



Parish of Arne

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16th APRIL 2015 AT THE STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL, WEST LANE, STOBOROUGH COMMENCING 7.00pm

- Present:** Cllrs A Pellegrini, A Wakefield-Sutton, D Hunter, R Scragg, R Bessant,
- Chair:** Cllr C Macleod
- Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker
- Also Present:** 14 members of the public, including County Cllr M Lovell & District Cllr B Kenward

1. Declaration of Interests

- 15/221 The Chairman asked councillors for any Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on items contained in the agenda applicable to themselves or their spouse/partner. There were no declarations made or disclosures requested.

Members of the public were asked if anyone had any intention of filming or recording the meeting. There were no intentions expressed.

2. To receive apologies for absence

- 15/222 Apologies have been received from Cllr V Ward.

3. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th March 2015

- 15/223 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all councillors prior to the start of the meeting.

Once a number of spelling errors were corrected, Cllr Scragg proposed them to be a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Wakefield-Sutton and agreed unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising – for report only

- 15/224 Sunnyside Hedges – The Scott Estate have not cut the hedges. It was suggested that perhaps this could be covered in the Parish Clean Up Day.

Skatepark – Cllr Pellegrini has sent an e-mail to the school but has had no response due to the Easter holidays. He will progress this next week.

ACTION: CLLR PELLEGRINI

5. Public Participation Period

15/225 Mr Andy Baggs – commented on the letter sent to Cllr Peter Wharf, Chair of the PDC Review Panel, from the Parish Council in response to the Partial Review – Issues & Options. Cllr Macleod said that the councillors would only have received his e-mail this afternoon and may not have had a chance to review it thoroughly enough to discuss. However, the comments made were our opinion at the time. The letter to Cllr Wharf was sent as there was insufficient space provided within the electronic response form and we wished to clarify some of the points we had made. Mr Baggs highlighted the points he felt were inaccurate in our response. This included the note regarding 3,300 houses at Worgret in that this may well be something that PDC had put in, but his family were only applying for about 500 houses on the land and much of the land was being submitted for SANGs. Cllr Macleod said this would be discussed and included on the May agenda.

Mr Ricks – in recent times, the verges along Nutcrack Lane have sunk 6-8” but the tarmac has remained in place. If this is not sorted out, the edges of the road will crumble and the cost of replacement will go up. This will be pointed out to Dorset Highways but everyone was reminded that members of the public could report such problems via the Dorset For You website.

ACTION: CLERK

Mrs M Cookson – commented on how lovely it is to see all the children on the Hayricks. She and the Residents Association are quite interested in encouraging butterflies on to the Hayricks and the SMRC are happy to purchase two, non-invasive buddleia that are not too vigorous and plant them. Cllr Kenward is happy to offer advice on the variety. In principle the Parish Council have no objections to this.

Mr P Love – Stoborough Green parking. The white H has been painted and he feels it is working well. The Clerk reported that she has received a telephone call saying that people are still parking there. Neither Mr Love nor any councillors who have travelled the site have seen anyone parked across the area. The No Excuses team have been informed and will attend the site on various occasions.

6. County Councillor’s Report

15/226 Cllr Lovell reported that there has been very little going on. He has been trying to find out more about the drainage problem at Stoborough Meadow and has now been able to acquire some maps setting out the water mains systems. It would appear that it is a private system put in by the developer.

7. District Councillor’s Report

15/227 Cllr Kenward reported that election fever has taken over at the District Council. She would be happy to take questions if anyone has any issues of concern. The financial matters in respect of the Waste Partnership are still being looked into. However, they are still in a better position than they were before the new recycling and collection system was put in place. The recycling is working very well in Purbeck. Cllr Kenward reported that she will not be standing again due to personal issues and expressed her thanks for all the help over the past years. Cllr Macleod thanked her on behalf of the Parish Council for all the advice and help she has given us over the years and introduced Cllr Malcolm Barnes who is one of the candidates standing to replace our current District Councillor.

8. To Consider Items for Discussion/Report

15/228 Results of planning applications submitted to County/District Council

All members had received a list of on-going planning applications prior to the start of the meeting. No comments were made.

