



**MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2018 AT STOBOROUGH
VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7PM**

- Present:** Cllrs S Cranshaw, R Scragg, V Ward, A Pellegrini, A Wakefield-Sutton, R Bessant, P Love
- Chair:** Cllr D Hunter
- Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker
- Also present:** 21 members of the public, District Cllr M Barnes, County Cllr B Ezzard, Catherine Farrugia and Kevin House of the Environment Agency.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if any members of the public intended filming or recording the proceedings. No such intentions were declared.

1. Public Participation Period

18.166 Peter Sibthorpe reported that he had driven along the Arne Road on the 15th February, during a period of heavy rain and the road was almost completely flooded. The amount of water flowing across the road and into the ditches was substantial. How can the EA project team allay residents' fears about their homes being flooded? Catherine Farrugia – this is why the drainage survey and hydrological modelling are being carried out. The hydrological modelling will tell them how much area is needed on the dry side of the area when the site is flooded and will assist in deciding where the new bank is likely to be located. It will also show where the existing ditches run, and which ones empty onto the Moors and which ones empty into the Arne Road ditches. When they have the results, they will be shared with residents. The EA are still keen to receive evidence of flooding – photographs, etc. All the pipes in Ridge that could be found were CCTV'ed and jetted and now, when it rains, and there is ponding, this should not be because the drains are blocked but will be more about the type of geology of the area.

John Lidgley – Joint Chair of Ridge Moor Action Group, asked what area is going to be flooded as there seems to be confusion over the size of the project, and what is the distance of the new sea wall to the closest house. Kevin House –at this point they do not know where the sea wall is going to be sited as this is still being worked on. The works currently being undertaken will also decide the area involved; it could be anywhere between 80 and 110 hectares. This will be driven by ground conditions, storage required, costs, etc. This is still very early days and the detail of the design is not known.

Bill Evans – Oak Tree Close – referred to the current consultation regarding New Homes for Purbeck and made reference to the draft Arne NP. He reminded members of the two sites on the north and south side of West Lane that had originally been proposed for housing in the draft NP. Letters of complaint were submitted and the local residents demonstrated their dissatisfaction with the two sites. Subsequently PDC published a revised SHLAA list, indicating a much smaller development to the south of West Lane and the removal of the site to the north of the Lane. This action was taken without reference to Arne Parish

Council who, upon learning of these amendments to the SHLAA, removed both sites from its draft NP. Local residents were immediately advised of the Parish Council's action in relation to this matter. Mr Evans commented that he was surprised to see that the two sites are still considered by PDC to be potential sites for future development and asked why these sites are still in the Local Plan? He would like the Parish Council to take this up with PDC and have the sites reverted to Red status rather than the current Amber status. The Chair responded saying that the initial interest that the Parish Council had in the West Lane sites was based on their suitability for small-scale development. However, these two sites were later withdrawn from the NP and an undertaking given by Arne Parish Council that they would not be included in the emerging NP. It was also made clear to residents at the time that, should a developer and the landowner wish to promote the sites for development in the future, the Parish Council did not have the authority to prevent it. The Parish Council made its position regarding the two sites very clear to the Planning Officers at PDC and there has been no further communication between PDC and Arne Parish Council with regard to these two sites. Cllr Pellegrini reported that we have had many meetings with Steve Boyt of PDC in which it was made clear that the Parish Council would not support any development on either of these sites.

Gill Sibthorpe asked if there would be an Environmental Impact Assessment regarding the proposed site at Arne Moor. Kevin House replied this would be part of the standard process.

Peter Sibthorpe – in recent correspondence from the EA, they talked about modelling some dry areas up stream – do you know where these areas are likely to be? No.

Richard Brown welcomed the Ridge Moor Action Group's gathering the views of the community on the Arne Moors Project and their agreement that doing nothing was not an option. There is, therefore, a broad consensus that something needs to be done. The sluice and banks are in a poor state of repair and not fit for the purpose of defending Ridge from flooding. However, repairing the sluice should be accompanied by repair of the banks. It has already been highlighted that the banks are being overtopped and so the sluice will be increasingly bypassed. Sea levels are projected to rise by a metre over the next 30-50 years which means, over the same period of time, the banks would need to be raised by at least another metre. This would mean the base would need to be wider and the whole bank may have to be substantially strengthened. It would be interesting to compare how far the two proposals; one from the EA to retreat to a new defensive line inland, and one from the Action Group to repair what is there; meet the aim of safeguarding homes over the long term and how far they are realistic and feasible.

