



Parish of Arne

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2016 AT THE STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL, WEST LANE, STOBOROUGH COMMENCING 7.00PM

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

Chair: Cllr C Macleod

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 2 members of the public, PCSO Ollie Wales, County Cllr M Lovell, District Cllr Barnes

PCSO Ollie Wales was invited to talk about Community Speed Watch.

One co-ordinator is needed to act as a contact point for the Police. It would then be down to the co-ordinator to organise a team – all of whom will then be checked by the Police. The required locations of the Speed Watch would then be risk assessed by the Police. The Speed Watch team would then decide when they go out and how frequently. The kit needed would be lent by the Police. The possible locations would be on Corfe Road and on Arne Road. However, Arne Road would be more difficult as there is no pavement and this is a requirement of the initiative.

Crimes from the start of the year to date – 3 crimes; 2 marine thefts and 1 theft from a motor vehicle. Cllr Bessant highlighted the problem of water freezing on the by-pass causing 2 accidents recently. This is a Highways matter. Cllr Ward did speak to Highways and they said they would send someone out but the land from which the water is running is owned by the RSPB and it may be that the culvert under the road is blocked.

Cllr Pellegrini thanked PCSO Wales for updating the crime statistics and asked if it would be possible to have them updated more regularly as it was not always possible for a Police Officer to attend our meetings. He would be happy to send them through on a monthly basis to the Clerk.

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

16/220 Nick Cake – Furzebrook Stream – he does not believe there is a culvert under the road as the same problem occurred a few years ago. If the RSPB were to divert the end of the stream on to the heathland, the problem would be solved. Perhaps a letter could be sent to RSPB to see if they would be willing to do something about it.

2. Declaration of Interests

16/221 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

16/222 No apologies had been received.

4. To confirm Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 21st January 2016

16/223 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

Cllr Pellegrini proposed the minutes to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Bessant 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

16/224 Ridge Engine Shed – nothing to add as nothing has been received from the officer.

The piano shown as gifted by the Randall family was gifted by Imerys Minerals but organised by Kevin Randall. The minutes were duly amended.

20 mph – Cllr Pellegrini has not managed to talk to the Head of Stoborough School but has spoken to the Purbeck School. They were able to get the 20mph limit as they were originally going to amalgamate with the Middle School so there would be a number of children moving backwards and forwards. This did not then happen but the speed limit was maintained.

6. County Councillor's Report

16/225 Cllr Lovell reported that DCC had £4.1 million back from Central Government. The budget has now been set – 2% for care of the elderly and 1.99% for council use.

Cllr Pellegrini – the £4.1million – will we have a reduction in council tax, protect the bus service or assist with the youth service – no on all counts. The money will go to fill the shortfall in the budget originally set.

Next month there is to be a special council meeting to discuss the possibility of a unitary authority and to consider what would be best for the people of Dorset. There will then be a public consultation. Should certain roles be passed to the Town and Parish Councils to deal with, the budget to cover those roles would be given. Cllr Hunter – what are the opportunities to be discussed? Will the officers of DCC provide the input for the debate or the elected council or a wider canvass of the community? Cllr Lovell – there is a cross-section group of members looking into this and they will be able to ask the officers whatever they need to know. They will then produce several options for consideration. Cllr Macleod asked how large the group of members is that would be discussing this – in excess of 10 which have been split into 3 main groups looking at 3 different areas. Cllr Knox is heading this committee.

Phil Love asked about the 2% increase for the elderly. This was allowed in addition to the standard 2% cap. This will not be used for supported housing.

7. District Councillor's Report

16/226 Cllr Barnes reported that on Tuesday there will be a review of the budget for next year and the recommendation that the council tax will go up by 1.99%.

Cllr Pellegrini asked about the redundancies at Purbeck – there is a half million pound shortfall in the Rural Support Grant from Central Government.

8. Parish Reports

16/227 Councillors' reports on meetings attended

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – Flood Committee. PDC planning training. Steering Group. Writing Group for NP. Code of Conduct training.

Cllr Scragg – Housing Group. Steering Group. Meeting with Anna Lee. Writing Group for NP. Code of Conduct training.

Cllr Ward – Flood Committee on 2nd February. Stoborough Village Hall Committee. PDC training on Planning appeals. Code of Conduct training.

