

Arne Parish Council

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNE PARISH COUNCIL
held in Stoborough Village Hall, West Lane, Stoborough
on Thursday, the 17th January 2013 at 7.00 pm**

Present: Mrs CA Macleod Chairman
Mr NI Barnes
Mr M Frenchman
Mr TH Heritage
Mrs BJ Kenward
Mr R Scragg

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

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

13/219 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

13/220 There were apologies for absence from Mrs V Ward (illness).

3. MINUTES

13/221 Mrs B Kenward proposed and Mr M Frenchman seconded the motion *it was*
RESOLVED that the Parish Council Minutes of the last meeting held on 20th December 2012, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

13/222 None.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

13/223 County Councillor M Lovell advised he was asking County Council to set up a flood conference so that information could be shared as to areas that flood.

Mr T Heritage asked what was being done to help Mrs P Gould with her permanent flooding problem and Councillor Lovell agreed the situation had been going on too long and had requested an engineer to go out and talk to Mrs Gould. Mrs B Kenward informed the meeting that The Granary had recently installed a flood door and the Clerk

had recently sent out an email from County Council seeking information on flood risk areas and offering financial packages to help alleviate the risk.

Mr P Love of Stoborough Green advised there was a drainage problem due to a ditch opposite the Lookout Store being full of water indicating a pipe between it and another ditch was blocked or had collapsed.

Councillor N Cake advised he had visited Stoborough Primary School to get a sign moved away from Mrs Gould's house as the sandbags had burst and blocked the gutter.

Mrs B Kenward reported a drain cover had lifted in Grange Road on the border of Church Knowle. Clerk had reported this to dorsetforyou.

County Councillor Lovell agreed to arrange a visit from a Highways engineer and the parish councillors could show him the problems.

Councillor Cake advised the junction of West Lane with the A351 had been inundated and Mr N Barnes reported complaints from allotment tenants when a drain lid inside the site had lifted. Councillor Lovell agreed to contact Wessex Water as this may be a lid for the sewers.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

13/224 District Councillor N Cake everyone to respond to the Heathland Mitigation Scheme and Building Development in Purbeck consultations. A summary is being produced as the Heathland Mitigation Scheme is a complex document and this would encourage more people to read it. The main document was written by Poole Borough Council, actual author unknown, and responses will go to them. Mrs B Kenward expressed concern that information was being altered, that the summary had not been automatically written before consultation began and that in parts of the main document, information was inaccurate.

Councillor Cake attended a pre-consultation meeting with the Environment Agency where they were advised the forecast for 100 year sea level rises were being revised. He asked for maps showing the present situation and the 100 year forecast; these may be available on the dorsetforyou.com site. He found the Environment Agency officers very knowledgeable about flood defences round Stoborough. Mrs B Kenward advised there were many problems but landowners were not allowed to carry out remedial work due to the impact on wildlife. Councillor Cake advised they were looking at various ideas to prevent flooding in Stoborough. Councillor Lovell reported Network Rail had not cleared their culverts out and they were causing problems to the surrounding land. He felt the conference would help clear these issues.

Councillor Cake attended the Flood Plan Strategy meeting which informed him on the defences being installed; part of the funding will come from the Community Infrastructure Levy, which will encourage government funding.

Mr T Heritage asked about Parish boundaries consultation referred to by District Council and Councillor Cake advised last year's consultation was on ward boundaries and this year it was Parish boundaries. Mrs B Kenward advised Church Knowle parish councillors felt Arne was trying to take on some of their area and she wanted to clarify the situation. Arne Parish Council does not wish to change any of its boundaries. Councillor Cake advised there were benefits to some alterations such as using the Purbecks as the natural boundary along Furzebrook Road, Tyneham may be annexed with a neighbouring parish, problems at Steeple needed to be resolved. Clerk advised she had informed the clerk to Church Knowle Parish Council that there was no intention of altering boundaries between them and Arne.

Councillor N Cake advised District Council had put in objections to the Boundary Commissioner's report but the government has over-ruled the objections and accepted the report.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

13/225 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

6/2012/0520 Toy Museum, Arne

Change of use to visitor centre for RSPB

AGREED *Parish Council has no objections*

Approved

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*

No decision

13/226 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

(1) Mr T Heritage and Mr R Scragg attended the Perenco Liaison meeting with Councillor N Cake. It's a year since BP left, there are 350 regular employees, 40 self employed contractors; due to a slight increase of minor accidents they suffered a loss of 80 man hours. In July and October Perenco went through safety procedures. Incidents involved increased flow at a well head, LPG released from a control valve but was contained, a nodding donkey came apart and an error in well surveying (must not get

within 50 metres of another well but they did). They had safety training, safety review and management review as a result. Now starting gas extraction, restarted 17 pumps and drilling new wells. There will be a recruitment drive over 3 years, local people if they have the right qualifications; they have 4 apprentices from a Hampshire college which offers a special engineering course. Hope to continue this practice each year. Production is at 14.91 thousand barrels per day but hope to get upto 16 thousand barrels. There are 39 planning applications submitted to lengthen the term of operation for each license to 2037; a decision is due 26th April 2013. Carrying out land restoration at Furzebrook as required under a S106 agreement but leaving the sidings for Swanage Rail Trust. Due to interest in shale fracking, Perenco had experts in to survey and found there are no known shale gas reserves in the licensed parts of the site. There is a 5 year drilling programme beginning in areas already worked on by BP.

