



**MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY, 2017 AT STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL,  
COMMENCING 7PM**

**Present:** Cllrs P Love, A Wakefield-Sutton, R Scragg, A Pellegrini, R Bessant

**Chair:** Cllr D Hunter

**Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker

**Also present:** 2 members of the public

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**

17.198 No issues were raised.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

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

**3. To receive apologies for absence**

17.200 Apologies had been received from Cllr Vivienne Ward and District Cllr Malcolm Barnes.

**4. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

17.201 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Pellegrini proposed them to be a true and accurate representation 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.

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

17.202 Arne Road sign – The sign has now been put in place near the crossroads.

Toll Bar Stream – Cllrs Scragg, Hunter and Ward walked the stream with Robert Kenward on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and discussed the way forward.

Zip Wire – traveller and seat repairs. The Clerk reported that a company had been located that supply the necessary parts. However, it is part of their policy that they would require the traveller to be sent to them so they could carry out the repairs. This would enable them to stand by any of the work, should anything go wrong at a later date. They confirmed that the work would be carried out immediately upon arrival and the repaired part would be back with us within three days. It was unanimously agreed that the traveller should be sent away for repair. With regard to the replacement housing for the seat chain, the Clerk will

determine whether the chain is 6mm or 8mm and the hose can then be replaced at the same time.

**ACTION: CLERK**

Parish Council Handyman – The Clerk reported that, to date, three applications have been received. Interviews will be held during the week of the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

Fly tipping – Cllr Pellegrini will be attending the PDC meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2017, together with Cllr Love. He will report that there is very poor communication when fly tipping is reported. The Holme Lane fly tipping took so long to clear as special equipment was required to move it. It was eventually removed by PDC. It was noted that the amount of rubble that is being recycled has been reduced by 84% - this may be a direct result of the charges being imposed.

PDC Partial Review – A further public meeting will be taking place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and Parish Councillors are encouraged to attend.

Dog Bin – The bin has now been installed at the Ridge Crossroads and a letter of thanks sent to Phil Stuckey for his assistance.

Welcome to Purbeck sign – Studland Parish Council have offered to put £50 towards the cost of the sign in return for their name being displayed. To date, nothing further has been heard from Swanage Town Council.

Pump handle – The pump handle has been ordered at a cost of £300.

It was suggested that Richard Drax MP is invited to attend our AGM.

## **6. County Councillor's Report**

17.203 Cllr Lovell was unavailable to attend.

## **7. District Councillor's Report**

17.204 Cllr Barnes was unable to attend the meeting but he had sent a report saying that PDC voted against the unitary proposal with the Chairman using his casting vote. Of the nine councils, 6 voted in favour of the unitary councils and 3 against. Those councils in favour will now make a submission to the Secretary of State. It should be noted that those councils who voted against the proposal - Purbeck, Christchurch and East Dorset – will not be able to take part in any future discussions. It is also likely that leadership contests will take place amongst those three.

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

17.205 To confirm the payment of accounts

The following payments were requested:

Citizens Advice Purbeck	Donation	100995	100.00
DC Pension Fund	February 2017 pension contribution	100996	113.96
Mrs A Crocker	February 2017 wages + expenses	100997	790.08
HMRC	February 2017 PAYE	100998	98.00

A Pellegrini	Printer cartridge	100999	11.75
TST Toys	Zip wire repairs	101000	171.68
Anvil Ground Maint.	Stoborough January 2017	101001	428.38

The total amount requested from the Precept is £1,713.85. Cllr Scragg proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Love and agreed unanimously. The cheques were signed by two councillors in the presence of the meeting.

<b>ACTION: CLERK</b>
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17.206 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**

17.207 Councillors’ reports on meeting attended

Cllr Bessant – PTAG – Mr Ward from the cycling fraternity spoke about the cycleways in Purbeck. We have nothing in the Neighbourhood Plan about cycleways but this was done under advice of our consultant, Jo Witherden. The amendment regarding the use of the concessionary bus pass has been passed. Swanage railway has a problem with starting the link from June as the rolling stock has not arrived. The bus contracts are currently out for tender for a nine year contract period.

Cllr Love – nothing to report

Cllr Scragg – 15/2 Toll Bar Stream meeting.

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – Hayricks reviews

Cllr Pellegrini – nothing to report.

Cllr Hunter – Selection process at the Purbeck School; 6/2 WDDT; 15/2 Toll Bar Stream; 15/2 Friends of Wareham Hospital public meeting.

17.208 Clerk’s Report

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

17.209 Reports from Other Groups

Stoborough Village Hall – Mrs Scragg reported that there is a water heater in the main hall courtesy of the WI.

Furzebrook Village Hall – Nothing to report

Stoborough Meadow Residents’ Association – Nothing to report

Ridge Residents’ Association – The next event will be a supper at Furzebrook village hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Stoborough Primary School – The school has undergone an Ofsted inspection which will help it to move forward and the school continues to be ‘Good’. All items asked to be carried out by the previous report have been implemented. The school is changing from a Parent Teachers Association to a Friends of Stoborough School. The Parish Council has no objections to the change.

17.210 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – Cllr Wakefield-Sutton reported that, with the exception of the zip wire, there is no action required.

Allotments - Nothing to report.

