



**MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 20th APRIL, 2017 AT STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL,  
COMMENCING 7PM**

- Present:** Cllrs P Love, A Wakefield-Sutton, R Scragg, A Pellegrini, R Bessant  
V Ward
- Chair:** Cllr D Hunter
- Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker
- Also present:** 4 members of the public and Jamie Rudge, Parish Council Lengthsman,  
District Cllr Malcolm Barnes, County Cllr Mike Lovell (from 7.35pm)

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chairman asked members of the public if they had any intention of filming or recording the meeting. No-one expressed any intention to do so.

**1. Public Participation Period**

17.242 Concern was expressed regarding a property at Gover Close where a domestic garage has been converted into a commercial kitchen. It is believed that this may have been carried out without planning consent or change of use, although the owners of the property in question have taken advice from PDC and believe they are able to run a business from their home without needing planning permission. Surroundings neighbours have expressed concern over the potential smells from the property, together with a possible increase in traffic to the property from deliveries and customers. The appropriate documents requesting an Enforcement have been forwarded to PDC by residents. It is understood that the planning inspector has visited the property. Cllr Pellegrini declared an interest as he is a nearby neighbour.

7:06pm Cllr Scragg arrived.

It is known that the Environmental Officer has attended the property and given it a 5 star rating, although it should be noted that this does not mean it has been granted planning permission. Cllr Pellegrini was contacted by the resident and, during that conversation, Cllr Pellegrini asked if planning consent had been issued but was told it was not required. A group of neighbours have met to discuss the matter and the consensus was to leave any further approach to a PDC Planning Officer.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

17.243 No interests were declared at this stage and no requests for dispensations had been received.

**3. To receive apologies for absence**

17.244 Apologies had been received from County Cllr Beryl Ezzard.

Before continuing the meeting, Chairman introduced Jamie Rudge, the new Parish Council Lengthsman and invited him to tell the meeting a little about his qualifications and experience.

**4. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

17.245 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Bessant proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Love and agreed unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

**5. Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda – for report only**

17.246 Toll Bar Stream – The Clerk has sent a response to the Environment Agency but no further communication has been received. A follow up email will be sent. 

<b>ACTION: CLERK</b>
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Traffic monitoring – the monitoring device was set up during the Easter period. The results should be back by the May meeting.

Traffic analysis on Corfe Road – Cllr Pellegrini will attend to this when the school returns after the Easter break.

Allotments – The school representatives have been passed the contact details for the allotment committee chairman.

Newsletter – Cllr Hunter will write a general comment from the Chairman and a piece covering the work of the Parish Council. Cllr Pellegrini will write a summary of the Neighbourhood Plan. All Councillors were asked to provide an article for the Newsletter.

<b>ACTION: ALL COUNCILLORS</b>
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Purbeck Sign – a jpeg has been forwarded to Swanage Town Council.

Parish Clean up – an e-mail has been sent to PDC but no response has been received and a follow-up will be made. Cllr Hunter will contact each councillor with their duties for the clean up.

<b>ACTION: CLLR HUNTER/CLERK</b>
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Fly-tipping – Cllr Pellegrini reminded members that the PDC Chief Executive has offered to take up the matter but nothing has been received to date. He will send a follow up email. It was noted that a web site called ‘Fixmystreet’ is a useful web site via which to report fly-tipping. They act as a third party which logs the problem and reports it to your local council on your behalf. This could be used in addition to the ‘dorsetforyou’ reporting device.

<b>ACTION: CLLR PELLEGRINI</b>
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**6. County Councillor’s Report**

17.247 Cllr Lovell was unavailable at this point and no report has been received.

**7. District Councillor’s Report**

17.248 Cllr Barnes reported that there is still no decision on the unitary and there will not be one until after the General Election.

