



**MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018 AT STOBOROUGH  
VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7PM**

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

**Chair:** Cllr D Hunter

**Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker

**Also present:** 10 members of the public, District Cllr M Barnes (from 19.21)

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**

18.140 Richard Brown brought to the attention of the meeting that the Scott Estate has been putting up notices around the parish, stating that they do not intend to create any further village greens or paths on the land designated in the notices. This may affect some areas within the parish such as that opposite Sunnyside where members of the public have walked for many years from Arne Road to the Engine Shed. The Scott Estate has also sought, in the past, to declare the area opposite Sunnyside a Rural Exception Site. This had led to some people looking to acquire the Engine Shed but the costs would be prohibitive. If the Scott Estate manages to have the Engine Shed removed, or if it is allowed to fall down, then we should not rule out the possibility of having housing on the site. This would have a serious flood water effect on the surrounding houses. He requested that the Parish Council remains vigilant.

Sandra Brown addressed flood risk protection in Ridge and the Arne Moors Project. She suggested everyone needed to be clear about our goal when considering the way forward with the Arne Moors Project and that is to protect our homes from rising sea levels and other flood risks. She further suggested that the community will want to see a project and the necessary investment which will give them effective, long-term flood protection. There is not a 'do nothing' option. The existing sea defences are no longer viable and short termism will be unhelpful and possibly dangerous for Ridge. Potentially buyers will take a long term view and residents should do the same. We want to see a fully researched and appropriately engineered proposal that will protect the interests of residents and this needs to be applied to all aspects of any proposal. She asked the Parish Council to endorse the clear aim of effective, long-term flood risk protection for the people and homes of Ridge, and to stay focused on securing a fit for purpose project proposal to that end.

Peter Sibthorpe noted that the overall plan for the flooding of the moors does not include the maintenance of the south bank of the River Frome. The EA said it was part of their plan for water levels to overtop in the future and this may lead to increased flooding in Ridge.

Jill Sibthorpe – the EA refused to give an assurance that anyone would maintain any new

sea defences.

Peter Sibthorpe – Co-chairman of the Ridge Moors Action Group. At the moment there are 14 bore holes in Ridge as opposed to the original one that was agreed upon and there are likely to be more - one of which will be in the region of Barnhill Road. He also understands that there is one borehole in Barndale Green with no measuring device – although this has now been remedied. The original time line was to have a preferred option by March 2018, but this could now take two more years, leading to the delay in the project as a whole.

## **2. Declaration of Interests**

18.141 No interests were declared and no requests for dispensation had been received.

## **3. To receive apologies for absence**

18.142 Apologies had been received from Cllr Phil Love and County Cllr Beryl Ezzard.

## **4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

18.143 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 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**

18.144 Grant request form has been sent to Cllr Ezzard.

The issue regarding the brightness of the lights in Stoborough Meadow has been resolved.

Sign at the Hayricks – outstanding

Scott Estate – outstanding

Hedge outside 52 & 50 Corfe Road – the overhanging branch has been removed.

Melancholy Lane sign has been passed to the Lengthsman.

Imerys Environmental Undertaking – still awaiting another meeting date.

The Lookout notice board is need of repair, as well as that at Sunnyside.

The salt bin at Sunnyside has still not been replaced.

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

18.145 A copy of Cllr Ezzard's report had been issued to all members prior the meeting. No matters were raised.

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

18.146 Cllr Barnes reported that, as a result of the unitary decision, there are quite a few members

of staff leaving the District Council.

He met with Richard Drax, the EA, RSPB and NE regarding the Arne Moor and looked over the site. The bund is proposed to be 1-1.5m tall although no-one is sure as to what construction materials are to be used. It is possible that this material may have to be imported. With regard to the flooding, NE said they would not allow the residents of Ridge to flood as there was a very rare flower growing close to the nearest houses and road at Ridge. Ian Alexander, NE, also reported that they will be putting sluice gates around the bund, although the number and location are, as yet, unknown. The most important point is that the project partners are not allowed to create any flooding that may affect the houses. Again, there seems to be no decision made as to who is likely to maintain the bunds. Richard Drax is happy to meet the Parish Councillors, action group and some of the most concerned residents. A date will be arranged in the near future.

Cllr Ward asked about the £500,000 paid over to BP from Perenco. Cllr Barnes suggested contacting Mike Lovell for details and Cllr Pellegrini offered to do so.

