consultations live at the moment and he asked everyone to read and comment on them.

The Chairman emphasised the need for councillors and public to read the Dorset Heathland Document preferred options as the essence being proposed is to remove the democratic right of having a say in the management and future of the heaths. The options are based on urban criteria without differentiating between rural and urban heaths; the Urban Heath Partnership is heading the strategy but controlled by Poole and Bournemouth unitary authorities. The quango being suggested goes against the Localism Act and elected members should be more involved. Also there is a move to restrict virtually all economic growth on land near heaths damaging local livelihoods whilst also removing local access. Chairman suggested the comments made by the parish council should be put on the web site as a helpful tool for others to comment.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

13/262 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Plan No.

6/2006/0666 - Floodplain east of Holme Bridge to railway line, East Holme

Installation of 8 water level control structures and 4 clay bunds on floodplain ditches, creation of shallow scrapes and grips.

AGREED *Parish Council objects to this application*

No decision

6/2010/0685/686 Doreys Pit, East Stoke

Variation of conditions in both applications

AGREED *Parish Council objects to both applications*

No decision

6/2012/0365-367 – Old Post Office site, Corfe Road, Stoborough, Wareham

Demolish outbuildings to rear 39 and 41 Corfe Road, demolish outbuilding rear 41 Corfe Road and erect detached dwelling

AGREED *Parish Council objects to all applications*

366 and 367 Approved – 365 No Decision

6/2012/0571-0609 Wytch Farm and Wareham Oilfields

Extension of operational life of oilfield development by variation of condition

AGREED *Parish Council has no objections*

No decision

- 6/2012/0796 Slepe Farm, Slepe**
Alterations and additions to existing group of buildings comprising class B1, B2, B8 and C3
AGREED *Parish Council objects to the application*
No decision
- 6/2012/0801 66 Lookout Holiday Park, Stoborough**
Erection of vinyl decking
AGREED *Parish Council has no objections*
Approved
- 6/2013/0027 Lookout Caravan Park, Corfe Road, Stoborough**
Install 3 pods in A field
AGREED *Parish Council has no objections to this application.*
No decision
- 6/2013/0033 Rivendell, Barnhill Road, Ridge**
2-storey rear extension, new porch, replace garage, games room
AGREED *Parish Council has no objections to this application.*
Approved
- 6/2013/0034 Stoborough Primary School, Corfe Road, Stoborough**
Erect (retain) pre-fabricated building for pre-school education
AGREED *Parish Council has no objections to this application.*
No decision
- 6/2013/0052 Cherry Bank, Furzebrook Road, Stoborough**
Extensions, alterations, new detached garage
AGREED *Parish Council has no objections to this application.*
No decision
- 6/2013/0081 Scott Close, Stoborough Green**
Install openreach broadband cabinet
AGREED *Parish Council has no objections to this application.*
No decision

13/263 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

- (1) Mr R Scragg attended the District Council Planning Training and found it useful.
- (2) Mr R Scragg reported the towpath (FP20) was due to be closed from the 4th March for resurfacing works, signage was due this week and the closure will last 3 weeks depending on the weather.
- (3) Mr R Scragg reported more work being done on the new web site. *Councillor Mrs B Kenward declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as her husband was involved in the web site creation and financing.* Mr Scragg advised they were looking for a company to host the site and seeking sponsorship.
- (4) Mr N Barnes had checked the allotments and found them looking tidy. All of the plots have now been let and the waiting list cleared. Mr T Heritage noted the hedge bordering the back of Stoborough Meadow had been laid to a good standard.

(5) Mr T Heritage advised the next Stoborough Village Hall Committee meeting would be on the 13th March 2013 and he would discuss the heating system with Councillor Cake.

(6) Clerk advised Mr S Widmer had conducted a survey for the Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association amongst the residents to seek opinions on whether a bus shelter was required and if so, which side of Corfe Road. 19 householders were against a shelter, 12 wanted one on the Wareham side and 3 on the Swanage side. There was a majority against so the matter would be left.

Also the repair on the play unit would be completed as soon as Alvian Limited had dealt with the backlog of work due to the wet weather.

(7) Clerk advised Ridge Residents' Association has a meeting in March and one item on the agenda will be the responsibility of a grit bin at Ridge crossroads. A resident had suggested this location, Clerk had asked who would spread the grit as it would need several people due to health and safety and the resident suggested the Residents' Association. Mrs D Wheatley had agreed to put it on the agenda for discussion.

(8) Chairman had agreed to meet with the Urban Heath Partnership warden to discuss the cycle jumps in Holme Lane as the UHP want to move them. Local children have used this site for decades and it is still well used as well as being a safe place.