Peter Sibthorpe, responding to Richard Brown's comment, as far as Turner's sluice is concerned, it is understood that a lot of money has already been spent trying to repair it and an engineer from their group has said that steel sheet piling may be necessary to repair the sluice properly. Their main concern is the silting that may occur on either side of any breach. Once a breach occurs, the sediment is suspended in the water and drops further from the sluice and there is already evidence of silting along the river. It would be better for the users of the river if the sluice is repaired.

2. Declaration of Interests

18.167 Cllr Ward declared an interest in Item 10 – tree works application. No other interests were declared and no requests for dispensation had been received.

3. To receive apologies for absence

18.168 No apologies had been received.

4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2018

18.169 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 Cranshaw and agreed unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chair in the presence of the meeting.

5. Matters arising from the minutes – for report only

18.170 Grant request form has been sent to Cllr Ezzard and will be brought forward at the March meeting.

Sign at the Hayricks – outstanding

Scott Estate – outstanding

Melancholy Lane sign – should be in place by 23rd February.

Imerys Environmental Undertaking – Cllr Bessant reported that a response had now been received from John Vine of Imerys. Three projects are currently underway and are being managed by DWT. These are the Corfe River Project, Tadnoll Wetlands and the Toll Bar Stream. With regard to the latter, a scoping study is currently being put together. This is due to be carried out over the next few months and they have begun to gather landowner information. As regards projects directly related to Arne Parish Council; other than the Toll Bar Stream and Arne Moors Consultation, no other ideas or projects which meet the objectives of the Enforcement Undertaking have been submitted. Cllr Scragg suggested that, as scoping work is planned for the Toll Bar Stream, they look further down stream to see if there is any work needed on the parish boundary. In the meantime, Cllr Scragg has been invited to attend the next site visit of the Corfe River clean-up and there is a possibility for further clean-up work along the shared boundary of Arne and Corfe Castle Parishes at a later date. Cllr Bessant will forward John Vine’s email to all members of the council. The Imerys Group is not intending to meet again until Arne Parish Council has further proposals to put forward. Cllr Scragg will speak to DWT and determine if there is any work downstream that will fit the requirements of the fund.

ACTION: CLLR SCRAGG

The notice board doors are currently being constructed and will be installed as soon as possible.

The salt bin for Sunnyside has been received and will be put in place shortly. The Lengthsman undertook to carry out this work, together with the Melancholy Lane sign and the notice boards by 23th February 2018.

Allotment ditch – the Lengthsman is looking at linking the ditch with that running along New Road and is currently awaiting a quotation.

Hayricks inspection – date to be organised.

Flood Resilience update – a meeting was held on the 8th February and each member has a list of items to cover. The next meeting will be held on the 13th March.

Volunteer of the Year Award – Peter Booth has been nominated by the Parish Council.

6. County Councillor's Report

18.171 A copy of Cllr Ezzard's report had been issued to all members prior the meeting. Cllr Hunter felt that the volume of traffic along Arne Road is currently of more concern than the speed. A small working group has been formed consisting of Cllr Hunter, residents of Ridge and the RSPB to address concerns that have arisen due to the increasing popularity of the new RSPB visitor centre. The road is also being severely damaged along the verges by the volume of traffic and the group are seeking a meeting with a member of Highways. Cllr Ezzard will arrange a meeting with Dawn Atkin from Highways.

7. District Councillor's Report

18.172 Cllr Barnes did not have anything to report.

8. Finance

18.173 To confirm the payment of accounts

The following payments had been requested:

DC Pension Fund	February contribution	BACS034	143.87
Anvil Ground	Stoborough Meadow	BACS035	1204.72
WBJC	50% of annual contribution	200561	1658.00
Glasdon	Grit bin for Sunnyside	BACS036	225.80
Wickstead	Alun key for play equipment	200562	27.00
Mrs A Crocker	February wages + expenses	BACS037	442.25
HMRC	February PAYE	BACS038	99.00

Total amount due from the Precept £3,800.64

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Bessant and agreed unanimously.

