

# Arne Parish Council

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNE PARISH COUNCIL  
held in Stoborough Village Hall, West Lane, Stoborough  
on Thursday, the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Mrs CA Macleod Chairman  
Mr M Frenchman  
Mr TH Heritage  
Mr R Scragg  
Mrs V Ward

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

## **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**12/92** Chairman to ask for any Declarations of Interest on items contained in the Agenda. Any councillor who decides there is a prejudicial interest will be asked to leave the room during discussions but that councillor is welcome to make a submission during Public Participation Period from the floor in accordance with paragraph 12(2) of the Code of Conduct. Declarations of Interest can be made at any time during the meeting.

## **2. APOLOGIES**

**12/93** There were apologies for absence from Mr NI Barnes (holiday) and Mrs BJ Kenward (family).

## **3. MINUTES**

**12/94** Mr M Frenchman proposed and Mrs V Ward seconded the motion *it was* **RESOLVED** that the Finance Committee Minutes of the last meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2012, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

## **4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

**12/95** Mr H Ricks of Ridge asked if there was news on the consultation relating to gypsy and traveller sites being located in Purbeck. Councillor M Lovell advised nothing had been agreed at the present time. They would now be looking for a total of 40 pitches (residential and transit) as the government had reduced the number from 80 due to land limitations. Mr Ricks then suggested one of the parish councillors might like to take this topic on as part of his portfolio but the Chairman advised all information would be going through Councillor N Cake so this would be unnecessary.

**12/96** Mr H Ricks of Ridge noticed weeds and small shrubs growing between kerb stones, which needed weed killing. He offered to spray the weeds if the Parish Council

purchased the weed killer. Clerk advised contractors used Roundup in varying dilutions depending on how difficult the weed is to kill as it was safe for animals and children. Also it is unlikely County Council would weed kill the pavements due to financial constraints.

A member of the public reported vegetation overgrowth especially on the bypass over the cycle/pavement as well as in Arne Road making pedestrians walk further into the road. Chairman suggested this be reported to Dorsetdirect for action.

**12/97** Mr C Weeks of Stoborough reported that one waste bin has been returned outside Stoborough First School and asked if the second one would also return. Clerk advised it was highly unlikely; the bins had been removed as it appeared household waste was being deposited. Having explained it was rubbish picked up off the streets by Mr Weeks, District Council had agreed to put one bin back.

**12/98** Mr P Love of Stoborough Green asked if the gate at Scotts Close will be removed and Clerk advised her contact officer had retired and there had been no replacement notified. Councillor M Lovell advised there is a new officer in the Wareham office. Clerk would investigate but reports received showed initially the Estate intended closing the access. However, there was sufficient local evidence to turn it into a right of way if necessary.

**12/99** Mr P Love asked Councillor Lovell about the new arrangements concerning council tax and how District Council would fund the 10% deficit in funding. Councillor Lovell informed the meeting this was being discussed and consultation was in the public domain. New arrangements would not affect the elderly or disabled but everyone else would be impacted. Benefits were being reduced also.

**12/100** Mr C Weeks asked if the village hall was fully used each day and Mr T Heritage advised it was used every day. Mr Weeks noted vans and cars are being parked in such a way that visibility for drivers was impaired; vehicles seem to belong to those working on the First School. Mr Heritage said the village hall car park is used by parents every day but they have churned up the surface; through the generosity of Peter Andrews a new surface has been laid. He added the school should not consider this as their second car park as the hall is used by many people. The Parish Council identified this as a problem when commenting on the last planning application but the Diocese barely mentioned this. Clerk advised the submitted Travel Plan was an old one updated; it stated the school would contact the Parish Council but it had not, that the Village Hall Committee had agreed they could use the car park which it had not. Councillor Lovell advised members had refused plans if there was insufficient parking but it was pointed out to him that this has been a perennial problem and members had not refused the work. Mr Heritage would put this on the agenda for the next hall meeting.

A member of the public reported vehicles were still parking across West Lane so drivers cannot see as they turn into the road and requested police take action on this.

Chairman thanked the public for giving their comments to members.

## **5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

**12/101** County Councillor M Lovell had nothing to report as August is a quiet month.

## **6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

**12/102** District Councillor N Cake would be arriving later in the meeting.

**7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION****12/103 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*

No decision

**6/2012/0392 Cherry Bank, 32 Furzebrook Road, Wareham**

2 storey extensions and alterations

**AGREED***Parish Council has no objections to this application.*

Refused

**6/2012/0408 Pippins, Barnhill Road, Ridge**

Install garden shed, workshop/garage, wood store, site mobile home, widen main access

**AGREED***Parish Council objects to this application*

Withdrawn

**6/2012/0417 13 Gover Close, Ridge, Wareham**

Remove existing conservatory and erect single storey extension

**AGREED***Parish Council has no objections to this application.*

Approved

**6/2012/0418 Dove Cottage, Barnhill Road, Ridge, Wareham**

Remodelling of cottage, attic conversion and extension

**AGREED***Parish Council objects to this application*

Approved

**6/2012/0419 Worgret Manor Hotel, Worgret**

Change existing hotel into private residence.

