



Parish of Arne

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17th DECEMBER 2015 AT THE STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL, WEST LANE, STOBOROUGH COMMENCING 7.00PM

Present: Cllrs R Scragg, R Bessant, A Wakefield-Sutton, A Pellegrini, V Ward, D Hunter

Chair: Cllr C Macleod

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 6 members of the public, County Cllr M Lovell, District Cllr Barnes

The Chairman asked members of the public if they had any intention of filming or recording the meeting. There were no intentions expressed.

1. Public Participation Period

16/170 Mrs Scragg said thank you to the Parish Council for persevering and getting the vegetation cut back at the Nutcrack Lane/New Road junction.

2. Declaration of Interests

16/171 The Chairman closed the Public Participation Period and opened the Parish Council meeting, asking councillors for any Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on items contained in the Agenda applicable to themselves or spouses/partners and to consider any written dispensation requests received. No interests were declared and no dispensations had been requested.

3. To receive apologies for absence

16/172 All members were present.

4. To confirm Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 19th November 2015

16/173 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton proposed the minutes to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously. The Chairman signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

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

16/174 Cyclists on Arne Road – the Police were informed but said that there was little they could do as it is not a race. Should there be any incidents, they should be reported to the Police via 101.

Community Speed Watch – Cllr Hunter asked if there would be a need to take another look at this initiative. Steve Widmer reported that PC Clare Jephcott had attended the Stoborough Meadow Residents’ AGM and said that the Police would like to resurrect the scheme. PC Jephcott will be invited to address the Parish Council meeting in the New Year.

ACTION: CLERK

Broad Band – A meeting has yet to take place. Cllr Scragg requested that this matter is kept on the agenda. Cllr Lovell reported that the areas that are now working are those areas that raised a petition. Cllr Hunter said that he would pursue this in the New Year.

ACTION: CLLR HUNTER

Jenny Penny from Dorset Highways contacted Cllr Ward and reported that she had attended the Slepe Heath site and put the flood signs out. She will be looking into this further. A letter will be sent to the National Trust from the Parish Council. Mr Cake said that, in at least 2 locations in this area, there is a pipe that frequently became blocked with leaves and mud, so the water could not run away. Cllr Ward said that this may be the case but the area is so badly flooded at the moment, any pipes would probably not be able to cope with the volume of water. She will speak to Jenny Penny about the pipe.

ACTION: CLLR WARD/CLERK

Cllr Lovell spoke to PDC about play equipment but they do not have any play areas that they are responsible for so would not be able to help with the cost of replacing any other equipment.

Allotment information has been received from Mary Sparkes and the Clerk will go through this prior to the next meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

6. County Councillor’s Report

16/175 Cllr Lovell reported that little is happening as County are working on the budget at the moment. The initial thought is that the settlement from Central Government is considerably less than expected. Cllr Pellegrini asked about the additional 2% from Central Government intended to be spent on adult services. DCC will be taking this option so the increase will be 1.9% plus the 2%. Regarding the unitary authority – East Dorset has opted out and the leader has resigned. There will be another meeting on Tuesday 22nd December in Christchurch and it is expected that they will also opt out.

Cllr Pellegrini asked if there was any news of the Perenco money. No news yet although the discussions between Perenco and DCC are on-going.

7. District Councillor’s Report

16/176 Cllr Lovell reported that the District Council had been discussing the Working Together initiative and Purbeck have agreed it would be useful if the authorities could all work together, which may mean they will receive additional monies for Dorset Green.

Cllr Barnes reported that he had spoken to Bridget Kenward about Clean for the Queen in March, 2016 - www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk. She has asked if he will bring this up at PDC but, as yet, Cllr Barnes does not have any information regarding this initiative.

Mr Love asked about the final outcome regarding the SANG. Cllr Barnes responded saying it was all completed and, as far as he is aware, all outstanding work has been finalised.

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton asked if the gate had been replaced and the barbed wire picked up. The gate has not been replaced and Cllr Barnes was unaware of the barbed wire issue. He will try to attend the site and check.

8. Parish Reports

16/177 Councillors' reports on meetings attended

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – NP Steering Group. Hayricks inspection on the 13th. Wareham in Need and Sickness – attended the Will reading which takes place annually. This is the reading of the Will made back in the 1800s, which allows money to be donated to the poor, needy and sick of the Parish. The reading is a condition of having the money available – if the Will is not read out, the money will go elsewhere.

