

# Arne Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 At Stoborough Village Hall, West Lane, Stoborough, Commencing 7pm

**Present:** Cllrs BJ Kenward, NI Barnes, TH Heritage, R Scragg, V Ward, A Pellegrini

**Chair:** Cllr C Macleod

**Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker

**Also Present:** 9 members of the public, District Cllr N Cake

### **1. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

**14/42** The Chairman asked councillors for any Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) on items contained in the Agenda applicable to themselves or spouses/partners. None were declared.

### **2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**14/43** There were no apologies received.

### **3. To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> May and the Parish Council meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

**14/44/1** Annual Parish Meeting – A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. It was PROPOSED by Cllr Scragg, SECONDED by Cllr Ward and AGREED unanimously that the minutes were a true and accurate representation meeting.

**14/44/2** A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. It was PROPOSED by Cllr Ward, SECONDED by Cllr Pellegrini and AGREED unanimously that the minutes were are true and accurate representation of the meeting and they were signed by the Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

Note: Electronic tags – at the AGM meeting, the DWP representative stated that the new bins would be fitted with electronic tags. It should be noted that this is to identify which property they belong to should they be stolen and not to determine the weight of the bin.

**4. Matters arising from the minutes for report only**

14/45 No matters arising not covered by the agenda.

**5. Public Participation Period**

14/46 At the end of the June meeting, the receipt of the SIF application was mentioned and notices were put on the boards asking if anyone had any ideas they would like to put forward for a bid. Robert Kenward put forward a project idea for a system for community liaison. The Arne website was intended for any parish or layer of local government or club across Europe, with the idea being that the web sites can be linked up across Europe.

Alongside the bid, we are thinking about the IT in the hall and other IT equipment including lap top, projector, etc. We are also keen to help the village hall for any renovations, etc. and we will be putting in a bid for that purpose.

<b>ACTION: CLLR MACLEOD/CLERK</b>
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**6. County Councillor's Report**

14/47 Cllr Lovell is currently in hospital undergoing an operation and no report is available from County.

**7. District Councillor's Report**

14/48 PDC is in negotiations with East Dorset DC and Christchurch DC to see if any savings can be made by merging their services whilst retaining their names and Councillors. The next stage is to produce a business case by October to work out the savings and how they would go about achieving them. All three Councils will then review the business case and decide whether the merger of services (and in some cases employees) would be worth it and only after all three have voted in favour it would happen. If so, it would probably be implemented next year.

PDC have agreed with Wareham Town Council that the toilets on the quay and those in Brixey Lane will be passed to the Town Council when the Seta contract comes to an end. There will be a 3 year phased hand over regarding costs.

Delegation of planning applications – this is currently be looked at by the Planning PDP. Some of the applications are going before officers when they should go to Committee- these include the Imreys application and the Sandford School application.

Cllr Kenward asked what safeguards are being put in place when talking about savings with East Dorset and Christchurch.

Cllr Pellegrini asked if there was a long term thought that the area will come under a unitary authority. Cllr Cake responded that, at the moment, the government have said no to this.

Dr John Larkin asked if any application is labelled as delegated, what has to happen to have it go before the Committee. Cllr Cake replied that it would need to have 3 councillors to back the change.

## **8. To Consider items for discussion/report**

### **14/49 Planning Applications**

#### **6/2012/0571 – 0609 Wytch Farm & Wareham Oilfields**

Extension of operational life of oilfield development by variation of condition

**Agreed** *Parish Council has no objections*

No decision

#### **6/13/0273 – Cherry Bank, Furzebrook Road**

Demolish outbuildings & erect 2 storey & single storey extension

**Agreed**

No decision

*It is highly appropriate that a house with potential living space within the village should be built without delay. The proposal has no visual impact, is surrounded by woodland and there is no reason to think this will have any adverse effect on the adjacent heathland. If Planning officers are not happy with the application, we would like this to go to Committee.*

#### **6/13/0279 – Isolation Hospital, Soldier Road**

Install secondary glazing to holiday cottages

**Agreed**

Approved

*The Parish Council has no objection to this application and generally felt that the work was well overdue.*

#### **6/13/0285 – Land off Holme Lane, Wareham**

Change of use from agricultural land to woodland & SANG

**Agreed**

No decision

*The Parish Council objects to this application.*

#### **6/13/0300 - Springfield Hotel**

Erect bio mass fuel store & plant room, additions to gym

**Agreed**

Approved

*The Parish Council has no objection.*

#### **6/13/0332 – Wayside, Arne Road**

Ground floor extension & addition of first floor accommodation within new roof.