Cllr Bessant – Flood Committee on 2nd February. PDC training. Code of Conduct training.

Cllr Hunter – Housing Group. Steering Group. Meeting with Anna Lee. Writing Group for NP. Code of Conduct training.

Cllr Pellegrini – Meeting with Anna Lee. Steering Group. Writing Group for NP. Code of Conduct training.

Cllr Macleod – Flood Committee on 2nd February. Stoborough Village Hall Committee. PDC training on Planning appeals. Steering Group. Code of Conduct Training.

16/228 Clerk's Report

A brief report had been issued and there was nothing further to add.

16/229 Reports from Other Groups

Stoborough Village Hall – Cllr Wakefield-Sutton was unable to attend but the Hall Secretary had forwarded a report. The car park resurfacing starts on the 29th March and will take 7 to 10 days during which there will be limited parking. The new roof vents leak a bit during strong winds. New caps are being purchased which should solve the problem. Appropriate loft ladders are to be purchased and installed later this year. Cllr Scragg reported that the Post Officer is in the hall once a week and has broad band access. Would it be possible for the Parish Council to have the same facility? The Clerk will contact the Village Hall committee and ask.

ACTION: CLERK

Furzebrook Village Hall – nothing to report

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – nothing to report

Ridge Residents' Association – There will be a charity supper on the 20th February with 70 people booked in. The residents are also running a petition and have about 120 signatures so far regarding the Superfast Broadband.

Stoborough Primary School – Cllr Pellegrini met with the School Head to rearrange the date of the Steering Group meeting. They also discussed the matter of litter as it is an Eco-school. He has contacted the head with regard to discussing the 20mph limit and the status of the bridge.

16/230 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks - Cllr Wakefield-Sutton reported that she had carried out an inspection. The site is very wet and there are several places that have standing water. Cllr Macleod suggested keeping a record of how many times the various areas are flooded. Cllr Ward visited the site in January and noted a vast amount of water between the Hayricks and Corfe Road. The Clerk reported that the work on the artificial surface in front of the kick wall would be starting at the end of February, weather permitting.

Allotments – The Clerk reported that the renewal letters are in the process of being drafted, together with a revised contract and conditions of use. These will be passed to Cllr Hunter prior to sending out.

SANG – Cllr Pellegrini has visited the site. The high heels are still in the bin and the bin in the woodland area has not been replaced and there is quite a lot of litter in the area. DWP have said they are not happy to empty the bins. Mr Petit-Mills is supposed to be sorting out the various problems relating to the site. Mr Bird from PDC has contacted Mr Petit-Mills giving him some more time to get everything sorted out. Cllr Barnes suggested inviting Mr Petit-Mills to the next Parish Council meeting to explain what is happening. Cllr Pellegrini asked if Mr Bird could be asked to copy the Clerk in on any e-mails relating to the site. The Clerk will invite Mr Petit-Mills to the Parish Council meeting. Cllr Scragg suggested also inviting a member from Wareham Town Council as we had a duty to co-operate by having the SANG in our Parish. Cllr Pellegrini suggested writing to PDC setting out our concerns regarding the SANG. Mr Cake suggested including Steve Makenzie, PDC and copy to David Fairbairn. Cllr Bessant suggested including Mr Henry Scott.

ACTION: CLERK

16/231 Neighbourhood Plan update

Cllr Pellegrini reported that the Writing Working Party met on the 4th February and discussed protocols to prevent too many versions being sent out on e-mail. Cllr Scragg will keep the master copy. They also discussed what the Housing Group needed to provide – this is why certain of the SHLAAs have been rejected and why sites have been chosen. The format of the Plan is based on that of the Cerne Valley Plan. The group have also looked at sustainability. As Keith Childs is no longer working for PDC, a meeting had been held with Anna Lee who was very helpful. The capacity of the council is minimal and there is not a person at this time that is able to draw up a Sustainability Appraisal. The question of future support was also raised, together with statistics for the NP, the relevant maps and assurance that advice received to date still conforms to PDC Local Plan – it does at the moment. This means that the date of the public consultation will have to be moved back from the 2nd April. The Steering Group will next meet on the 2nd March.

16/232 Web site and newsletter update

Nothing to report although we need to clarify when the various minutes go onto the web site – i.e. draft and final versions. Cllr Scragg will continue to put the agenda and NP minutes on the web site.