**AGREED***Parish Council has no objections to this application.*

Withdrawn

**6/2012/0423 Hazel Lodge, 6 Stoborough Meadows, Wareham**

Install photovoltaic solar panels SW facing rear roof

**AGREED***Parish Council has no objections to this application.*

Approved

- 6/2012/0464 Broomhill, Grange Road, Wareham**  
2 storey extension  
**AGREED** *Parish Council has no objections*  
Withdrawn
- 6/2012/0465 3 & 4 The Meerings, Arne Road, Ridge**  
Removal Condition 11 to provide pedestrian access  
**AGREED** *Parish Council has no objections*  
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
- 6/2012/0467 Worgret Manor Hotel, Worgret Road, Wareham (Listed)**  
Change of use from hotel to residential  
**AGREED** *Parish Council has no objections*  
Withdrawn
- 6/2012/0472 10 Hollow Oak Road, Stoborough**  
Single storey extension/raised roof for accommodation, detached garage.  
**AGREED** *Parish Council has no objections.*  
No decision
- 6/2012/0481 Newlands, New Road, Stoborough**  
Formation of sun lounge  
**AGREED** *Parish Council has no objections.*  
No decision

## **12/104 CLERK'S REPORT**

### **1. CONSULTATIONS**

- The Parish Council will be making representations on:
- the Preliminary Draft Community Infrastructure Levy charging schedule
- Bournemouth Dorset and Poole Pre-Submission Draft Minerals Core Strategy

### **2. THE HAYRICKS**

- The Contractor met with 2 representatives of the Parish Council to ensure the track location was right and agreed nothing should be done during the school holidays. Work should begin towards the end of September weather permitting.
- A request was submitted to County Council for a pedestrian crossing near the entrance to Stoborough Meadow as there are already dropped kerbs that could be utilised to cut the cost. We have been advised a simple zebra crossing would cost around £15,000 to £20,000 as it has to have street lighting and directional lighting for safety. Also there is criteria to decide if a crossing is warranted based on the number of people who would use it and Highways felt there would be insufficient numbers.

### **3. ALLOTMENTS**

- Clerk has written to Savills, as land agents, seeking permission and funding towards the vegetation reduction and access opening work on 3 occasions and spoken to the relevant officer. Nothing definite has been advised to the Clerk.

**AGREED** Clerk to write to Wareham office requesting a reply.

**4. ACCOUNTS 2011/2012**

- These were expected to be available for the Parish Council to consider signing off but were not.

**5. STOBOROUGH GREEN**

- Knightstone Housing has agreed to a new red dog bin by the farm gate in Scotts Close and this has now been installed. Clerk has invoiced Knightstone Housing for the cost of the bin and awaits the funding.
- During the walkabout the garages were discussed and it was suggested that if they were not being fully used and were causing health and safety issues due to the asbestos in them, the Parish Council would survey the residents for views on the installation of a small children's play area on the site. Synergy Housing has advised the garages are rented out at the moment and has no plans to demolish them.

**6. RIVER TOWPATH (FP20)**

- Wareham & District Development Trust has now got 2 quotations in for the resurfacing work on the towpath and await 2 more before going to funding sources. Rights of Way has advised they have £5,000 to go towards this work from the Local Transport Plan budget. A small group will be formed of representatives from stakeholders, including Mr R Scragg and Mr M Frenchman for the Parish Council, and they will progress the applications. Ridge residents have been sent a letter asking them for their views on being able to support this project or not.
- WDDT had also asked for quotations for a 2m wide path to allow cyclists access. After discussion it was agreed the majority did not want cyclists using the towpath, especially if it is being resurfaced for those with mobility problems.

**AGREED** Clerk to email Mr S Kourik of Rights of Way to ask for new "No Cycling" notices at each end of the path and copy in Councillor M Lovell.

**7. STOBOROUGH BENCH**

- Sadly an attempt was made to remove the new bench by the pumphouse and the Parish Council has had to pay for a contractor to reinstate it with more substantial fixings. The police are aware of this attempt and will keep an eye on the bench.

