

Arne Parish Council

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNE PARISH COUNCIL
held in Stoborough Village Hall, West Lane, Stoborough
on Thursday, the 15th November 2012 at 7.00 pm**

Present: Mrs CA Macleod Chairman
Mr M Frenchman
Mrs BJ Kenward
Mr R Scragg
Mrs V Ward

County Councillor M Lovell arrived later
Minutes were taken by the Clerk, Miss M D Weller

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

12/161 Chairman to ask councillors for any Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on items contained in the Agenda applicable to themselves or spouses/partners.

2. APOLOGIES

12/162 There were apologies for absence from Mr NI Barnes (family) and Mr TH Heritage (elections).

3. MINUTES

12/163 Mr M Frenchman proposed and Mr R Scragg seconded the motion *it was*
RESOLVED that the Parish Council Minutes of the last meeting held on 18th October 2012, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

12/164 Mrs B Kenward proposed and Mrs V Ward seconded the motion *it was*
RESOLVED that the Planning Committee Minutes of the last meeting held on 1st November 2012, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

12/165 Mr M Chittenden of Stoborough Meadow advised that when the grass is being cut, the farm gate has been left open and his concern was that travellers might take the opportunity to move in. Recently he had noticed a lorry left in the entrance when doing the path so suggested this might be the adopted course of action. Members felt it was highly unlikely travellers would move onto an area whilst it is being cut but would mention it to Dorset Works Organisation.

12/166 Mr M Chittenden of Stoborough Meadow asked if 30mph reminders could be put on lamp posts due to traffic speeding along Corfe Road. Chairman advised Highways were

unable to put more signs up as the pavement and lamp posts indicate the 30mph and there was no legislation allowing them to do this. Mr Chittenden suggested a flashing sign indicating the speed of the approaching vehicle would help and the Chairman agreed to discuss this later in the meeting. Mr P Love felt that now there is a speed limit in Corfe Road, it was up to the police to monitor. Mrs B Kenward advised that when a survey was carried out by Highways, the vehicles actually were not speeding but perceived to be and those caught by speed cameras were often local residents.

12/167 Mr P Love of Stoborough Green reported water was continually running across the pavement in front of 50-52 Corfe Road and 58-60 Corfe Road, Highways had said it was Wessex Water’s responsibility and Mr Chittenden advised they said it was a BT inspection pit and as it was ground water, nothing could be done.

12/168 Mr P Love of Stoborough Green reported the hedge outside 50/52 Corfe Road was overgrown and it was the responsibility of Synergy Housing to cut it back. There was also an Oak in the curtilage of 13 Stoborough Green that was causing some problems.

12/169 A member of the public asked if the dog bin at the entrance to Stoborough Green could be replaced as it was a useful location for one. Mr P Love suggested the bin on the verge before the Drove could be moved back.

Chairman thanked the public for taking part in the discussions.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

12/170 County Councillor M Lovell was not present.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

12/171 District Councillor N Cake was not present.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

12/172 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

- 6/2012/0246 Land at Masters Pit, Puddletown Road, East Stoke**
Construction of single turbine 75m to hub 27m blade with infrastructure
AGREED *Parish Council objects to this application*
Approved
- 6/2012/0466 Slepe Farm, Arne**
Construct replacement dwelling and employment use at Slepe Farm
AGREED *Parish Council objects to this application*
No decision
- 6/2012/0520 Toy Museum, Arne**
Change of use to visitor centre for RSPB
AGREED *Parish Council has no objections*
No decision
- 6/2012/0541 Stoborough First School, Corfe Road, Stoborough**
Erection of outdoor learning classroom, school sign, double doors
AGREED *Parish Council has no objections*
No decision
- 6/2012/0561 Pippins, Barnhill Road, Ridge, Wareham**
Erect garden shed, workshop/garage/store, woodstore, widen entrance
AGREED *Parish Council has no objections*
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
- 6/2012/0614 Chalkhill Lodge, 34 Stoborough Meadow, Wareham**
Install photovoltaic solar panels on south facing roof
AGREED *Parish Council has no objections*
No decision
- 6/2012/0617 32 Cherry Bank, Furzebrook Road, Wareham**
2-storey extensions, detached garage and conservatory
AGREED *Parish Council has no objections*
No decision
- 6/2012/0619 Stoborough Roundabout and Worgret Roundabout**
Erect signs for sponsorship
AGREED *Parish Council has no objections*
No decision
- 6/2012/0656 31 Stoborough Meadows, Wareham**
Replace existing conservatory with single storey extension
AGREED *Parish Council has no objections*
No decision