18.174 To consider the bank reconciliation and position against budget

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

9. Parish Reports -

18.175 Councillors' reports on meetings attended

Cllr Bessant – PTAG on 31/1

Cllr Cranshaw – 30/1 Local Plan Review PDC. 5/2 Wareham & District Development Trust

Cllr Love – nothing to report.

Cllr Scragg – 1/2 NP Steering Group

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – 1/2 NP Steering Group; 8/2 Flood Resilience Group; 3/1 Local Plan Review PDC; 8/2 Wareham Relief in Charities; 12/2 Stoborough Village Hall meeting.

Cllr Ward – 8/2 Flood Resilience Group

Cllr Pellegrini – 31/1 DAPTC Area Committee; 1/2 NP Steering Group

Cllr Hunter – nothing to report

18.176 Reports from Outside Bodies

Stoborough Village Hall – Jill Scragg reported that the rent is going to increase to £8.00 per hour from 1st April. Generator – the trustees were split on whether or not this would be a good idea and the Chairman will contact Cllr Ward in due course. Cllr Pellegrini asked if the defibrillator for which the WI is raising money would be held at the village hall. Jill reported that the village hall committee did not want it on the outside of the building as they felt it would be open to vandalism. The Kings Arms has kindly agreed to site it on their premises.

Furzebrook Village Hall – nothing to report.

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – nothing to report.

Ridge Residents' Association – Charity supper on February 24th and the AGM on March 13th.

Stoborough Primary School – nothing to report.

18.177 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – Weekly inspections are being carried out by Cllrs Ward and Wakefield-Sutton. The worst of the damaged panels has been removed from the play area but there is still more work needed.

Allotments – Cllr Love reported that letters have been sent to all holders asking if they would like some help with their allotments. He would like to have a discussion about the current agreement before they go out again in August. The current agreement and Cllr Love's suggestions will be circulated to all members.

ACTION: CLERK

SANG – The catch on the gate has finally been fixed and the bins are being emptied regularly. Cllr Pellegrini informed the meeting that he has reported the inappropriate behaviour to Mr Pettit-Mills and suggested he contacts the Police. Cllr Ward has also reported the incident directly to the Police.

18.178 Highways update – SIDS, speeding and signage

SID on Arne Road – The Clerk has been in contact with Highways and a traffic monitoring survey will be carried out across the Easter weekend. This should provide evidence of numbers of vehicles at a key time of year, together with indications of speed. Once this is received, we will then be in a better position to put a case to Highways for a SID.

It was noted that a Speed Camera crew were located on the Arne Road during the week.

18.179 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Pellegrini reported the Steering Group met on the 1st February, following the PDC Local Plan Review on the 31st January. The deadline for updating the draft plan is the 20th February and this will then go to PDC for review. Josephine Parish has been contacted regarding a better definition of affordable housing.

Thanks are extended to Ben Buxton for drawing up the history of Arne for the NP.

18.180 Web site review and newsletter update

EA responses will be put on the web site. Cllr Scragg is still waiting for most of the 14 items listed for entry into the newsletter.

18.181 To receive an update on the Arne Moors Project

This project represents the largest infra-structure development the parish has seen for a very long time and its potential impact on the community during and after the build stage is extensive. As a Parish Council, we are keen to ensure that the communication between the partners to the project and residents remains open and transparent in both directions. The Parish Council takes a neutral position whereby everyone has the right to be heard and have their say. A statement of the Council's position regarding the Moors project was read out and will be posted on the Parish Council's web site for public scrutiny. The statement will then be brought back to the March meeting for confirmation. Comments from the public are welcome and the policy may be amended accordingly.

The significant amount of work already undertaken by residents to create a body of knowledge about Arne Moors and the project is acknowledged, as is the commitment, to date, of the project partners to meet the requirements of residents for openness and communication.

