



Parish of Arne

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21ST JANUARY 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: 10 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

16/195 Phil Love asked who was responsible for the ditch at Stoborough Green. A resident had a flooding problem in their garden which was solved by diverting the water into the mains drainage but when the ditch was checked, it was found that the culvert was not working properly as the rain water was now pooling on the bypass. Cllr Ward will attend the site but it is understood to be the responsibility of the Scott Estate. If the culvert is blocked under the road, it is the responsibility of DC Highways to clear. It was also noted that the road was not gritted during the recent icy weather.

ACTION: CLLR WARD

Patrick Wood – Corfe Road – thanked the Parish Council for all the work towards trying to sort out the flooding around the meadow. However, the container is still waiting to be moved. Cllr Hunter is looking into this but is currently away.

Lorries using Nutcrack Lane have churned the verge quite badly. The lorries are wider than the road and are frequently having to mount the verge. The Clerk will contact Highways to see if it would be possible to have the StatNav instructions amended.

ACTION: CLERK

2. Declaration of Interests

16/196 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

16/197 Apologies had been received from Cllr Hunter (holiday).

4. To confirm Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 17th December 2015

16/198 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

Cllr Scragg 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

16/199 Community Speed Watch – a Police Officer will be attending the February meeting.

Broadband – Cllr Scragg reported that Ridge Residents are now raising a petition, as suggested by Cllr Lovell.

A letter is still to go to the National Trust but Cllr Ward has had to put out some ice warning signs. This matter is also going to be taken up by PDC – Mike Goater. The Clerk will liaise with Mike before sending the letter.

ACTION: CLERK

Finger post repairs – no further progress but the Clerk will contact Roger Bond.

ACTION: CLERK

Ridge Engine Shed – the PDC officer has still not been out to the site.

6. County Councillor's Report

16/200 Cllr Lovell reported that the Cabinet have decided they will no longer be funding youth centres. One of the problems is that there have been 40 more youths put into care this year and the funding is no longer available. The Central Government grant has been reduced by a further £7.4million which means other services will now have to be cut. Consultations are on-going and the results should be known by 2nd February.

Cllr Pellegrini asked about the Purbeck Youth Centre in Wareham – would it be closed. Some of the staff will be kept on for out-reach work and there will be only 1 full time team leader, the rest would be part time.

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton asked to clarify that Central Government is aware that council tax is high in Dorset and this is why the county has been given the extra cut. Correct.

Cllr Bessant – do you know the total figure that has been reduced from Central Government? Somewhere in the region of £80million since the cuts started.

7. District Councillor's Report

16/201 Cllr Barnes reported that he had looked at the SANG in the New Year. He has been in touch with Tony Bird who agrees that there is a problem. He, in turn, has contacted Mr Pettit-Mills regarding installing 2 more dogs bins and ensuring they are emptied. The Scott Estate is now responsible for the site. If this is not sorted out in the next few days, Cllr Barnes suggested the Parish Council and residents begin sending them e-mails.

Cllr Pellegrini asked why one of the gates has been tied up. Cllr Barnes said that, when he attended the site on the 5th January, none of the gates were tied. He suggested cutting the rope that was tying the gate but encouraged people to walk the site and report back if there are any issues.

There will be on-going work to the rhododendrons - cutting them back, etc. but this work will be on-going for a couple of years.

The Estate is having a problem finding a contractor to deal with dog waste – would it be worth putting a notice on the boards asking if anyone would like the job. The Clerk suggested they contact Dorset Waste Partnership who, it is understood, do carry out private work and make a charge.

8. Parish Reports

16/202 Councillors' reports on meetings attended

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – NP Steering Group on 12th January. PDC planning training on 14th January.

Cllr Scragg – Settlement boundary meetings and NP Steering Group

Cllr Ward – NP Steering Group and PDC training on 14th

Cllr Bessant – 19th January Essential Finance for Small Councils – interesting but more directed towards the Clerks.

Cllr Pellegrini – NP Steering Group and PDC training

Cllr Macleod – Purbeck Pledge Steering Group meeting – this year they are hoping to do something about getting out and getting active. NP Steering Group and PDC training.

16/203 Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

16/204 Reports from Other Groups

Stoborough Village Hall – Carpark resurfacing will start on 29th March. The electric piano has been sponsored and gifted by the Randell family and is available for all users. Viridor has paid for the roofing contractor and the Village Hall has paid for the roof vents and porch repairs.

Furzebrook Village Hall – nothing to report

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – nothing to report

Ridge Residents' Association – 7th January committee meeting. There will be a residents' dinner at Wareham Parish Hall on 20th February. There is a proposal to go before the AGM that the Ridge Residents' membership fee will be reduced to zero from the start of their new financial year.

Stoborough Primary School – Cllr Pellegrini met with the Head Teacher and there are no issues at the moment but they are giving their facilities free of charge for the NP meetings.