12/173 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

(1) Mr R Scragg advised Stoborough Village Hall Committee meeting was at the beginning of December. The Crumpler Room carpet had been cleaned. Still ongoing problems with the car parking; 17 cars parked on one day so some of the hall users could not park there.

- (2) Nothing to report on Furzebrook Hall.
- (3) Nothing to report from the Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association.
- (4) Mr M Frenchman advised there was nothing to report from Ridge Residents' Association.
- (5) Mr M Frenchman advised he and the Clerk attended the Urban Heath Partnership workshop at Upton House and notes had been circulated.
- (6) Mrs V Ward attended the Dorset Flood Fair at Dorchester, which was informative with people selling products to prevent flooding. She would be compiling a draft Flood Plan soon. Charmouth and Beaminster reported on how to deal with bad weather as experienced recently.
- (7) Chairman and Clerk attended the Purbeck DAPTC meeting and notes were circulated. There were 2 speakers: representative of Wild Purbeck who could do a talk for the council and Martyn Underhill on the Police and Crime Commissioner role.
- (8) Mr R Scragg and the Chairman attended the Railway Liaison Meeting and a summary had been circulated.
- (9) Mr R Scragg and Mr M Frenchman attended a meeting regarding the FP 20 upgrade and notes had been circulated. Mrs B Kenward thanked both members for their hard work on this project.
- (10) Mrs B Kenward attended the Dorset Ball Clays Community Liaison Group meeting, minutes of which had been circulated. One item was the location of a station or halt originally planned at Furzebrook but it was felt there was insufficient land.
- (11) Mrs B Kenward attended 3 planning training meetings at Purbeck District Council. They proved how increasingly complex government legislation is becoming so the best advice for any proposed development is that pre-planning advice be obtained from the planning officers. It was noted that Mr R Scragg, the Chairman and the Clerk had also attended some or all of these meetings. Mrs Kenward was pleased to report Arne Parish Council was strongly represented at these meetings.
- (12) The Chairman attended the Chairmen's Briefing at Purbeck District Council where they heard about Bere Regis beginning a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. Chairman suggested Neighbourhood Planning should be discussed in the New Year.
- (13) Chairman and Clerk attended the Purbeck Transport Action Group meeting and notes have been circulated.
- (14) Mr Peter Collins, co-opted representative on the Wareham Relief in Need and Sickness Charity, had sent his report to the Clerk. Grants being made were £200 for home visits of a physiotherapist to an elderly carer; £65 to assist a youth to attend 'Soul Survivor' (Christian Youth Event in Shepton Mallett); £110 for a vacuum cleaner for a disabled lady; £200 towards the purchase of a carpet; and various local residents to receive £20 each for Christmas. The previous Clerk to the Charity had left £10,000 in her Will expressly to help 6th form students at Purbeck School in funding for university or apprenticeships who would not have otherwise been able to go. Discussions are taking place to identify possible recipients.
All reports can be requested from the Clerk.
County Councillor M Lovell had arrived and the Chairman reverted to his report item.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

12/174 County Councillor M Lovell reported the government austerity measures were now being extended to 2016 with a requirement to save £48 million by 2014 and £80 million by 2016. County Council has achieved £43 million savings so far and members are going through every process to find savings.