**Agreed**

No decision

*The Parish Council has no objection*

### **Reports From Representatives**

#### 14/49/1 Representatives Reports

**Stoborough Meadows Residents:** There will be an AGM in October but nothing to report at present.

Stoborough Village Hall: Met on 26<sup>th</sup> June and one of the major items discussed at length was a wish list. It was an attempt to get the trustees to think in a more strategic way about the future. All trustees spoke to their various groups and brought their thoughts back to the meeting. Some of the items included – replacement cooker, refurbishment of catering facilities, disabled parking facilities, review of asbestos, lighting, back drop to stage, spot lights, hedges being cut back, web site, Wi Fi, to name but a few. The Group also discussed possible events – open evening to show the hall off, occasional live music, films, talks – and the possibility of a new village hall on this site or elsewhere in the parish. 3 volunteers were given the task to each look at a set topic - the kitchen refurbishment; heating; and a new village hall. The next meeting is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September. John Burgess had pointed out at the meeting that the problems relating to the car park were largely peoples’ perception. This is a community and the car park could be seen as providing a community facility ie parents use it to drop children off for the school. The trustees now need to come up with some ideas to raise funds to cover the hoped-for work. The Chairman responded, saying that the Parish Council is encouraged by the recent strategic developments in the village hall and looks forward to seeing how these progress.

Furzebrook Village Hall – AGM took place on 30<sup>th</sup> June at 10am. The Officers were largely re-elected. The hall now has an internet connection which gets used quite a bit. The installation of which was helped by BT. Cllr Cake suggested the Stoborough Committee look into putting in solar panels as Furzebrook Hall pays virtually no money on electricity bills. In addition, they now have new tables and chairs.

Ridge Residents – The community barbeque was held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and was attended by about 100 people

Stoborough Green – The hedge trimming has now been done. Synergy are looking at the garage site with regard to a play area but precise details are not known. They are looking at garages in general as the existing ones are too small for today’s cars.

#### 14/49/2 Meetings Attended

Cllr Pellegrini – Making your Council Meetings Work – run by DAPTC with key points being to remember to participate and remember it is a business meeting and not a chat.

- Planning Consideration – run by PDC, explaining material planning considerations as opposed to non-material.
- Dorset Community Action lunch – to explain the National Apprenticeship Service. Natasha Senior – access to database for potential donors. Also money to donate towards a neighbourhood plan.
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Cllr Ward – Burial Committee met in June. Connegar Lane – the Committee did apply for a yellow line but were told there is a hold on traffic orders for 2 years. In the meantime, a notice has been put up and this seems to be working. New groundsman – part voluntary, part contractor – is proving

very useful and is on site most of the time Cllr Barnes reported that there had been complaints that the grass was not being maintained recently but this problem seems to have been solved.

Cllr Scragg – Planning Consideration.

Cllr Kenward – Imerys Liaison meeting. Imerys were open to suggestions as to how to improve the planning application and there will be a public meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> August. The meeting has asked for bunds rather than just tree planting as that which is already there will not sufficiently reduce the noise to the properties in Grange Road. The first spoil out of the tip could be used to make the bunds which will then be planted. Lorries – the clay lorries will follow a route via the old clay track off Cotness Road but will return via Arne, the gravel lorries will come straight down Grange Road. We are anxious to ensure that Imerys remain responsible for all aggregates that come from the tip. Thanks are extended for the permissive footpath but we would like it upgraded to a full right of way and bridleway eventually and would like to see more permissive circular paths where possible. Noise – lorries beeping when in reverse. There is some technology that can be used to ameliorate this. Cllr Kenward has suggested to Imerys that they might like to put an advertisement on our new web site at a starting charge for £20 for their meeting in August. Cllr Heritage asked if Cllr Kenward felt that the relationship we have with Imerys is continuing and improving. Yes it is - they are trying to meet us. John Larkin agreed with what Cllr Kenward had said and added that the committee is quite useful and usually has 2 or 3 members from Imerys and 2 or 3 locals and they really do take on board what is said. The idea of the one way system came from this meeting and they are looking into it. The traffic overall is the biggest problem. We will have more lorries using the roads in the parish and some are the bigger, noisier sand and gravel lorries that may not be under the direct control of Imerys. Very recently we have seen more of the big sand and gravel lorries along Grange Road. The reversing noise is most irritating and is quite intrusive. It is possible to hear this up to half a mile away although it has improved in the last year as the lorries are further below ground level as the pit deepens. The bund is therefore important. Imerys have said they could do the bunds easily and cheaply along Grange Road to keep down the noise. Dust – there will be a fair amount of dust during dry periods. Permissive footpath – Imerys said they would not be able to open the footpath until all workings had ceased in 12 to 15 years' time. Hugh Ricks – Smart alarms have been developed for use as reverse alarms. In certain circumstances the disable levels can be reduced from 120dbs to 70dbs, which would be disguised by the bunds.