(9) Mr P Love of Stoborough Green asked about the water rising from the drains in Corfe Road and the Chairman advised she had taken the Highways officer and County Councillor M Lovell to Stoborough Green to identify the flooding problems but as funding is tight, the most dangerous sites were being investigated eg West Lane junction with the bypass. They would keep highlighting the ongoing problems with Highways. Clerk advised Highways was working through the list of points raised at the site meeting including the problem outside Bosuns Cottage, Corfe Road.

Clerk reported she was meeting Mr S Syrett to discuss the moving of the dog bin from The Drove to Corfe Road as requested at a previous meeting. Mr P Love suggested it should be go next to the gas governor station.

(10) Clerk advised Dorset Works Organisation will be scheduling in the replacement of posts by the pumphouse as they have a backlog of work due to wet weather.

(11) Clerk had attended the following meetings and would circulate the notes with the minutes :

- ❖ Purbeck Transport Action Group – 30.01.2013
- ❖ Community Governance Review – 05.02.2013
- ❖ Purbeck Area meeting of Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils – 06.02.2013

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

13/264 Parish Council considered the following planning application :

6/2013/0059 Sunnyside Farm, Arne Road, Ridge

Changes to car park, path layout and new agricultural building
Parish Council has no objections to this application.

AGREED

9. CORRESPONDENCE/ITEMS RAISED AT MEETING FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

13/265 CLERK'S REPORT – to consider any actions necessary

1. CONSULTATIONS

Purbeck District Council issued 4 different consultations at the beginning of January and the Clerk has submitted the comments made by those members who replied.

2. THE HAYRICKS

Clerk has signed off the Hayricks Track with the funding bodies but did point out that there would be some further works to tidy the area up. Mr K Turner will return when the weather permits to skim parts of the cement path and to scarify and seed the bare earth areas on either side.

The Contractors expect to be back at work in February and have scheduled in the coppicing and shrub reduction requested by residents.

Clerk has arranged for the toddler play equipment to be repaired by Alvian Limited who made an identical repair on the unit.

3. ALLOTMENTS

There have been sufficient plots returned to satisfy all demands by local residents. Any future residents requiring a plot will start a new waiting list.

4. BUS SHELTER

A suggestion was made that a bus shelter would be useful outside the entrance to Stoborough Meadow. Mr S Widmer kindly did a survey amongst the residents to see what support there was for this and found the majority did not want a shelter at all (19); 12 asked for a shelter on the route to Wareham and 3 to Swanage.

5. RESURFACING OF FP20 (TOWPATH)

The Environment Agency has now forwarded the Flood Defence Consent for these works and Wareham & District Development Trust can now organise the works.

6. STOBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Clerk wrote in support of the 'walking bus' from the Kings Arms to the school and hoped this arrangement could continue as it reduced congestion around the school. The headteacher, Miss D Corbin, replied that building works were now almost complete and that she also hoped the 'walking bus' could continue as it was beneficial for the children. Miss Corbin hoped to come to one of the parish council meetings to introduce herself.

7. STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Clerk has received advice that the present standing orders and financial regulations are as up to date as they can be but DAPTC is working on new models that will include online payments and banking especially for the PAYE scheme being insisted upon by Inland Revenue and the impact of the Localism Act on parish and town councils.

8. COUNCIL POLICIES

Clerk has been employed in updating the Clerk Job Description, Clerk's Contract and policies referred to in the contract. These have now all been

emailed to the applicants after Chairman approval and the interviews will take place on the 7th March 2013.

9. PRECEPT REQUEST

Clerk had been asked to re-submit the request as there are now 2 elements; Council Tax Support Grant (which this year is being given to the parish and town councils) and the Precept minus the grant amount. The total funding would be the sum requested by the parish council. In future there was no guarantee that the grant would be given to councils, which means the Precept paid would be less than that requested.

10. GROWING UP IN THE 70S AND 80S GROUP

Clerk advised the Group had now gathered enough money to fund the purchase of a waste bin in the style of Wareham Town's bins to be sited alongside the new stone bench.

11. ARMY GARRISON BOVINGTON

Clerk reported she had been contacted for permission to use the grass area opposite the Quay for a kayak event as the land is within Arne Parish. On the 27th March 2013 there will be a multi-sports activity with groups of 4 runners going from Bovington to Wareham, groups of 4 kayakers racing on the River Frome and then groups of 4 cyclists going back to Bovington. They will be using the area as a changeover site and there will be no disruption to those using the towpath but the area will be cordoned off.

12. RIDGE CROSSROADS

Mr N Barnes had reported the vegetation had grown to the point that visibility towards Nutcrack Lane was impaired. Clerk contacted the Scott Estate and they are investigating what works are required.

13/266 DISPENSATIONS – Clerk had not received any written requests for dispensations.

13/267 NOTICE BOARDS – Clerk advised there were several boards to discuss:

- ❖ Replacement Board for Puddletown Road – The board is not large enough for the notices and is very difficult to access.