15/229 Representatives' Reports on meetings attended since the last meeting

Stoborough Village Hall – Mrs Scragg reported that the carpet has been cleaned.

Furzebrook Village Hall – Nick Cake reported that there was nothing to report.

Stoborough Meadow – Steve Widmar reported that, other than the butterfly haven, there was nothing to add.

Ridge Residents – The new committee met on the 8th April to finalise their events calendar for the year. First event is on Sunday May 17th – visit to Arne Lagoon.

Stoborough Primary School – The head teacher has contributed a very nice article to the parish magazine.

Meetings Attended by Councillors

Cllr Pellegrini – no external meetings.

Cllr Scragg – Railway Liaison meeting on the 17th April but no other meetings.

Cllrs Wakefield-Sutton – 24th March Wareham Town Hall meeting for potential Town and Parish Councillors.

Cllr Bessant – no external meetings

Cllr Hunter – no external meetings

Cllr Macleod – 24th March Wareham Town Hall meeting/ DCA Community Lunch on 26th March.

15/230 To consider if actions are required

A response to Mr Baggs' letter.

Nutcrack Lane – follow up with Highways

Flood Committee – minutes to be sent out. Cllr Kenward will ask for some money towards the transport of the barriers from Imerys.

15/231 Web site update

Minutes and agendas are put on to the site as soon as possible. Cllr Pellegrini asked if it was possible to know how many people access the site. At this stage there is no counter on there but Cllr Scragg will check.

9. To consider any PLANNING APPLICATIONS received

15/232 Non- Delegated - none

Delegated:

- 6/2015/0173 Halfway Inn, A352 Wareham

Install covered timber dining structure to the rear of patio area

- **Agreed** This is a local business bringing much needed employment to the community and needs to be supported. No objections were raised.

- 6/2015/0186 RSPB

Proposed alterations & extension to existing RSPB work centre

- **Agreed** This improves the existing building. It is not overlooked by anyone. No objections were raised.

- 6/2015/0149 86 Furzebrook Road

Demolish existing conservatory for the erection of an extension to form family room. Erect timber car port

- **Agreed** The only people likely to be affected by this application are the immediate neighbours. One neighbour has commented that they do not want any of their established shrubs removed. In addition, the right of way to the back of No 86 crosses the neighbours garden and they have asked that all precautions are taken to protect or make good their garden when transporting building materials, etc and keeping their access clear at all times. We would endorse this consideration. No objections were raised.

- 6/2015/0140 71 & 73 Corfe Road

Replace all 1st floor dormer windows of both & replace gable end windows of No 73

- **Agreed** No objections were raised to this application. This would appear to be essential repair work.

- 6/2015/0142 Little Farm, Worgret Road

Erection of additional 600 ground mounted solar panels

- **Agreed** No objections were raised to this application.

- 6/2015/0206 28 Corfe Road

Erection of a replacement garage

Some confusion over this application as there appears to be a house on the plans that does not exist on the ground. *Post meeting note: The erection of a 3 bed 2 storey dwelling was approved in April 2014. Arne Parish Council had no objections to the application.*

10. Correspondence/items for action and resolution

15/233 Clerk's Report

The report had been issued with the agenda. There were no comments made or queries raised.

15/234 Dispensations

No requests had been received.

15/235 To consider a response to the Prosperous Dorset consultation

It was felt that the effectiveness of the combined authority solution will depend on the calibre of the people used to staff this resource. It makes sense to create a combined authority. There is some concern that, with Purbeck being the more rural of the group, it may have less say in some of the decisions, with the larger conurbations of Poole and Bournemouth taking precedence each time and the majority of the funding going towards them and not out to the rural areas. The Clerk will draft the appropriate response.

ACTION: CLERK

15/236 To report on the progress following the Highways walkabout on 18th March 2015

A full list of actions was circulated to members prior to the meeting. Of that list, the white H has been painted and this has already been discussed earlier and Traffic Enforcement Officers have been asked to attend the site. All other items have been added to the various Highways' lists and will be done in order of priority.

Mr Love asked if the hammerhead at Stoborough Green could be raised again. The road surface continues to deteriorate. The Clerk will pass this on to Highways.