16/233 Flood Resilience Update

Met on the 2nd February and looked at the Risk Assessment. We are awaiting a response from Highways which is expected in March. A letter has been drafted and will be sent to the National Trust and Natural England. In the meantime, Cllr Scragg reported that more trees have been felled.

The Group is also looking at a Resilience Plan and are looking at getting some funding from SSE for items required to go towards the Resilience Plan requirements. The next meeting will be held on 8th March 2016.

16/234 To receive an update on the finger post repairs

The Clerk reported that the broken finger had been taken to Roger Bond and it is hoped that the repair will be carried out and the post back in place by Easter. Cllr Scragg would like to be contacted before the fingers are installed.

Scotland Farm sign post. Cllr Scragg will send the Clerk some photographs for forwarding to Roger Bond and obtain a quote.

ACTION: CLLR SCRAGG

16/235 Recycling Update

Cllr Pellegrini reported that cycling collected over the kerbside has significantly increased since the new scheme was introduced in 2014. The “bring banks” are less well used. The food collected has gone from 140 tonnes in March 2014 to 460 tonnes and is evening out at 380 tonnes a quarter. The reason it has dropped could be that we are getting into better habits and not wasting so much food. Total dry recycling at the kerbside also shows a marked increase since March 2014. It costs £32.4million across the whole of Dorset and there is a financial deficit of £360,000. Cllr Lovell reported that the routes are currently under review and it may mean the collection dates will be altered. There is a new campaign “Right Stuff Right Bin” starting in 2016.

16/236 To review the Councillors Action Sheet

Skate Park – unfortunately, Mrs Ritchie’s details are not known so Cllr Pellegrini has not been able to make contact with her.

Repairs to hammerhead at Stoborough Green – the Clerk will contact Steve Mephram.

Tow path cutting – Cllr Hunter reported that John Scott has sent several e-mails to Brighstone and they have yet to respond, although they have promised to get an answer to him by the end of February.

16/155 – Residents reports to be added to the web site. The Residents’ Committee from Ridge were not that worried about it.

Jenny Penny – Cllr Ward contacted her.

Flood Barrier container – Cllr Hunter has spoken to the relevant person twice and written one letter to the landowner. It is private land and we have no grounds to force the owner to do what he originally promised. The issues are longer term and there is some personality clashes involved. Cllr Ward did look into getting a crane in to lift it but this was too expensive. She is trying to find if something is possible. Cllr Barnes may be able to help.

16/237 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

16/238 Delegated:

6/2015/0556: Owls Nest, Redcliffe Lane, Ridge – erect extensions and garage

No objection

6/2016/0064: Land rear of 14/16 Old Furzebrook Road – non-material amendment to 6/2008/0706 – amend layout

No objections

ACTION: CLERK

10. Correspondence and items for action and resolution

16/239 To review the Flood Warning Signs Agreement & Risk Assessment, the Warning and Alert documents

Bring to the March meeting.

16/239 To consider the Tree Warden Scheme

Cllr Macleod felt this was rather a lot of red tape. She suggested leaving this until March to consider. The Clerk will send a copy of the scheme to all councillors.

16/240 To consider requesting a Traffic Regulation Order in respect of Nutcrack Lane

Cllr Scragg felt that we should make our feelings known and pursue the order. The Clerk will contact Highways with a view to getting the Regulation underway.

11. Correspondence received since the Agenda was set

16/241 No further correspondence has been received.

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

16/242 The following payments have been requested:

DAPTC	Essential Finance – Cllr Bessant/Clerk	100921	47.00
Anvil Ground Maint.	Stoborough Meadow – January	100922	411.90
Stobor’ Village Hall	Hall hire 19.03.15 – 18.02.16	100923	252.00
Wareham Burial JC	50% of annual fee	100924	1658.00
Mrs A Crocker	February wages + expenses	100925	432.02
HMRC	PAYE February	100926	99.00

The total requested from the Precept is £2,899.92

It was proposed by Cllr Pellegrini that the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Hunter 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

16/243 Cllr Pellegrini will be adding the District Councillor’s e-mail to the NP group list.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.16pm

The next meeting will be on the 17th March 2016 at 7.00pm, Stoborough Village Hall