Mr R Scragg proposed and Mr T Heritage seconded the motion it was **RESOLVED** Clerk to order a new notice board from Mr S Syrett at a cost of £310

- ❖ Grange Road notice board – Church Knowle Parish Council has suggested having a new board with a lockable door on it as the existing one is being vandalised and commercial notices are appearing in there. Clerk mentioned all of our boards are open for community notices and any commercial ones are simply removed. Chairman was concerned that this board is being targeted and last time found 20 wine bottles lodged inside. There was the possibility that a lock might be considered a challenge.

AGREED Arne Parish Council would consider sharing the cost of a new notice board, dependent on actual amount, but preferred to monitor the situation to see if the vandalism stops.

- ❖ Lookout Stores notice board – There was an infestation problem and members had to decide whether to fumigate or replace the board as it is not in good condition. Mr H Ricks volunteered to use a substance he uses for his boating equipment.

AGREED Mr H Ricks to spray the notice board and Clerk to monitor the situation.

13/268 CLERK VACANCY – Clerk advised a panel of 4 had been agreed at the Planning Committee meeting to interview the applicants (4 at the present time). Mrs C Macleod, Mrs V Ward, Mr R Scragg and Mr M Frenchman would form the panel and Mr T Heritage would be available if a member was unable to attend. However the panel would require delegated powers to interview all 4 and hire 1 of them on behalf of the Parish Council. Mr N Barnes proposed and Mrs B Kenward seconded the motion it was **RESOLVED** Arne Parish Council gives delegated authority to the Vacancy Panel to interview applicants and decide on who to employ.

13/269 OUTGOING CLERK – Clerk reported she would complete the March minutes and actions ready for handover on the 1st April 2013. She would also complete the accounts for audit for 2012/2013 and see them through to closure but this would entail being paid separately. Having discussed this with Inland Revenue, it was possible to pay under the code BR (20% tax) as an extended employee for a short period. Mr R Scragg proposed and Mr T Heritage seconded the motion it was **RESOLVD** Arne Parish Council would pay Miss MD Weller her hourly rate on production of an invoice outlining work and time taken and deduct the tax at source.

13/270 GRIT BIN AT RIDGE – Clerk had raised this matter for information rather than decision as the views of Ridge Residents’ Association were required before any resolution could be made. **AGREED** This item to go on the agenda for March 2013 for discussion/resolution.

13/271 ROTA FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS – Mrs C Macleod had asked for this to be put on the agenda so that duties could be shared amongst members. Mr T Heritage volunteered to collect the key and Mr R Scragg volunteered to arrive early to help him set up the hall for the council meetings. **AGREED** Mr T Heritage and Mr R Scragg to collect the key and set the hall up.

TO CONSIDER MATTERS RAISED SINCE AGENDA WAS SET

13/272 None.

TO CONSIDER MATTERS RAISED FOR ACTION FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

13/273 Mrs B Kenward would discuss the dog barking matter with the owner at Ridge.

10. CORRESPONDENCE OR ITEMS FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION

13/274 CONSULTATIONS
Statement of Community Involvement on County Council Planning Matters – Clerk to look at the papers and comment on behalf of the parish council.
Dorset Heathland Joint Development Plan – Mrs B Kenward to read through and make comments for members to agree.

13/275 AONB UPDATE – Mrs B Kenward and Mr R Scragg agreed to attend.

13/276 TODAY’S YOUTHS – TOMORROWS LEADERS – Mrs B Kenward agreed to attend if free.

11. CORRESPONDENCE FOR GENERAL INFORMATION

13/277 (a) DORSET ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS
- Newsletter – Winter 2012.

- (b) **PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL**
- None.
- (c) **DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL**
- None.
- (d) **SOUTH WESTERN AMBULANCE SERVICE**
- News.

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

13/278 Authorisation was given for the payment of the following accounts and the cheques were signed:-

Power	Name	Reason	Amount
LGA 1972 ss 111,151 Smallholdings & Allotments Act 1908 s23	MD Weller	Petty cash	£25.00
LGA 1972 s214	Scott Estate No 4 - Share Wareham Burial Jnt Cttee	½yr allotment hire ½yr contribution final	£66.00 £1,517.50
LGA 1972 s173/4	MD Weller	Reimbursement phone/mileage	£140.32
LGA 1972 ss112	MD Weller	Clerk's salary	428.4
LGA 1972 ss112	Inland Revenue	Tax and NIC	£107.00
	Total		£2,284.22

Clerk advised new PAYE codes had been received for her and Inland Revenue had now decided to share the personal allowance between councils instead of using it all against Wareham St Martin Parish Council. However as the Clerk will be leaving, Inland Revenue would alter their notices to delete Arne Parish Council and substitute with Wareham Burial Joint Committee.

13. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

13/279 None

The Chairman thanked all those present for attending and the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

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Chairman

Next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 21st March 2013 at 7.00 pm