

Arne Parish Council

MINUTES

Of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** of Arne Parish Council held at Stoborough Village Hall, West Lane, Stoborough, Wareham, Dorset on Thursday, 1st November 2012 at 6.30 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

12/153 Chairman to ask councillors for any Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on items contained in the Agenda applicable to themselves or spouses/partners. Any councillor who decides there is such an interest may consider leaving the room during discussions but in any case cannot take part in discussions or vote. Councillors may also choose to make Declarations of other Disclosable Interests than those recorded in their Register of Interests but may not take part in the discussions or vote. However, the councillor is welcome to make a submission only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

12/154 There were no apologies for absence.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

12/155 Clerk advised there were no plans to consider but there were two of interest that did not require comment from the Parish Council.

6/2012/0633 related to Binnegar Quarry and Environmental Park in East Stoke but impacted on Arne Parish through traffic on Puddletown Road. The application was to defer the requirement to close existing access and allow its retention and use for another 3 years.

AGREED There were no objections to this application.

6/2012/0657 was an application for lawful development certificate for an existing use at The Pound Stables, Melancholy Lane, Stoborough. The owner had applied for lawful residential use based on the building having been inhabited for over 11 years.

AGREED There were no objections to this application.

4. ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

12/156 Mrs B Kenward advised she supported the sharing of the river towpath with cyclists to encourage more outdoor activity. Several Ridge residents had approached her and voiced the same support. Clerk advised it was a right of way (FP20) and could not have accommodated cyclists without change, also there was insufficient width along the path.

12/157 Clerk advised the original meeting was for plans and to consider writing a response to a survey from one of the candidates for the Police Crime Commissioner elections. Advice had now been received from the Monitoring Officer at Purbeck District Council that no response should be sent either to the candidate concerned or to all four candidates as it was unlawful. Even a response from one of the parish councillors as a private individual could be seen as expressing a view from the Parish Council as the survey was addressed to the Parish Council.

12/158 Clerk advised the latest information was that all parish councillors living within the Parish would need to seek a Dispensation to be able to discuss the Precept as it clearly is a Disposable Pecuniary Interest. A template had been provided and the Clerk asked members to complete and sign the form requesting the Dispensation.

At the next meeting, the Parish Council would need to decide if it would grant Dispersations or whether it would be left to the Clerk and a resolution made accordingly. Standing Orders would also need to be amended to reflect this decision.

The next item on the agenda would be the receiving and granting of Dispersations. This item would become a standard feature of the agenda.

5. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

12/159 Clerk advised commencing on the 1st April 2013, all businesses would have to pay their NIC and tax on a monthly basis through the internet.

12/160 Clerk reported the election for the Police Crime Commissioner would be a 2 vote system and that the first candidate to achieve 50% or more of the votes would be elected.

The Chairman thanked all those present for attending and the meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

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Chairman