

Arne Parish Council

MINUTES

Of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** of Arne Parish Council held at Evershot, Puddletown Road, Worgret, Wareham, Dorset on Thursday, 7th February 2013 at 6.00 pm.

Present: Mrs CA Macleod Chairman
 Mr NI Barnes
 Mr M Frenchman
 Mr TH Heritage
 Mrs BJ Kenward
 Mr R Scragg
 Mrs V Ward
 Minutes were taken by Miss MD Weller

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

13/246 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

13/247 There were no apologies for absence.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

13/248 Plan No.

6/2013/0027 Lookout Caravan Park, Corfe Road, Stoborough
 Install 3 pods in A field

AGREED Parish Council has no objections to this application.

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.

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.

6/2013/0052 Cherry Bank, Furzebrook Road, Stoborough
 Extensions, alterations, new detached garage
AGREED Parish Council has no objections to this application.

6/2013/0081 Scott Close, Stoborough Green
 Install openreach broadband cabinet
AGREED Parish Council has no objections to this application.

4. ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

13/249 CLERK VACANCY

Clerk had circulated the draft contract and specimen job description for members to consider, advised there are now 4 interested people and asked what details should be requested from the applicants.

Councillor T Heritage reported an interest in that he knew 2 of the applicants, one of whom he had worked with for a number of years.

Councillor Mrs C Macleod reported an interest in that she was chair of Purbeck Area Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils and one applicant was the secretary for this group.

AGREED Clerk to request 2 references, CV, letter of introduction including what they would bring to the parish council and hope to accomplish. Clerk to send the contract and job description with a letter outlining the spinal columns and pro rata salary. Also agreed that the panel interviewing the applicants would consist of Mrs C Macleod (Chair), Mr R Scragg, Mr M Frenchman and Mrs V Ward (Vice Chair) or Mrs B Kenward depending on their availability.

Also agreed interviews to be held on the 7th March 2013 at Stoborough Village Hall (booked) meeting room beginning at 6pm with each interview taking 30 minutes. Clerk to arrange the times with applicants.

Chairman requested items for agenda to be (1) Give delegated powers to Interview Panel to make the decision on who to hire as the new Clerk; and (2) To consider approving payment for the extra hours the present Clerk will carry out in order to complete the March minutes and actions, reimbursement of phone and mileage costs and completion of accounts to audit for 2012/2013.

13/250 PARISH WEB SITE

Mrs B Kenward reported an interest in that she is married to Dr Robert Kenward.

Mr R Scragg reported that Nick Casey and Dr Robert Kenward were updating the new parish web site with interfaces of Google maps, trails, dog walks, cycle routes, etc so that potentially this template could be used in any parish council. There are 2 outstanding issues to be resolved, the graphic design and the company to host the site.

Chairman thanked Mr Scragg for giving his time to this project and asked that appreciation be passed on to Nick Casey and Robert Kenward.

Clerk suggested that her web site should be closed on the 31st March 2013, the last of her working days with the parish council. Mr Scragg said he would pass the message on so that a hosting company could be sought as a priority.

13/251 STANDING ORDERS/FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Clerk advised there was little point in discussing these documents as DAPTC was waiting for Peter Lacy (National Association of Local Councils) to update the Financial Regulations relating to online banking. This would be necessary as HM Customs and Excise was insisting that all PAYE submissions should now be done online and all payments to be made the same way. The Standing Orders were being updated by DAPTC to include all aspects relating to the Localism Bill and other legislation.

13/252 VICTIM SUPPORT

Clerk had suggested the letter requesting a donation towards its services be put back on the agenda as statistics had now been received on how many families in the parish had been helped in the last year. Chairman advised the charity received £38 million from the Ministry of Justice for one year and felt the small amount this parish council could offer was wasted. Mrs B Kenward felt it was inappropriate to give public money to this charity as it was not the role of the parish council to collect money in tax and then give it to another body. Mr M Frenchman agreed. Mr T Heritage agreed but added he knew that the charity does sterling work for victims. It was decided not to put this on the agenda.

13/253 Mr M Frenchman advised an acquaintance moving to Worgret Road, Wareham had been sent a great deal of paperwork from the Planning Department of the District Council about the future development of 200 houses and the mitigation areas. He asked if a planning application had actually been submitted. Clerk advised there was no application in at the moment but the development will be built as it is in the Local Plan. Mrs B Kenward was disappointed that both Holme Lane and Nutcrack Lane were noted as mitigation areas when Natural England did not support the latter.

The Chairman thanked all those present for attending and the meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

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Chairman