## **8. Finance**

**ACTION: CLLR PELLEGRINI**

### **18.147 To confirm the payment of accounts**

The following payments had been requested:

Mrs A Crocker	December wages + expenses	200559	426.03
Anvil	Stoborough – November 2017	200560	602.36
HMRC	December PAYE	BACS027	98.80
DAPTC	Allotments seminar	BACS028	50.00
JSR Treecare	Lengthsman October – December	BACS029	78.75
Mrs A Crocker	January wages + expenses	BACS030	487.25
HMRC	January PAYE	BACS031	98.80
DC Pension Fund	December/January contributions	BACS032	287.74
National Allotments	Annual subscription	BACS033	66.00

Total amount due from the Precept £2,195.73

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

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton reported that she had been in touch with Barclays to try to determine why she is unable to authorise the BACS payments. This situation is not acceptable and members will be re-issued with the necessary paperwork to take to the bank as a priority.

### **18.148 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**

### **18.149 Councillors' reports on meetings attended**

Cllr Bessant – 4/12 Imerys meeting – Toll Bar Stream is being monitored until 1<sup>st</sup> October

2019. The old Doreys site is finished and will be landscaped this year. The lagoons will remain. There is a possibility of a site visit for the liaison committee. At south Dorey there is a possible 10 year extraction of sand and clay. There is funding available from a fund called 'Back from the Brink'. 6/12 Burial Board meeting. 7/12 Steering Group. 8/1 RSPB

Cllr Cranshaw – 8/1 RSPB. 9/1 Prior Meadow WDDT.

Cllr Scragg –7/12 Steering Group. 13/12 Ben Buxton to look at images for the NP. 9/1 Liaison meeting PDC.

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – 7/12 Steering Group. 8/1 RSPB. 16/1 PDC Housing Forum.

Cllr Ward – 6/12 Burial Board. There is an issue with falling trees on Hunger Lane which took down a section of the wall. 21/12, 31/12 and 17/1 Hayricks. 7/12 Steering Group. 8/1 RSPB.

Cllr Pellegrini – 7/12 Steering Group. 12/12 Steve Boyt, PDC. 14/12 Wareham Town Plan Steering group. 9/1 Liaison meeting with PDC. 16/1 PDC re charging at recycling centres.

Cllr Hunter – 7/12 Steering Group. 12/12 Meeting PDC re Neighbourhood Plan. 14/12 Wareham NP Steering Group. 4/1 Ridge Residents. 8/1 RSPB. 9/1 PDC re Local Plan, 15/1 NE re Arne Moors on site.

#### 18.150 Reports from Outside Bodies

Stoborough Village Hall – Nothing to report.

Furzebrook Village Hall – Permission has been received to discharge clear water from a new sewage treatment plant.

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – Several months ago the Lengthsman was given authority to clear the ditch at the bottoms of the allotments but to date this has not commenced. This will be followed up.

Ridge Residents' Association – The meeting on the 4/1 confirmed the dates for the charity supper on February 24th, the AGM on March 13<sup>th</sup>. The residents agreed to support initiatives to address the issue of traffic on the Arne Road. The action points that arose from the meeting with the RSPB have been agreed to by all who attended and volunteers for working sub-committees will be asked for in due course to assist.

Stoborough Primary School – No report was available.

#### 18.151 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – Weekly inspections are being carried out by Cllrs Ward and Wakefield-Sutton. Cllr Ward has sent the Clerk some photographs regarding the state of some of the play equipment. A Parish Council inspection will be organised, and we will need to determine whether or not the equipment needs to be replaced. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton reported that the appearance of the perimeter of the Hayricks is not good. The cutting of the leylandii was not well done and has left a substantial mess on the site. The northern corner is now quite exposed and needs to be properly fenced. This can be looked at when the equipment is reviewed. In addition, the hedge bordering Corfe Road has been cut back quite hard. Steve

Widmer reported that the contractors did this in order to make it easier to access and cut the verge.

Allotments – Nothing to report.

SANG – Cllr Pellegrini informed the meeting that he had submitted a report to Edward Pettit-Mills. The dog bins are now being emptied regularly but there is still significant litter in the carpark, mainly plastic water bottles. The catch on the gate to the carpark is still not fixed and the potholes at the entrance to the carpark are filling with water. In addition, the boardwalk, in parts, was very slippery on the day of his visit. Cllr Pellegrini will arrange another meeting with Mr Pettit-Mills when the weather is better.

**ACTION: CLLR PELLEGRINI**

#### 18.152 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Pellegrini reported on the liaison meeting with PDC and the Wareham Town Council NP Steering Group. PDC will not be consulting on the West Wareham project or any developments within Arne Parish but will consult on new criteria for sites not exceeding 30 houses. The criteria are not yet known, however, the consultation will begin on the 29<sup>th</sup> January. The Arne NP review group will then meet in early February and we should be very much in line with the PDC approach.

Richard Brown reported that the overall timing of the Local Plan has slipped by six months and asked if this would affect the timing of the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Pellegrini said it will mean we need the information on the 29<sup>th</sup> January, so it will have a slight effect on our anticipated timings. There will also be some constraints as to when officers will be available.