(2) Councillor N Cake reported Furzebrook Hall has a new heating system based on a heat pump, which is working well. Chairman suggested Stoborough Village Hall Committee might like to look at this system as it would be quieter and more efficient than the present one.

(3) 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.

(4) Nothing to report from the Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association.

(5) Mr M Frenchman advised there was nothing to report from Ridge Residents' Association.

(6) Mr M Frenchman reported Wareham & District Development Trust (WDDT) waiting for written approval from the Environment Agency about the Flood Consent. Also the path is to be closed during works at both ends. There was to be a meeting this evening but was postponed due to a power cut.

(7) Mr N Barnes reported he had visited the allotments several times and all is in order. One tenant asked if he could cut a hedge back that was overhanging his plot and this was agreed.

(8) Mrs B Kenward visited The Hayricks to meet the contractor who was carrying out the final works as requested. Clerk advised some of the work will be left until February. Mr T Heritage was impressed with the path.

(9) Chairman met with PC N Spencer and the following actions and information were noted:

- ❖ Police to drop a letter to all houses along Corfe Road stating vehicles parked outside had to leave room on the pavement for double buggy/wheelchair and only 1 wheel on the pavement.
- ❖ 10m or 32ft needed to be kept clear from parked vehicles at junctions but as there are no lines at Melancholy Lane, this may not be considered a junction. The Parish Council could request junction lines and refreshing of the yellow lines at the bus bay.
- ❖ The unlit skip had been removed.
- ❖ 30mph repeaters are not used unless there are no street lights.
- ❖ Parish Council could request data from the SID which would indicate speed vehicles travel along Corfe Road, this might strengthen case for pedestrian crossing and possible 20mph limit outside school.
- ❖ Police to look at reported overgrowth along the bypass between Grange Road and Purbeck School. Any other problems can be reported on dorsetforyou.com.

Members considered the information and suggested:

- ❖ Clerk to request SID data under Freedom of Information Act.
- ❖ Clerk to request yellow bus lane lines to be refreshed.
- ❖ Mrs B Kenward noted the school walk train was working well from the Kings Arms to the school and making a big difference to the traffic congestion. Clerk to write to thank both Kings Arms and the school for making this possible.
- ❖ Noted the overgrowth along the bypass has now been removed.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

13/227 None.

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

13/228 CLERK'S REPORT – to consider any actions necessary

1. DORSET HEATHLAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Plan was discussed by Purbeck District Council at full council and Arne Parish Council asked that the decision be deferred to February as it is a complex document that should have more time for consideration instead of over the Christmas holidays. Dr R Kenward and Mrs B Kenward were thanked for supplying the report, which was submitted to District Council.

2. THE HAYRICKS

A vigilant resident reported vandals damaging the toddlers play equipment and the police have been notified. A crime number has been given in case of an insurance claim. Clerk to get the cost of replacing the plastic hemisphere window with flat perspex as carried out previously.

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

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.

3. ALLOTMENTS

The Allotment Policy has now been amended to reflect not only the criteria for hiring a plot but also the circumstances of relinquishment back to the Parish Council.

4. NEW SEAT OUTSIDE PURBECK SCHOOL

Parish Council had no objections to the installation of this new seat but was concerned about the proximity of the waste bin. The 'Growing up in the 70s and 80s Group' are now looking into replacing the bin with a new Wareham Town designed bin, which will smarten the area.

5. STOBOROUGH PUMPHOUSE

Dorset Works Organisation will be replacing the wooden posts in front of the pumphouse with solid plastic ones more characteristic of a listed building area.

6. STOBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school still desperately requires people to man the school crossing patrol. It could be one person or a job share position. Should anyone be interested, please contact Rob Camp at r.j.camp@dorsetcc.gov.uk or ring 01305 221000 and ask for Rob. This is an important job to protect the children going to school and could

reduce some traffic by letting parents and children walk knowing they would be escorted across the busy Corfe Road.

7. STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Members will consider forming a committee to update both important documents in light of recent legislation in the New Year. Also the job description for the Clerk will need to be updated in line with the new requirements to pay pension contributions from 2014/15.

AGREED Documents to be discussed at Planning Committee Meeting on the 7th February 2013.

8. DOG BIN

Clerk is getting a price for moving the bin near The Drove to Corfe Road as requested by a resident.

13/229 DISPENSATIONS – Clerk had not received any written requests for dispensations.

13/230 BUS SHELTER – Clerk advised that in the Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association minutes, a resident had asked if a bus shelter could be erected at the entrance. Clerk had made enquiries at County Council and was advised there is no money for new shelters but they could help with plans, dimensions and location of the shelter. The cost of a new shelter with 3 sides on prepared foundations was £3,699.12 + VAT.