ACTION: CLERK

If there are any problems with any footpaths or drainage ditches in the parish, residents are asked to report them via www.dorsetforyou.com as well as to the Parish Council.

15/237 To consider a Parish Clean Up Day

Cllr Hunter felt that, as we live in such a delightful part of the world, we should spend a little time maintaining the environment. It is predominantly the main roads that require some attention within the parish, eg Nutcrack Lane, Corfe Road, and if we had some volunteers who walked the roads, a fair amount of rubbish would be collected. This could be bagged up and put at a couple of sites for DWP to collect. Cllr Kenward informed the meeting that PDC will provide high viz vests, pickers, gloves, etc. and will arrange for Sita to collect the sacks once filled. Cllr Kenward, on a trial run, in 100m of verge managed to fill one plastic sack. Miranda Cookson reported that one bad area is Soldiers Lane. Cllr Hunter is happy to take the lead in organising this. All councillors were happy to offer their full support.

ACTION: CLLR HUNTER

Cllr Macleod suggested some sort of liaison with the schools to promote the problem of litter in the countryside. Cllr Pellegrini will bring this up with school at their next meeting.

ACTION: CLLR PELLEGRINI

It was noted that this is part of the national curriculum and the children regularly have to do projects on litter related issues.

15/238 Neighbourhood Plan update

The 22nd or 29th April have been offered by Keith Childs of PDC for the next Steering Group meeting. We are looking at some alternative dates in May. Cllr Pellegrini is currently drawing up a rough plan with the information received from the various groups. It is suggested that some questions are drawn up before meeting with Keith and this could be done when members meet on the 7th May.

15/239 Allotments Report

The Clerk reported that the annual renewal letters have all been issued. There are 22 allotments in total. To date, only one person has given up their allotment and this was offered to the first person on the waiting list. It quickly became apparent that the allotment had not been used for some time and was in a very poor state. It would normally be the responsibility of the parish council to clear the allotment and bring it into a reasonable state before renting it out again. However, it was suggested that a 3 year rent free period is offered, should the new person be willing to clear the site. He has agreed to this. It should be noted that the rent amounts to £10 per annum. Nigel Barnes, who has been keeping an eye on the allotments on behalf of the Parish Council, has said he is no longer able to do so. A new representative will have to be found at the May meeting. Cllr Kenward suggested speaking to Colin Johnson. This will be an agenda item at the May meeting.

15/240 To consider correspondence received since the Agenda was set for discussion and possibly placing on the agenda for the next meeting

Nothing has been received.

15/241 To consider items raised by the public during the Participation Period for discussion and placing on the next agenda

Position on a halt at Furzebrook for the railway.

Newsletter – the Clerk will be picking up the proof tomorrow and Cllr Pellegrini extended thanks on behalf of the parish council for the amount of work Cllr Scragg has put into this. This was seconded by Cllr Bessant. The Clerk will drop the proof off to Cllr Scragg over the weekend. The distribution list will be issued to all members in advance for checking and amending as appropriate.

ACTION: CLERK

11. To consider payments of accounts

15/242 The following payments had been requested:

Scott Estate	Allotment rent – 25/3 – 24/9/15	200496	72.00
Wareham Burial JC	50% of annual contribution 31/3/15	200497	1610.00
Mrs A Crocker	April wages + expenses	200498	501.19

The total requested is £2,183.19

Cllr Hunter proposed the payments are made and this was seconded by Cllr Bessant and agreed unanimously. The cheques were signed in the presence of the meeting.

12. Additional items considered urgent by the Chairman for discussion only

15/243 Nothing to add.

Hayricks – Cllr Wakefield-Sutton reported that, for the first time ever, she had observed two dog walkers with the dogs off the leads at the Hayricks. Miranda Cookson reported that there are a lot of foxes on the site and it may be unfair to blame dog owners for not clearing up after their dogs. Notices regarding dogs need to be larger and the main notice needs to be replaced. There should be a sign on the play area gate saying please shut the gate.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:20pm

Planning Committee meeting will be on 7th May 2015 if there are any plans to discuss

The next meeting will be on the 21st May 2015 at 7.00pm, Stoborough Village Hall. The Annual Parish Meeting will precede the usual Parish Council meeting.