SANG – Cllr Pellegrini is trying to arrange a meeting with Mr Pettit-Mills. Amy Gallagher of the Urban Heaths Partnership is also going to be invited and Cllr Pellegrini will arrange a date, once Cllr Hunter returns from holiday. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton pointed out that it would be useful to know how many people from the Westgate site use the SANG. The bins are being emptied but there is still a lot of litter in the ditches and the sides of the car park are collapsing.

17.211 Highways update – SIDS, speeding and signage

The Clerk has met with Rob Camp of Dorset County Highways and discussed the possibility of residents purchasing their own SID. The cost of a basic SID is around £2,225.00 plus VAT.

The first phase will be to have the traffic monitoring on Arne Road. Cllr Hunter proposed this is put in place and this was seconded by Cllr Bessant and agreed unanimously. The speed check will be carried out with a request to hold it over the Easter Period. The cost of this will be borne by the Parish Council and will be in the region of £250. Once the information is received, it can then be decided whether or not to proceed with the SID, at which point the various parties will be asked for contributions.

<b>ACTION: CLERK</b>
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17.212 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The text is being worked on with Cllr Wakefield-Sutton carrying out the proof reading. Cllr Pellegrini has contacted Anna Lee who has responded accordingly. Once the Steering Group has met on the 8<sup>th</sup> March, Cllr Pellegrini will arrange a meeting with Anna.

17.213 Web site and newsletter update

Items are still needed for the newsletter. Cllr Love has some items relating to the school fete and felt some historical back ground would be of interest to residents. He and Cllr Scragg will liaise.

<b>ACTION: CLLRS LOVE &amp; SCRAGG</b>
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**10. To consider Planning Applications received**

17.214 At the time the agenda was set no planning applications or tree works had been received.

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

### **17.215 To consider taking part in the Keep Britain Tidy's Great Spring Clean 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**

Cllr Scragg suggested we could run both events; this and our own, although Cllr Pellegrini felt there was not enough time to join this event. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton asked if, apart from it being quite imminent, would there be any more advertising going on. After some discussion, Cllr Hunter proposed that an Arne Parish Clean-up day is organised by ourselves, perhaps in April/May before the grass gets too long. This was unanimously agreed. The Clerk will respond to Bridget Mayes accordingly of Purbeck Litter Free and the parish clean-up will be included on the agenda for March.

**ACTION: CLERK**

### **17.216 To resolve to EITHER dissolve the Wareham Burial Joint Committee and give all responsibilities and money to Wareham Town Council OR to continue as part of the joint committee, managing the cemeteries and taking responsibility for the cemeteries and accounts and agree that the joint committee accounts are sent to Wareham Town Council to be included in their external audit but as a separate portfolio**

Cllr Bessant reported that he has received a telephone call from Nick Cake who spent a great deal of time obtaining the Hill View Cemetery site and expressed concern that the cemetery should be run by one Council. The Clerk explained that there is no intention to dissolve the WBJC or for one Council to take over the sole running of the cemeteries, only for the audit to be amended. Cllr Bessant would urge members to oppose the dissolution of the Burial Board. Cllr Pellegrini suggested that we listen to our representatives who sit on the Burial Board Committee as they are more fully aware of the need for this resolution and the format it should take. It should be noted that it is purely the change in accounting requirements that has brought about the need for this action. Cllr Hunter proposed that the Arne Parish Council continues to be part of the joint committee and that the joint accounts are sent to Wareham Town Council to be included in their external audit but as a separate portfolio. This was seconded by Cllr Bessant and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will respond to the WBJC accordingly.

**ACTION: CLERK**

### **17.217 To consider giving delegated authority to the Parish Council representatives on the Area Committee to act on behalf of the Parish Council and to vote on any resolutions as necessary**

Currently Cllrs Hunter and Pellegrini are the Arne Parish Council's representatives. The initiative has been raised as DAPTC felt they need to enhance their position in the Local Government hierarchy. Should there be a vote on a matter discussed at the Area Committee meeting, we would allow the representatives to represent the views of the parish council on matters discussed. Cllr Scragg proposed that this is permitted. This was seconded by Cllr Wakefield-Sutton and agreed unanimously.

### **17.218 To consider a response to the Purbeck Local Plan public meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**

An e-mail has been received asking Parish Councils to ask two questions of the District Council in respect of the Worgret development within the AONB. The Steering Group will discuss the questions raised and other questions pertinent to Arne at its next meeting.

17.219 To consider a response to East Stoke's concerns regarding the use of Hyde Pit and increased traffic flow

An e-mail has been received from East Stoke Parish Council highlighting a potential problem with the Hyde Pit, Puddletown Road. It is understood that the pit is going to be used for the processing of materials brought in from other sites. This could lead to a considerable increase in the amount of large vehicles entering and exiting the site, many via the Worgret route. There are already issues regarding the amount of lorries along the Worgret end of Puddletown Road and their interaction with horse riders, walkers and cyclists and an increase in the number of lorries can only exacerbate this problem. The Clerk will send an e-mail supporting the East Stoke concerns.

**ACTION: CLERK**

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

17.220 Letter from the 'Kill Your Speed' Group. Cllr Pellegrini reported that he has attended the group's meeting and they meet again on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at the school and he will attend and try to discuss their requests further. He will also discuss the willow trees at the entrance to the school and find out when they are likely to be cut back.

**ACTION: CLLR PELLEGRINI**

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

17.221 Nigel Barnes – we note the sad loss of our colleague and former councillor who died last weekend. We send commiserations to the family at this sad time and remember all the good he has done for the parish.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:34pm.