16/205 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks - Cllr Wakefield-Sutton reported that she had carried out an inspection. The gate to the play area is working well. The repair kit has now been received and Steve Syrett has been asked to carry out the repair. The order for the kick wall artificial surface has been put in. Cllr Macleod noted that, on her last visit, most of the equipment had large puddles under them and it may be worth looking into having artificial surfaces under all of them in the future but, for now, we will continue to monitor the situation. Cllr Barnes asked who emptied the dog bins at the Hayricks – DWP – he suggested contacting Tony Bird at PDC and telling him about DWP.

Allotments – on hold until Cllr Hunter returns.

SANG – already covered.

16/206 Neighbourhood Plan update

The Steering Group met at the school on the 12th January to finalise the wording of the 25 policies drawn up. The work on the sustainability appraisal scoping document will be done by early February and will then go out to consultation. There is now a group set up consisting of Cllrs Scragg, Pellegrini and Wakefield-Sutton who will begin to write the Plan. There will be a public meeting on the 20th April. The Housing Group will be meeting again on the 7th February and the Steering Group will meet again in February.

The Community Assets list is coming along.

16/207 Web site and newsletter update

Nothing to report.

16/208 Flood Resilience Update

The group will be meeting on Tuesday 2nd February. Cllr Ward reported that we came very close to having to put out the barriers but, at the last minute, it was not necessary. Letters have gone to all the immediate residents, emergency services and the school explaining what will happen should the barriers need to be put out. Volunteers are needed to keep an eye out for areas of flooding and reporting them.

16/209 To receive an update on the finger post repairs

Already covered.

16/210 Recycling Update

Cllr Pellegrini reported that he had been in touch with DWP asking for up-to-date data on recycling in Dorset but did not receive a reply. However, he did find a document from DEFRA covering recycling up to 2015 which contained no information relating to Purbeck, Christchurch, East Dorset or Poole. He will continue to carry on his research and contact David Budd.

The Recycling centres will be closed 2nd, 3rd and 4th February for deep cleaning.

Phil Love asked if anyone from Wareham could take recycling to Swanage – yes.

16/211 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**

16/212 Delegated:

6/2015/0726: Bankgate Cottages – proposed extension to north to dwelling no. 3

No objection

6/2015/0749: 84 Furzebrook Road – demolish rear extension for the erection of a larger extension & reposition bathroom

No objections

6/2015/0738: Ronda, Arne Road – ground floor porch/extension & 1st floor balcony extension

No objections

ACTION: CLERK

10. Correspondence and items for action and resolution

16/213 To consider a response in respect of the 20mph speed limit

Cllr Pellegrini was trying to find why Purbeck School has a flashing 20mph limit but Stoborough School does not. Perhaps the school could organise a petition. Cllr Pellegrini will speak to the Head about it. The Clerk reported on information received from Dorset County Highways in respect of their policies regarding 20mph speed limits. In essence, the stretch of road does not qualify for a speed limit reduction. It is not seen as an accident black spot. However, it was pointed out that the road in front of Purbeck School was not an accident black spot either. Perhaps the Camera team could park in Melancholy Lane rather than near the Lookout – would it be possible to get hold of the statistics from the recent visit. The Clerk will contact the Dorset Camera team and see if this would be possible.

ACTION: CLERK

16/214 To consider a response in respect of the Rural Bus Service Review

The only bus that is going to be cut from this area is the 275 but the Hopper is available in its place. The no. 40 is unaffected.

16/215 To consider requesting a Community Governance Review to increase the number of councillors from 7 to 8

Cllr Pellegrini proposed a community governance Review is submitted for an extra member of the Parish Council. Cllr Scragg seconded this and it was agreed unanimously that the Clerk submit an application.

ACTION: CLERK

16/216 To consider a response to the loss of SIDs on Corfe Road and Arne Road

The Clerk reported that the SIDs in Corfe Road and Arne Road are to be removed. Following a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of SIDs, it was felt that putting one out for 1 week in 12 was not fit for purpose. Therefore, DCC will be reducing the number of locations from 120 to 14 of the most high risk sites. Cllr Bessant felt we have very little chance of getting a 20mph speed limit outside the school if it is felt we do not need a SID. Phil Love suggested that something could be put on the web site about speeding. Cllr Barnes reported that other villages have put out signs “20’s Plenty” – this is a national campaign and could be looked at. The Clerk will look into this. In the meantime, a letter will be sent to Highways re the loss of the SID and will ask about getting a fixed sign.

ACTION: CLERK

11. Correspondence received since the Agenda was set

16/217 No further correspondence has been received.

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

16/218 The following payments have been requested:

Wicksteed Leisure	Repair kit for play area surface	100916	216.13
National Allotments	Subscription for 2016	100917	66.00
Anvil Ground Maint.	Stoborough Meadow – December	100918	411.90
Mrs A Crocker	January wages + expenses	100919	535.34
HMRC	PAYE January	100920	99.00

The total requested from the Precept is £1,328.37

It was proposed by Cllr Ward that 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

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

16/219 There were no additional items to be discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:40pm.

The next meeting will be on the 18th February 2016 at 7.00pm, Stoborough Village Hall