**12/105 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

- (1) Mr T Heritage advised Stoborough Village Hall Committee would be meeting the following week.
- (2) Councillor N Cake reported Furzebrook Hall was continuing satisfactorily.
- (3) Mr S Widmer advised the Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association would have their AGM in October.
- (4) Mr M Frenchman advised there was nothing to report from Ridge Residents' Association.
- (5) Mrs V Ward represented the Parish Council at the Hemsbach and Wareham Twinning church service dedicating the new bench at Priory Meadow. It was well attended with a lovely genuine service.
- (6) Mr R Scragg, Mr M Frenchman and the Chairman attended a Swanage Railway meeting and discussed the connection to the mainline, which still requires further funding. Councillor M Lovell advised an application to the Lottery for £1.5 million

had been submitted. The signalling works should be finished by Christmas, testing will finish May 2013 and the new service to run by 2014. The crossing at East Stoke was discussed regarding new barriers and lights; volunteers needed to help man the new signal box at Corfe Castle and a delay in work on the signalling between Corfe Castle and Wareham is due to Natural England refusing to allow work during the breeding season.

(7) Chairman attended the launch of Volunteers in the Community. Buddens is available to the public and not just for the Scouts; they are building a place for people to use in wet weather so need more visitors looking at nature; open for group activities. Wareham Library has a team of volunteers who deliver books to housebound residents. Sandford Heritage Cordite Clay and Calluna Project was represented and had a display of what volunteers had contributed. MOSAIC consists of volunteers who help the bereaved children.

(8) Clerk and Mrs V Ward attended Wareham Burial Joint Committee where the main discussion was on the resignation of Mr F Farwell and where to farm the work he did. Maintenance of the cemeteries has been of great concern but hope that a recent meeting will solve the problems.

(9) Clerk attended the Clerks' Seminar at Kingston Maurward where health and safety, insurance, Code of Conduct, finance and pensions were all discussed. Notes of the meeting would be circulated with the minutes.

## **6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

**12/106** District Councillor N Cake had now arrived and the Chairman asked for his report. Councillor Cake advised members were considering the new planning regulations and working on where to make financial cuts to make up the deficit in government funding on council tax. There will be a Parish Boundary review for consultation; District Council expect to attach Tyneham to Steeple to regularise boundaries.

## **8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED**

**12/107** The Parish Council considered the following planning applications :

### **6/2012/0520 Toy Museum, Arne**

Change of use to visitor centre for RSPB

**AGREED** Parish Council has no objections but is concerned about the increase in traffic along an unclassified rural road and especially using Nutcrack Lane.

Design & Access Statement p2 2.4 states not intended to increase visitor numbers, simply improve facilities.

Planning Statement p14 Table 1 shows annual increase in visitors to the Reserve. The 2 statements are in contradiction of each other and it is clear with better facilities, more visitors will be attracted to the area throughout the year. The Parish Council's concern from the beginning has been the number of vehicles using an unclassified rural road with home made passing bays, part of the Purbeck cycleway and used by pedestrians extensively.

Parish Council requires some action to improve Arne Road eg. change priority of Ridge crossroads or make passing bays more permanent with sounder base and safer for cars pulling in.

### **6/2012/0541 Stoborough First School, Corfe Road, Stoborough**

Erection of outdoor learning classroom, school sign, double doors

**AGREED** Parish Council has no objections to this application.

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

- 12/108** PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS – Chairman suggested changing the start time to 7.00pm. Mr T Heritage proposed and Mrs V Ward seconded the motion it was **RESOLVED** Parish Council meetings would begin at 7.00pm beginning October.
- 12/109** PRELIMINARY DRAFT COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY – Purbeck District Council are replacing the 'bedroom' tax with this levy and have drawn up bands of fees based on housing and land prices. Any new development or extension that is over 100sq m would attract a levy per sq m. Mr T Heritage questioned the Parish of Arne being in the highest fee bracket due to having a small area of coastal land. Mr R Scragg advised 100sq m would equate to a small 3 bed room house. Mr Heritage suggested residents would find it financially difficult to move, build or extend with this levy in place. Councillor N Cake advised it was government driven and the fees will go towards the infrastructure. Clerk pointed out that the 'coastal' land was exempt from development due to national designations so it seemed unfair for the rest of the Parish to bear the brunt of the higher levy. Councillor Cake advised the District Council had produced the map in consultation with estate agents and based on house prices. Mr Scragg suggested the high prices were due to the scarcity of land for development in the Parish.  
**AGREED** Chairman to call an Extraordinary Meeting for the Parish Council and local residents once a date had been agreed with Mr S Dring who would be asked to answer these queries.
- 12/110** PLANNING TRAINING SCHEDULE – Members considered the workshops being offered by District Council and felt the majority would like to attend.  
**AGREED** Parish Councillors to advise Clerk of the workshops they can attend.
- TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION RECEIVED SINCE THE AGENDA WAS SET
- 12/111** COMPLAINTS – Mrs B Kenward had forwarded an email advising a local resident had complained about damage to her property entrance and Council property being done by the school building contractors. Also parents parking on the pavement whilst waiting for their children. PCSO S Hann had emailed the Clerk apologising for not attending the meeting and asking for an update on the complaints about parking near the school.  
**AGREED** Clerk to forward these complaints on to PCSO S Hann
- 12/112** MAINTENANCE OF FP20 – Clerk had received 2 quotations based on 4 cuts a year; one was from Anvil Grounds Maintenance Limited and the second from Mr N Clifford.  
**AGREED** Parish Council recommends accepting Mr N Clifford's quotation for £60 per cut. To be put on the agenda for the next meeting to be ratified.
- 12/113** PLACEMENT OF BENCH – Clerk advised Wareham Town Council had been requested to remove a seat in West Street near Pound Lane due to ongoing development plans of the District Council. The family who donated the bench have asked if it could be relocated on the green abutting Priory Meadow. The Town Clerk was asking members for their permission to install it within the Parish of Arne  
**AGREED** Parish Council has no objections to the bench being located at Priory Meadow.
- TO CONSIDER MATTERS RAISED FOR ACTION FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD
- 12/114** All matters had been considered earlier.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE OR ITEMS FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