AGREED Clerk to ask Mr S Widmer to organise a survey for opinions and to decide which side of Corfe Road the shelter is for before members considered further.

13/231 WEB SITE LINK – Clerk received a request from Life Coach Directory to have a link on the web site. Chairman felt it might help some residents but a disclaimer would need to be in place to show the parish council is not recommending the group. Mrs B Kenward and Mr M Frenchman were against having a link due to poor standard of the presentation on the site and Mr T Heritage felt there was no clarity in what was being offered or the cost.

AGREED The Arne Parish Council web site currently does not support commercial links only those that apply to local government.

13/232 HAYRICKS PLAY EQUIPMENT – Clerk advised receipt of a suggestion for more play equipment to be installed and financed possibly through the Valentine Trust. Mrs B Kenward expressed concern at the increase of rural crime and anti-social behaviour and did not feel installing more in case of vandalism as being experienced at present.

AGREED Arne Parish Council would not be installing further equipment at this time.

13/233 HAYRICKS TODDLER AREA – The matter of the vandalism has been dealt with earlier.

TO CONSIDER MATTERS RAISED SINCE AGENDA WAS SET

13/234 None.

TO CONSIDER MATTERS RAISED FOR ACTION FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

13/235 None.

10. CORRESPONDENCE OR ITEMS FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION

13/236 ROYAL GARDEN PARTY – Nominations are being sought from Chairman and Town Mayors for a place to attend a Royal Garden Party.

13/237 NAVITUS BAY WIND PARK – The second round of consultations are taking place in February and notices are being put up on Parish notice boards.

- 13/238** STREAM IN NEW ROAD – Mr N Jacobs of New Road had written to praise the efforts of Mr J Noyce in clearing the blocked areas in the stream. Clerk to write and thank Mr Noyce for his excellent work.
- 13/239** COUNCIL TAX BASES – Purbeck District Council has been advised that the grant will continue at the same level for 2014/2015 but afterwards will be subject to the same cuts as other baseline funding. The idea is for parish and town councils to get their tax base returns to the 2012/2013 levels meaning a Precept request of no more than £20,000. The Parish Council has had to increase its request for next year to cover costs of a new clerk and pension contributions, possibly new equipment, contribution towards towpath resurfacing and a couple of months overlap whilst the present clerk finishes the accounts.
- 13/240** CONSULTATIONS – Clerk had received 4 consultations and asked for comments:
 Housing Strategy – Mr M Frenchman
 Affordable housing supplementary planning document – Mr R Scragg
 Updated planning application validation list – Mr T Heritage
 Revised statement of community involvement – Mrs B Kenward
 Comments have to be received by the Clerk by 10th February 2013.
- 13/241** CLERK'S RESIGNATION – Chairman has received the Clerk's resignation and will be leaving the post on the 31st March 2013. However, if the Parish Council was happy to pay the Clerk for hours in completing the accounts for auditing, this will be her final task. Clerk also advised that if no replacement was found, she would continue in post until a new clerk was employed. She would also be willing to mentor the new clerk if required.
AGREED This item to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

11. CORRESPONDENCE FOR GENERAL INFORMATION

- 13/242 (a) DORSET ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS**
 - None.
- (b) PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL**
 - Consent to tree works on a Birch and Ash tree and fell 2 Birch trees located at 7 Old Kiln Road, Ridge protected by the County of Dorset (Ridge, Arne) Tree Preservation Order 1973, ref 10.
- (c) DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL**
 - None.
- (d) DORSET WILDLIFE TRUST**
 - Wildlife Champion AQA Award Scheme Volunteer training.
- (e) DORSET & SOMERSET AIR AMBULANCE**
 - Receipt for £25 donation S137.

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

13/243 Authorisation was given for the payment of the following accounts and the cheques were signed:-

Power	Name	Reason	Amount
LGA 1972 ss 111,151	MD Weller Cancelled	Petty cash x 2	£50.00
LGA 1972 s111	Purbeck District Council	Planning training for year	£50.00
LGA 1972 ss112	MD Weller	Clerk's salary	369.75
LGA 1972 ss112	Inland Revenue	Tax and NIC	£91.60
	Total		£561.35
	Information Commissioners	Data Protection Act	£35.00

Clerk advised a cheque for £2,000 had been received from Viridor as full and final payment of the agreed funding. In return they request details of publicity for completion of the project and a statement saying the asset has been delivered against the approved objectives in the application.

13. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

13/244 Chairman asked that a new notice board for Puddletown Road be put on the agenda next month. Clerk also needed to get a quotation regarding the 'silverfish' infestation at the Lookout board.

13/245 Mr N Barnes advised that the hedging between Ridge crossroads and White Cottage is impeding visibility for vehicles coming out of Ridge. It is believed the land belongs to the Encombe Estate.

The Chairman thanked all those present for attending and the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

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Chairman

Planning Meeting to be held on the 7th February 2013 for plans and discussion of new Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Clerks' Job Description/Contract.

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