#### 18.153 Web site review and newsletter update

Cllr Scragg has sent out a list with 14 topics required for the newsletter and is awaiting a response on all of them. He felt that a newsletter should be possible at the end of April/early May.

In the meantime, it was suggested that a flier could be distributed, bringing residents up to date with on-going issues.

Cllr Hunter suggested that the Parish Council might like to consider having the web site refreshed in the future, making it more accessible with updated photographs. Cllr Pellegrini suggested it might be reasonable to pay someone to review the site.

#### 18.154 Flood Resilience Update

Cllr Ward reported that we have been lucky so far and, despite the high tides, have not had any flooding. However, over Christmas and up until the 4<sup>th</sup> January we had received 8 alerts. The Lengthsman is doing a good job of clearing the trash screen on New Road. Cllr Ward asked if she could put some signs out asking for volunteer flood wardens and this was unanimously agreed.

**ACTION: CLLR WARD**

We await a response from the Village Hall regarding the storing of the generator.

Flood Resilience Group – next meeting 10am on the 8<sup>th</sup> February at Cllr Ward's.

A grant of £5,246 has been received from SSE to go towards the cost of a generator.

18.155 To receive an update on the Arne Moors Project

The EA have offered to attend each Parish Council meeting from 6.15pm until 7pm, starting in February, to operate a 'clinic' whereby residents can have a one on one meeting to answer any questions they may have regarding the Arne Moors project. This will be advertised on the web site and the EA will advertise it on their web site.

18.156 Ridge Engine Shed Update

Cllr Cranshaw has emailed the Scott Estate twice and has yet to receive any form of response with regard to a meeting. Cllr Hunter suggested that the Clerk contact the Scott Estate Office and make an appointment for himself and Cllr Cranshaw to meet with them.

**ACTION: CLERK**

18.157 Ridge drainage update

The EA are currently conducting a drainage survey of Ridge. They have contracted Glanville to carry out the survey and are being supervised by Catherine Farrugia. All the information gathered will be shared with residents once the survey is completed.

**10. To consider Planning Applications**

**18.158 6/2017/0709 Land adj to Chatterbrook – variation of conditions 7 & 8 of planning permission 6/2017/0128 to make alterations to windows**

No objections.

**TWA/2017/191 Birches, Barnhill Road - T1 & T2 Birches – fell and replace with 2 birches**

No objections.

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

18.159 To agree the 2018/19 Precept

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

It is proposed to increase the Precept by £2,475.94 (7.51%) to £35,430.94. This would increase the cost of a Band D property by £4.09 to £4.21

The main cause of the increase is the inclusion of £1,000 for the Arne Moors Project to assist with consulting time, legal fees, advertising, etc. £500 has been set aside to begin to build up reserves to cover potential election fees which may fall to the Parish Council. An additional £500 has been set aside to cover the cost of the repairs to the play equipment and £250 for seat and bench repairs. Across the board costs have been held at the current year's level.

Cllr Cranshaw proposed that the budget is accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Bessant and agreed unanimously.

18.160 To consider nominations for the Purbeck Volunteer of the Year Awards

Cllr Pellegrini had submitted one suggestion. The person in question is no longer a resident of the parish but continues to raise money for charitable bodies within the parish.

18.161 To consider a response to the Minerals & Waste Plan consultation

The Clerk will draft a response and pass it to councillors for further comment before submission.

**ACTION: CLERK**

18.161 To consider a grant request form the Purbeck Youth & Community Foundation

The application form has been forwarded to Cllr Ezzard and will be held over until the February meeting.

18.162 Defects for passing on to the Lengthsman

Brambles at the entrance to the Hayricks need cutting back.

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

18.163 The purchase of a Speed Indicator Device

The Clerk has contacted Highways and reminded members that it was agreed an additional traffic survey would be carried out along the Arne Road, away from the junction. This will take place around Easter when we know there is going to be a large volume of traffic. Once the report is received, we will be in a better position to expedite this purchase.

**13. Additional items considered urgent by the Chairman**

18.164 Notion of Motion regarding the Arne Moors Project. A copy of the proposed motion had been sent to all members prior to the meeting. This matter will be taken forward to the February meeting.

Peter Sibthorpe reminded members that the Arne Moors project is not a single issue project. Whilst flooding is the main concern, there is also a silting issue for the channel, traffic along the Arne Road, smells from the harbour, insurance issues for those properties nearest the site, the salmon spawning up the river will be impacted by the silting, destruction of the flora and fauna on the moors site. In addition, the local organisations; Perenco and Wessex Water, have not been contacted.

Cromer in North Norfolk - Second Home survey – this was dealt with at the Housing Forum and everyone was in agreement with the survey.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:56 pm.

The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018** at Stoborough Village Hall, commencing 7pm.