- 12/115** CHINESE LANTERNS – Clerk received a letter from a resident in Grange Road alerting the Parish Council to the dangers of Chinese lanterns being launched as part of celebrations. They have been found in trees, on roofs and are a danger to the local heaths. It was suggested venues that host such celebrations should be reminded of the dangers of lit lanterns in this rural area.
- 12/116** POLICE REPORT – Clerk advised it is now the policy of the County Council and Police to send a site visit investigation report to the clerk in whose parish a fatality has occurred on the roads. Consequently a report had been issued due to a crash occurring at the junction of the A352 and Puddletown Road.
- 12/117** TENANCY STRATEGY CONSULTATION – Clerk reported a consultation on the kind of tenancies granted, criteria of tenancy, setting a term and renewing a tenancy. This can be found on [www.dorsetforyou.com/tenancystrategy](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/tenancystrategy).
- 12/118** SNOW CLEARING OPERATIONS – The Parish Council had decided not to become part of the road clearing operations but the policy affected the new grit bins. County Council is categorising the bins into ‘Strategic’ and ‘Community’ types. The Strategic grit bins will be refilled for a second time in a winter free of charge but the Community ones will be filled and any refill would have to be paid for by the Parish Council.
- 12/119** COMPLAINT – A resident in Stoborough Meadow had complained about a builder changing the development from the approved plans.
- Councillor Mrs V Ward declared a personal interest in this matter under the Code of Conduct as owner of the property in question and as it was a prejudicial interest, took no part in the discussions.*
- The Clerk had discussed this with the planning officer and it was found that they had approved a slight relocation of a flue. The flue had to be much higher than the plans due to Building Regulations. Both the architect and planning officer had missed this point.

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE FOR GENERAL INFORMATION**

- 12/120 (a) DORSET ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS**
- None.
- (b) PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL**
- Consent crownlifting 3 Scots Pine, fell Silver Birch and selective pruning of a Scots Pine at Pipers Hey, Arne Road, Ridge protected by District of Purbeck (Pipers Hey, Arne Road, Ridge) Tree Preservation Order 2009.
  - News Release invitation to Beating of the Sea Bounds Ceremony 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2012 in Poole Harbour.
- (c) DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL**
- DCC Community Fund is open to applications from voluntary and community based organisations including parish and town councils.
- (d) AUDIT COMMISSION**
- BDO LLP has been appointed as external auditor from 2012/13 to 2016/17.



**12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**12/121** Authorisation was given for the payment of the following accounts and the cheques were signed:-

<b>Power</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount</b>
LGA 1972 s111, 151	MD Weller	Petty Cash	£25.00
Litter Act 1983 ss5, 6	S Syrett	Install dog bin	£32.50
LGA 1972 s111, Smallholdings & Allotments Act 1908 s23	Stoborough Village Hall	Hire of hall	£144.00
LGA 1972 s111,	Scott Estate No 4 - Share	Rent for allotments	£72.00
LGA 1972 s111,	KG & EA Turner	Repair/resite bench	£144.00
LGA 1972 s111, Highways Act 1980 s96	Purbeck District Council	Election costs	£1,713.03
LGA 1972 s214	N Clifford	Cutting FP20	£50.00
LGA 1972 ss112	Wareham Burial Jnt Cttee	Contribution to Committee	£1,517.50
LGA 1972 ss112	MD Weller	Clerk's salary	367.31
LGA 1972 ss112	Inland Revenue	Tax and NIC	£91.60
	<b>Total</b>		<b>£4,156.94</b>

Clerk advised the second half of the Precept had been received in the bank and the refund of VAT spent last year has also been banked.

**13. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**12/122** None.

The Chairman thanked all those present for attending and the meeting closed at 9.44 pm.

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Chairman

Planning Meeting will be on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012 7.00 pm if there are applications to discuss

Next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 7.00 pm