Railway Liaison – a cable has been laid from Worgret to Corfe Castle for the signals, eventually connecting with Basingstoke. The commissioning of the railway has been postponed to October 2013 and a service to be started in 2014. A bid for funding towards trains has been submitted.

There is to be a site visit to look at grazing and Wild Purbeck's proposals. Chairman and Mrs B Kenward to report back on this.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

12/175 None

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

12/176 CLERK'S REPORT – to consider any actions necessary

1. CHINESE LANTERNS

A local resident was concerned at finding Chinese lanterns scattered around the property after a party at a nearby venue. The Clerk wrote to all the venues in the Parish outlining the issues for farmers, landowners, heath managers, residential properties and livestock. It is hoped the message is accepted as the government is looking into this problem and may try to stop the practice of releasing lit lanterns.

2. THE HAYRICKS

The Contractor has started on the track round The Hayricks but stopped for half term so that the area could be used by families. Despite the atrocious weather, the path has now almost been completed and the Clerk sent off for the first tranche payment, which has been forwarded on to the contractor.

3. ALLOTMENTS

Clerk has written and telephoned the Scott Estate at the Newbury office and the Office at Kingston in the hope that a reply would be forthcoming as to the reduction of vegetation along Corfe Road. The Kingston office has now responded and will be seeking a reply for the Parish Council.

An email was received from a local resident who has a plot advising he is likely to move to Sandford in the New Year and asked if he had to give his plot up. Clerk advised there was nothing in the policy about giving up a plot and there is already one long term allotment holder who lives in Wareham.

AGREED This should be put on the agenda for December to discuss.

4. WAREHAM CEMETERIES

There have been various complaints about the grass cutting and strimming regime being insufficient and leaving graves in a sad state. The Committee has met with the contractors several times now and awaits the final suggestion of a proposed financial package to alleviate the issues. There was confusion over the criteria for strimming and this has now been rectified but there will be some future costs relating to this.

5. KNIGHTSTONE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

Clerk has now received the contribution from the housing association towards the new dog bin in Scotts Close and banked the cheque.

6. RIVER TOWPATH (FP20)

Wareham & District Development Trust is now beginning to seek funding from Viridor and the Clerk has sent a letter in support of the project with an offer of £100 towards the funding if required. This can be discussed at the Precept setting meeting to see if further amounts might be offered.

7. PRIORY MEADOW

The Clerk spoke to a local organiser for a new bench dedicated to those lost in the 1970/80s, which they were hoping to locate at Priory Meadow. Their request was agreed by the Environment Agency but the landowner has refused permission as they did not want a memorial on site. The organiser may look to change the wording on the plaque to fit in more equitably to the landowner's wishes. Other sites were suggested by the Clerk also.

8. STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

It has been suggested that the Parish Council might ask the Village Hall Committee if there is any likelihood that broadband could be installed, maybe even just a telephone line to enable some form of internet access. Members will be considering this.

9. STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Members need to consider forming a committee to update both important documents in light of recent legislation.

12/177 DISPENSATION POLICY – Clerk advised that as all members lived in the Parish, they had a disclosable pecuniary interest in that they pay Council Tax and as setting the Precept had a direct influence on the Council Tax, this meant they had the interest. However because setting the Precept is a statutory obligation it meant members were eligible for dispensation to discuss the budget. There were 2 choices; either the whole Parish Council met to decide on the dispensations or the responsibility could be delegated to the Clerk.

Mrs B Kenward proposed and Mrs V Ward seconded the motion it was **RESOLVED** Arne Parish Council would delegate the responsibility of considering dispensations to the Clerk.

12/178 DISPENSATIONS – Clerk had received written requests for dispensations in order that the Parish Council could consider the budget and set the Precept. Length of time requested was for the November and December meeting as the Precept could not be resolve upon until the District Council advised what the Band D base figure was going to be according to an email from the DAPTC.

AGREED Clerk agrees that all members of the Parish Council should be given dispensation to discuss the Precept.