18.182 Ridge Engine Shed Update

Cllr Hunter wrote to Mr Donnelly of the Minerals and Mining Museum asking for clarification of their position on the Engine Shed. Mr Donnelly's response was that the Museum wishes to see the engine shed preserved in good condition. If this is done by a group from Ridge who can find a use for the shed, they would support this and also provide some track to lay outside to enhance the display and its historical significance. Their aim is to preserve as much of the local industrial heritage related to the clay industry as they can. They have seen the condition of the shed deteriorate over the years to a point where it seems to be at risk – hence their investigations to see if it was possible to move the shed and preserve it on the museum site. As a listed building, it can only be moved if it is judged to be at risk and any move would need the support of the local residents.

It is now up to the Museum Group to clarify the position with the Scott Estate and whether or not the Estate are prepared to allow the restoration of the Engine Shed. Richard Brown felt that the Scott Estate is under a legal obligation to keep it in a good state of repair and he has alerted PDC to this. PDC would then be able to put the building on the 'At Risk' register and require the owner to do something about this.

This is not a liability that the Parish Council or residents would want to take on. It was noted that if the shed was turned into a museum on the present site, it would result in more traffic into the area.

18.183 Redcliffe Path Update

The path is the responsibility of DCC but the £13,000 spent on the last upgrade of the path was raised by WDDT. Cllr Ezzard will also follow this up with Katie Black of Dorset Rights of Way.

18.184 Wytch Farm Landscape & Access Enhancement Fund

This refers to the Perenco fund. Arne Parish is deemed to be in the area of 'highest priority'. Richard Brown suggested a park and ride scheme to reduce traffic on the Arne Road? In the meeting with the RSPB one proposal was to send traffic from the nature reserve down Soldiers Road; but the traffic in Arne Road has become a significant problem.

It was noted that any proposals for funding need to be made by the end of February.

10. To consider Planning Applications

18.185 **6/2018/0036 SSE – wood pole replacement scheme – 9 poles to be replaced across the parish**

No objections.

6/2018/0032 28 Corfe Road – erect 2 side extensions to existing bungalow with conversion of existing roof space to include rear dormer addition. Change of external material finishes

No objections.

TWA/2018/026 4 Oval Gardens – T2 Oak reduce lateral, T3 Oak – fell, T4 Oak – reduce lateral, T5 Sycamore – fell; T7 Oak – fell

Cllr Ward took no part in these discussions. A resident expressed concern regarding the felling of an oak tree. We will defer to the advice of the Tree Officer.

11. Correspondence and items for action and resolution

18.186 To consider a response to the New Homes for Purbeck consultation

It would be very difficult for the Parish Council to respond to the whole consultation document but it would be appropriate for the Parish Council to comment on the New Smaller Sites policy.

Cllr Bessant – the District Council's current policy on affordable homes is any site over 10 houses will need to be 40% affordable. He feels it should be brought down to 5. It was noted that these figures were part of the National Planning Policy Framework and not figures PDC decided upon.

Cllr Ezzard reminded members that this is a proposal document and there are very few houses proposed for Arne.

The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Pellegrini and produce a draft response with reference to the Small Sites Policy.

ACTION: CLERK/CLLR PELLEGRINI

18.187 To agree a position statement on the Arne Moors project

This item has already been covered.

18.188 Defects for passing on to the Lengthsman

- Hedge outside 50 & 52 Corfe Road – brambles to be cut back.
- Tuckers Mill Close – brambles on the corner to be cleared

12. Correspondence received since the Agenda was set

18.189 Nothing to add.

13. Additional items considered urgent by the Chairman

18.190 Cllr Scragg has advised the Parish Council that he will be stepping down in May. The Chair commented that Ray has been a very valuable contributor to the council and parish for the past six 6 years. This leaves a vacancy for a new councillor from May 2018 to May 2019 when the next Council elections will be held.

Fly tipping on Furzebrook Road – was reported but took over a week for it to be collected by DWP. There continues to be a problem with lorries parking on the lay-by and throwing their rubbish over on to the RSPB land. Jamie, the Lengthsman, reported that the fly tipping was collected by someone other than DWP. The lorries parking there are predominantly trading with Imerys and it may be possible to contact them asking them to ensure the drivers do not litter.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:20pm.

The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 15th March 2018** at Stoborough Village Hall, commencing 7pm.