**8. To confirm the payment of accounts and consider the bank reconciliation and position against budget for the year to date**

17.249 To confirm the payment of accounts

The following payments were requested:

Anvil Ground Maintenance	Stoborough Meadow Feb/March	101009	1204.72
Scott Estate	Allotments rent 25/3-24/9/17	101010	72.00
DC Pension Fund	April contribution	101011	143.87
Mrs A Crocker	April wages + expenses	101012	669.07
HMRC	April contribution	101013	98.80

The total amount requested from the Precept is £2,188.46. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Pellegrini and agreed unanimously. The cheques were signed by two councillors in the presence of the meeting.

**ACTION: CLERK**

17.250 To confirm the bank reconciliation and position against budget for the year to date

A copy of the reports has been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. No comments were made or questions raised.

**9. Parish Reports**

17.251 Councillors' reports on meeting attended

Cllr Bessant – 4/4 Perenco – covered safety procedures

7:35pm Cllr Lovell arrived.

Cllr Scragg – 4/4 Perenco – the contract with DCC is all but signed and, four months after it is signed, the £1.7million will be released and the money will be administered by an AONB team. Projects in Hartland Moor may be the focus for the money and it was suggested that Arne Parish Council should have a representative on the AONB team. Cllrs Scragg and Bessant will contact Perenco accordingly. Also mentioned was that Perenco had paid for high speed broadband around Arne. NP review group.

**ACTION: CLLRS SCRAGG & BESSANT**

Cllr Ward – 6/4 Jamie Rudge

Cllr Love – no meetings attended

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – NP review group

Cllr Pellegrini – RSPB office in Wareham looking at water management in Arne. Furzebrook village hall committee; meeting at SANG; NP review group.

Cllr Hunter – EA meeting re proposed Arne Moors project; DAPTC annual conference; SANG meeting, NP review group; WDDT

#### 17.252 Clerk's Report

There was nothing to report this month.

#### 17.253 Reports from Other Groups

Stoborough Village Hall – nothing to report.

Furzebrook Village Hall – Cllr Pellegrini attended the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The AGM is on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, 11am to midday in the main hall.

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – nothing to report.

Ridge Residents' Association – nothing to report.

Stoborough Primary School – closed for the Easter holidays.

#### 17.254 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – No problems to report. The graffiti on the climbing wall has been removed.

Allotments – The Clerk reported that there are currently four vacant allotments. The Management Team is considering the list of allotment requests received and, it is hoped, they should all be filled by the summer. The school will be offered one of the vacant allotments and Cllr Pellegrini will discuss this with them at their next meeting.

<b>ACTION: CLLR PELLEGRINI</b>
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SANG – Cllr Pellegrini reported that he and Cllr Hunter met with Ed Pettit-Mills (Scott Estate) and Amy Gallagher (PDC) at the SANG. The dog bins are now regularly emptied and the litter in the car park is being cleared. There is a new gate at the Holme Lane entrance and there is a new dog bin further into the woodland area. The landscaping is generally improving but the wood chippings in the woodland area needs levelling, the boarding in the car park needs repairing, the access needs reviewing and the potholes need filling. The boardwalk is slippery and needs to be made safe. In time the trees bordering the eastern side of the field will be replaced. Cllr Barnes suggested that the rhododendrons need to be sprayed.

Cllr Lovell's report - nothing additional to report. As this will be his last meeting with us, the Chairman thanked Cllr Lovell for his support over the years.

#### 17.255 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Pellegrini reported that the Review Group has been identifying relevant evidence and editing all the text gathered since the start of the NP, in order to get the first draft of the plan into shape. This has culminated in two intensive sessions but the draft is now taking shape.

#### 17.256 Web site and newsletter update

This has already been discussed under Matters Arising.