12/179 PRECEPT 2012/2014 – Clerk had printed out a Precept form showing actual and estimated amounts for the previous 3 years to give some guide as to expenditure. Members went through the categories estimating what would be required for the year.

AGREED Clerk to tidy up the figures and present the draft Precept 2013/2014 for decision at the December meeting.

TO CONSIDER MATTERS RAISED FOR ACTION FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

12/180 Dorset Works Organisation working at the Hayricks – Clerk to ask contractors to park a vehicle in the entrance to prevent any undesirable incursion.

30mph and flashing sign Corfe Road – Clerk to email Richard Stubbs on this item

Water running on pavement at Stoborough Green – Clerk to contact Steve Mepham
 Oak tree to be reported to Synergy Housing as officer aware of issues
 Moving dog bin – Clerk to seek price from Steve Syrett to move it.

10. CORRESPONDENCE OR ITEMS FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION

- 12/181** PURBECK FILM FESTIVAL – Clerk advised the evening had been very successful and a cheque for £25 had been sent to the Parish Council.
AGREED Parish Council to send the donation to Dorset Air Ambulance.
- 12/182** PUMPHOUSE – Damage had been reported to the posts in front of the pumphouse.
AGREED Clerk to get an estimate of pricing for the next meeting
- 12/183** LOCAL PLAN – Purbeck District Council had submitted the Plan for examination and it was found to be sound. The Council will consider adoption on the 13th November 2012.
- 12/184** NATIONAL ALLOTMENT SOCIETY – An online e-booklet was being launched which has voucher codes for discounts.
- 12/185** BOUNDARY COMMISSION – South West revised proposals summary on Parliamentary constituencies.

11. CORRESPONDENCE FOR GENERAL INFORMATION

- 12/186 (a) DORSET ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS**
 - Newsletter Autumn 2012.
- (b) PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL**
 - None.
- (c) DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL**
 - Press release on update for superfast broadband provision 2014/5.
- (d) LIFE EDUCATION**
 - Request for donation to fund purpose built mobile classroom to be taken to local schools for educational visits regarding age appropriate health and drug prevention education.
AGREED Parish Council does not donate to bodies working outside the Parish.

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

12/187 Authorisation was given for the payment of the following accounts and the cheques were signed:-

Power	Name	Reason	Amount
LGA 1972 s111, 151	MD Weller	Petty Cash	£25.00
LG (Misc Prov) 1976 s19	KG&EA Turner & Sons	Balance Cement path paid	£15,460.80
LG (Misc Prov) 1976 s19	Play Inspection Co Ltd	RoSPA check Hayricks	£78.00
Highways Act 1980 s96	Dorset County Council	Open space Stoborough	£1,578.88
LGA 1972 ss112	MD Weller	Clerk's salary	367.31
LGA 1972 ss112	Inland Revenue	Tax and NIC	£91.60
	Total		£17,601.59

13. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 12/188** Mr R Scragg amended the minutes for October page 43, only 7 votes against the work proposed for FP11.
- 12/189** Clerk advised Mrs P Gould had rung to say the water and mud outside her house on the pavement was worse; Clerk had agreed to contact Steve Mepham who was going to do some work on the kerbs to stop this.
- 12/190** Chairman is meeting with PC N Spencer on Monday to watch the traffic around the school opening times to monitor the speed and parking.
- 12/191** Mrs B Kenward advised she had reported to Highways about the cycle way on the bypass from West Lane to Purbeck School being overgrown with grass and covered by soil but nothing had been done about it. Clerk to remind Highways of this report.
- 12/192** Mrs V Ward had noticed a skip in Corfe Road had no lights on it and with the darker evenings, this would be dangerous. Chairman will speak to PC N Spencer about this.

The Chairman thanked all those present for attending and the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

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Chairman

Planning Meeting will be on 6th December 2012 7.00 pm if there are applications to discuss

Next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 20th December 2012 at 7.00 pm