

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ARNE PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19th JUNE, 2014 AT STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 6.30PM

Present: Cllrs R Scragg, A Pellegrini, V Ward, D Hunter

Chair: Cllr C Macleod

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 16 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting.

2014/1 Chairman's Annual Report on Parish Matters

The Chairman read the Annual Report. Copies are available upon request and on the web site.

2014/2 Presentation from RSPB

It had been hoped to have a representative of the RSPB address the meeting this evening but, unfortunately, no-one was able to attend.

2014/3 Reports from other bodies active in the Parish

Ridge Residents Association – Karen Wright, Chair of the Association, gave a brief report on the activities of the group over the last year. The group now consists of about 100 members and its activities have ranged from visits to Game & Wildlife Centre for Salmon and Trout Research at East Stoke to a visit to Furzey Island courtesy of Perenco. In addition, they have held big picnics, games on the green and many other events. The group is self-funding and charges a very small membership fee and has the takings from various raffles. Any profit is donated to charity, such as the recent donation made in February to the Food Bank. Future events include: on 28th June Open Gardens; during the summer there will be garage sales and a visit to the Purbeck Mineral & Mining Museum.

Stoborough Green – Phil Love reported that the rough tarmac road and the white line by the drop kerb have still not been sorted out and asked if the Parish Council would pick this up once again. A new Synergy Neighbourhood Officer will be starting in July and a meeting with the Parish Council would be useful, although, unfortunately, not very likely. Her role is to look after all the Synergy Properties and land owned by the company in what is now known as Zone 6. The parking opposite the drop kerb in front of the garage block is supposed to be a designated parking zone for the tenants. Unfortunately, the letter informing residents of this did not go to all the residents of Stoborough Green, only those that are Synergy properties. This has now been addressed and the parking by the dropped kerb should be resolved. Generally, there is very little trouble in the area.

Stoborough Meadow – Steve Widmer reported that, at the recent committee meeting, a number of concerns were raised. One concern was the money paid by Morrish when Stoborough Meadow was built, together with the frequency and quality of the grass cutting of the verges. Footpath 11 is also an issue as the grass is left quite long and it is making it difficult for vigilant dog owners to clear up after their animals. Nigel Neville-Jones had sent in an e-mail regarding this path, to which no answer has been received but the contents of which had since been made known to the Clerk and the contractor had been contacted. In addition, in the area behind the basketball ring on the Hayricks, the ground has sunk and tends to fill with water which then becomes stagnant. Mr Widmer asked if it would be possible to use some of the ring fenced monies to put an artificial surface down in front of the basketball area to prevent the ground from being eroded.

Cllr Kenward informed the meeting that the £80k from Morrishes is ring-fenced and, in the past, when the Parish Council have tried to spend some on repairs to the Hayricks, we were taken to task about mis-use of the money. Grass-cutting of the Hayricks – there has been some confusion regarding how the site is being cut as it was intended to keep an area for wild flowers. It is down to the residents to decide if they want to go back to having the whole area cut although this will result in additional work having to be done as the contractor had not sufficiently reduced the stone edging. The sunken ground – ask the contractor to put some soil in the hollow. Regarding the all-weather surface – this may be possible. Weed killer – this has been asked for several times and will be chased up again.

Stoborough Village Hall – Jill Scragg reported that a meeting took place last week. A couple of the committee members have now left but things continue to move forward and quotes have been received for the insulation, removal of asbestos, car park, cladding, etc. It is hoped to get some grant money from Viridor. Once 3 quotes have been received a bid will be submitted.

Furzebrook Village Hall – Nick Cake reported that the hall is going along well. The AGM is on 7th July and anyone is welcome.

2014/4 Open forum

The Chairman opened the floor to anyone who had any queries of questions they would like to raise about parish matters.

Karen Wright – at the recent Ridge Residents meeting, the matter of making the causeway safer for pedestrians and cyclists came up. It was suggested that perhaps reducing the speed limit to 30mph might achieve this although it is understood that this may mean street lights would have to be put in so is unlikely. Is it possible to look into this? Cllr Pellegrini reported that this is an issue that is being looked at in the Neighbourhood Plan and, to date, we have always been told that nothing would happen until something went wrong. This has, sadly, now happened and we will need to pick up on the subject. Nigel Barnes reported that 30mph limits came up on a recent course he had attended and it is a rule that street lights would have to be put in to make it a 30mph zone.

Footpath 11 – Mr Neville-Jones and response to e-mail relating to the state of the hedge. The Clerk reported that, although she had not received an e-mail from him, Mr Trevor Heritage had been in touch and passed on Mr Neville-Jones' thoughts. The contractor had now been contacted and the work should be carried out in the near future.

Mr Hale – replacement tree at Ridge. Cllr Macleod reported that no promise had been made by the Parish Council to replace the willow tree in Mr Lormar's garden with a tree on the grassed area outside the garden wall. The Tree Officer had been asked to suggest types of trees but came back with a completely unsuitable tree that would be too tall and would interfere with the overhead cables. Mr Hale – a number of people who attended the meeting left with the impression that at least one, or possibly two trees could be replaced. Unfortunately, this was not intended to be the case and the Parish Council do not have the funds to put trees anywhere in the parish. The land is privately owned and it would be necessary to speak to the landowner. It would be against the statutes of the Parish Council to pay for trees to be put on private land. Perhaps it would be possible to liaise with the landowner with regard to putting a tree there. *Post meeting note: The landowner, who wishes to remain anonymous, has since been approached and does not wish to have any planting in this area other than the existing camellia.*

233 acres of land at Sleepe are for sale – can anyone add anything to this as the impression was that all this land was going to be managed by the National Trust. This is clearly not the case. Keith Childs at PDC was asked who might buy it and he thought it would be a national organisation. Cllr Kenward reported that the land is as it is as Natural England did take an interest in it and required the timber crop to be removed and it is, to a certain extent, being

returned to heathland. It may be used in a carbon swap or similar sort of swap but there is no fear of anything being built on it.

There being no further business, the Annual Parish Meeting closed at 19:16 pm

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