Cllr Scragg – Railway Liaison Meeting – good progress on the main line link up. The level crossing has been installed and the trial services will be starting in June. There are problems at Wareham. Cllr Lovell reported that they have been asked to look at the options available, including looking at the crossings. NP Steering Group.

Cllr Ward – Flood Wardens meeting in Weymouth - a very useful meeting. Met with Jenny Penny, Dorset County Highways, and travelled the sites looking at all the various issues that had been raised by the meeting with Highways in March. Burial Committee.

Cllr Bessant – Burial Board Committee. Rather a heated meeting - particularly during the discussion of the Precept. Wareham Town Council wished to change the contribution on the basis of a Band D property. This would mean Arne Parish Council would go from paying £3316 to paying over £5800. However, as the constitution had not been changed, this could not be done this year. It was suggested that the figures remain the same for this year and the constitution will be discussed at the next meeting in March.

Cllr Pellegrini – no meetings attended since the last meeting other than the NP Steering Group.

Cllr Hunter – no meetings attended since the November meeting

Cllr Macleod – NP Steering Group. DAPTC Exec meeting – the same officers were elected again so this will mean continuity. The difference between two recent initiatives was highlighted: Working Together – councils working together; Forward Together – DCC internal working forward.

16/178 Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

16/179 Reports from Other Groups

Stoborough Village Hall – Cllr Wakefield-Sutton reported that the new roof is now completed and the porch was reroofed for free. The 4 vents are visible at present but will be covered when the work to the ceiling is completed.

Furzebrook Village Hall – Cllr Pellegrini reported that there have been no meetings.

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – nothing further to add.

Ridge Residents' Association – meeting early in January

Stoborough Primary School – thanks are extended for the use of the school room for meetings.

16/180 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks - Cllr Wakefield-Sutton reported that she had carried out an inspection. The gate into the play area has been fixed

Allotments – At the November meeting it was agreed that a letter is sent to all allotment holders regarding the setting up of a management committee. However, the Clerk suggested that, as the renewal invitations would be going out in January, this information, together with that regarding the neglect of some allotments, could all be included. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Hunter regarding the production of the letter.

ACTION: CLLR HUNTER/CLERK

SANG – already discussed.

16/181 Neighbourhood Plan update

Cllr Pellegrini reported that there had been only one response to his interactive register of parish assets and this was for Ridge Green. A group from the NP Steering Group will now take this on and report back to the January meeting. Regarding Wareham Town Council – the Group is happy to offer practical support regarding documentation but would not be attending their meetings.

Policies are being redrafted in order to conform to the Purbeck Local Plan. The business section needs looking at and Cllr Pellegrini will speak to Cllr Hunter accordingly.

Bridget Kenward will write to Bridget Downton asking for assistance with the Sustainability Appraisal. It had been agreed that another public consultation should be held in February 2016 but, due to the SA and Scoping Appraisal, this has been pushed back to March.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 12th January at Stoborough Primary. Thanks are once again extended to Robert Kenward for his work on reviewing the policies.

16/182 Web site and newsletter update

The newsletter has been issued to all households. Cllr Hunter reported that he has received positive feedback as had Cllr Pellegrini although there had been some comment on it being directed towards Ridge and the RSPB. Cllr Scragg reminded members that the newsletter is not directed towards Ridge or the RSPB but reflects only what he receives. It is up to everyone else to provide him with information and items they would like to see in the newsletter.

16/183 Flood Resilience Update

Cllr Ward reported that we will be provided with yellow warning signs but it is not known who is responsible from them. Cllr Hunter will organise moving the container into a better position.

ACTION: CLLR HUNTER

Cllr Ward requested calling a meeting of the Flood Committee during the first or second week of February.

ACTION: CLERK

16/184 To receive an update on the finger post repairs

A quotation had been received for £385 and this money will be requested from Cllr Lovell. Once this has been completed, we will look at the finger post at Scotland Farm Road. The Clerk completed the request form and handed it to Cllr Lovell in the presence of the meeting.

16/185 To consider any action required from the above reports for inclusion in the next agenda

All items requiring action are automatically included in the agenda.