### **10. To consider Planning Applications received**

17.257 TWA/2017/067      Pipers Hay, Arne Road  
T1 Pine – reduce 2 lateral branches over conservatory by 2m

TWA/2017/068      Green Island, West Lane, Stoborough  
Fell Cyprus tree (T1)

No objections were raised to either application.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**11. Correspondence and items for action and resolution**

**17.258 To confirm the role of Parish Council representatives on outside committees**

Cllr Hunter explained that most members of the Parish Councils sit on a number of outside committees to act as liaison between that group and the Parish Council. Members were asked how they felt about the obligations and roles being given to them by the outside groups. The Clerk reminded members that they attend the other groups as representatives of the Parish Council, should they then take on additional roles, there may be a conflict of interests and, should it be necessary to vote on an item affecting that group, they may not be able to vote or take part in discussions. Cllr Barnes suggested contacting the PDC solicitor to confirm councillors' positions.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**17.259 To confirm the setting up of on-line banking for the Parish Council**

The Clerk reported that Barclays has been contacted and, by now, all members should have received their PIN number and access card. It was noted that the cards and covering letters made no reference to the Parish Council which seemed a little odd and no-one had received the card devices required to authorise payments. The Clerk will check the Standing Orders but they should already take into account the use of on-line banking. If not, the appropriate amendments will be made and brought to the May meeting.

**ACTION: CLERK**

8:10 Cllr Lovell left the meeting.

**17.260 To consider the Stoborough Primary School Hayricks proposal**

A copy of the paper had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

In principle, members welcomed the initiative but concern was expressed about the long-term care of the orchard, etc. Cllr Pellegrini noted that initiatives do rely on a committed member of staff but the school is recognised as an eco-school and felt that they would be keen to keep this initiative going for the long term. Members unanimously agreed that we would support the project in principle. The school group should now liaise with the Stoborough Meadow residents. Cllr Bessant suggested entering into a contract with the school but it was felt that this would not be necessary.

**17.261 To consider the Parish Council's response to the proposed SHLAA site at West Lane, Stoborough**

PDC requires a response to this matter by the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017. This site, on the north side of West Lane, Stoborough was considered along with other sites for inclusion in the draft Neighbourhood Plan by the NP Housing Group. At the time, the site was included in the PDC SHLAA list. However, the site was subsequently removed from the SHLAA list due to EA concerns about possible flooding. The Parish Council, in turn, removed the site from its

draft Neighbourhood Plan and gave a clear and unequivocal undertaking to the residents that it would not include the site or support any planning on this site in the future.

Notwithstanding these events, PDC, at a later date, chose to reinstate the site on its SHLAA list. The Parish Council, at all times, has acted in good faith regarding this matter and it is felt that PDC's inconsistent approach has caused unnecessary anxiety on the part of local residents. The Clerk will respond to the proposal accordingly.

**ACTION: CLERK**

17.262 To consider entering into an Agency Agreement for non-essential Highways works

This matter was given careful consideration. However, after it was made clear that no payment will be made to the Parish Council by DCC for any additional works we may take responsibility for, it was unanimously agreed that we will not be signing up to this Agreement.

17.263 To consider emergency access to the Hayricks

This has come about as a result of a helicopter landing on the Hayricks to pick up an emergency case but, as the gate was locked, the ambulance was unable to access the site. Luckily, Cllr Ward was able to contact Anvil to provide a key. The Clerk suggested an additional telephone number on the sign and a combination lock and chain on the gate.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**12. Correspondence received after the Agenda was set**

17.264 Cllr Hunter drew members' attention to an email received from a resident of Arne Village. The residents of Arne Village have expressed great concern over the increased volume of traffic using the Arne Road to access the RSPB reserve. Arne road is basically a single lane track with passing spaces and the speed and the mix of vehicles is alarming residents. The frequency with which the reserve is reaching capacity is also of considerable concern as, when the car parks are full, vehicles are parking on the verges leading up to the site. The RSPB had previously assured residents that they would contact them prior to each event but nothing has been said about the up and coming events associated with Purbeck Arts Week.

**13. Additional items considered urgent by the Chairman – for discussion only**

17.265 Cllr Bessant asked what was happening regarding the community governance review. This will be followed up by the Clerk.

**ACTION: CLERK**

Annual meeting – Cllr Pellegrini asked if the larger room had been booked as the guest speaker will be the Environment Agency to explain what the prospective project for the Arne Moor will be. 6.30pm Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:50pm