9. To consider any PLANNING APPLICATIONS received

Non- Delegated – None

16/186 Delegated:

6/2015/0685: Even Keel, Arne Road, Ridge
Raise ridge to facilitate loft conversion, installing roof lights & Juliet balcony

No objection

6/2015/0734: Winnards Perch, Sunnyside
Erect first floor extension

No objections

TWA/2015/0205: Greenacre, Barnhill Road
2 x silver birch - fell

Councillors discussed the tree work applications and had no objections to either but would be bound by the decision of the Tree Officer.

10. Correspondence and items for action and resolution

16/187 To confirm the Precept for the year 2016/17

The proposal is to increase the Precept by £2,326.90 or 5.03% to £30,145.00. This has been brought about primarily as a result of the inclusion of £1,000 to allow for tree work required along FP11, and an additional £1,950 for Parish maintenance to cover additional verge cutting, sign cleaning, etc. All other items had been either reduced or given a very marginal increase. Cllr Bessant proposed the Precept of £30,145.00 is accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Pellegrini and agreed unanimously. The full breakdown of the Precept will be included on the web site, once it has been confirmed by Purbeck District Council. The Clerk reported that this Precept will result in £1.62 being added to residents' Council Tax. The Clerk will submit the Precept to PDC for confirmation.

ACTION: CLERK

16/188 To consider the cutting of the Tow Path

Cllr Hunter has spoken to John Scott at WDDT, who has chased the contractor but they are unwilling to give a response. We can go no further until we know the extent of that contract.

16/189 To consider a course of action regarding speeding on Corfe Road

Cllr Scragg had received a letter from Debbie Warden requesting a VAS system similar to that in Worgret Road. Highways will be contacted to discuss possible ways forward. 20 miles per hour speed limit outside the school. Cllr Pellegrini requested that this is moved forward before the NP. Following recent surveys, and constant requests from parishioners, this is a matter of urgency. Cllr Lovell reported that there is a policy regarding 20mph speed limits in front of schools. Cllr Barnes – Winfrith have one in place and would be happy to give any advice if wished.

ACTION: CLERK

Community Speed Watch – get Clare in for January. Cllr Barnes reported that Winfrith had a speeding issue and a public meeting was held which produced a number of volunteers.

Cllr Macleod suggested bringing this up at the public meeting in March.

16/190 To consider the Flood Warning Signs Project

As several councillors have not had a chance to view the document, it was suggested that this is brought to the January meeting. Copies will also be given to the Flood Committee. Comments to Cllr Ward by the end of January.

ACTION: ALL COUNCILLORS

Cllr Ward expressed concern that the document may relate to signs within the pilot scheme or just to the yellow road signs – it is not at all clear. Item 3 – to notify DCC immediately if you become aware of removed or dislodged inspection covers. She would like to approach County and ask if the covers on the Causeway could be marked. It was agreed that this should be done.

ACTION: CLLR WARD

16/191 To consider the installation of an artificial surface at the Hayricks

Following the November meeting, the Clerk had obtained a second quotation for the artificial surface. This was from Sutcliffe Play and, following the same specifications, came in at £3,875.00. The original quotation from Wicksteed was for £1,499.99. Cllr Ward proposed that the Wicksteed quote is accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Wakefield-Sutton and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will instruct Wicksteed according.

ACTION: CLERK

16/192 To consider correspondence received regarding the Ridge engine shed

Correspondence has been received from Ben Webb following enquiries made with regard to the Engine Shed at Ridge. This was read out to the meeting. It was noted that the building records held by PDC show it has been in a poor state for some time prior to it being listed. This means that the owners cannot be required to restore the building to an as built condition. Mr Webb will visit the site again in the New Year to assess it from a safety point of view and then take advice on how next to proceed. The Clerk will contact Mr Webb again in the New Year.

ACTION: CLERK

11. Correspondence received since the Agenda was set

16/192 No further correspondence has been received.

12. To approve the monthly expenditure and confirm the reconciliation of accounts

16/193 The following payments have been requested:

Anvil Ground Maint.	Stoborough Meadow – November	200539	411.90
DAPTC	Chairmans’ Seminar	200540	30.00
Tradewind Graphics	700 Newsletters	100913	470.40
Mrs A Crocker	December wages + expenses	100914	441.34
HMRC	PAYE December	100915	99.00

The total requested from the Precept is £1,452.64

It was proposed by Cllr Pellegrini that the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Bessant and agreed unanimously. The cheques were signed by two councillors in the presence of the meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

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

16/194 There were no additional items to be discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm

The next meeting will be on the 21st January 2016 at 7.00pm, Stoborough Village Hall