Cllr Macleod – Planning Consideration.

- Superfast Broadband Launch – It is hoped that over the next 6 to 9 months more of the boxes will be in place, together with the fibre optics. The SFB team are very appreciative of the hard work of the champions. 97% of residencies will be put on the SFB. At the end of the 9 months, residents should know if they are in the 97% or the 3% and they are hoping other monies will be found to facilitate the 3%. Phil Love reported

that BT may be starting to put the ducts in at Stoborough Green. Hugh Ricks pointed out that this was, in effect, a double edged sword. Line rentals will come down by 12% on the old copper wires but the fibre optics cost will remain the same. Cllr Pellegrini noted that, although BT are installing the SFB, it will be for individuals to contact their service providers for the best rates.

14/49/3 To consider any actions required

No actions required.

14/49/4 Web Site Update

Cllr Scragg reported that the Village Hall information and schedule is now updated and a link into the Police and Crime Commission web site has been put on.

**9. To consider any Planning Applications received**

14/50 Non- Delegated – None  
Delegated -  
Plan No

**6/13/0347 – Doreys Ball Clay Quarry – Holme Lane**

Southerly extension to develop land to east of New Hall Farm

**Agreed**

*The Parish Council does not object to this application, considerable concerns were raised regarding the effect the increased number of lorries will have on the parish. The parish will benefit from the agreement to a one-way re-routing of the clay lorries exiting the pit right, moving up Grange Road and taking the Cotness turn, leading to the upgraded clay track and joining left onto Furzebrook Road to the processing area. The entry lorries will return from Furzebrook via the by-pass, up Grange Road to the pit. We are anxious to ensure that Imerys Minerals Ltd remain responsible for all aggregates that come from the site and, therefore, remain responsible for all the lorries travelling to and from the site. Especially with the ever-increasing size of those lorries.*

*Although seemingly insignificant, the beeping noise made by lorries reversing on the site can be heard up to half a mile away and is intrusive for residents of Grange Road, amongst others. This has improved somewhat as the pit deepens but the technology does exist to ameliorate this and we would like to see it implemented at the site.*

*The bund is important and enhances the effect of the tree planting which, alone, will not sufficiently reduce the noise levels. It is understood that Imerys Minerals Ltd have said bunds could be created using the initial spoil taken from the pit easily and cheaply along Grange Road to assist with noise reduction.*

*We would like to thank Imerys Minerals Ltd for the permissive footpath created but would like it upgraded to full public right of way and bridleway status eventually and would like to see more permissive circular paths where possible.*

*We were surprised and disappointed to note that the period of time allocated for the public to respond to the application ends before the public meeting takes place on the 6<sup>th</sup> August. This must be extended beyond the date of the meeting in order to allow the public to make reasonable and informed comments on the application.  
On the expiration of the working life of the pit, the final appearance of the area is important and we would have a preference for it to be returned to its current agricultural state rather than heathland.*

**6/13/0359 – Meadow Cottage, 1 Hollow Oak Lane**

Non-material amendment to 6/12/0760 to insert 4 new roof lights on conservatory

**Agreed**     *The Parish Council had no objections.*

**6/13/0401 – Little Farm, Worgret Road**

Erect ground mounted 400 panel photovoltaic array

**Agreed**     *The Parish Council has no objections and would support forms of alternative energy. However, we would welcome the raised panels in order to allow the land to be used for grazing sheep.*

**ACTION: CLERK**

**10. Correspondence/items for action and resolution**

**14/51/1 Clerks Report**

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

Damaged climbing frame at the Hayricks – It has been suggested putting in portholes rather than have a dome. Steve Syrett will be asked if this is something he is able to do. Although the actual culprits are not known, there was a suggestion that they were young adults making their way home across the causeway.

Complaints have been received from residents of Grange Road who have twice put out additional bags of recycling alongside the green bin and on each occasion the bags have been left. Cllr Kenward will investigate further. It was noted that additional bins are available on request from PDC although a charge may be made.

For a number of years there has been someone in Grange Road who sweeps his tarmac of fallen leaves and piles them on the edge of the road. This may be contributory to the flooding of the road. The situation will be monitored this autumn before any further action is taken.

Flooding at the railway bridge, Grange Road – Cllr Kenward reported that she and Steve Mepham of DCC Highways had been out to see it and he was going to speak to Imerys. No further action is known. Jon Larkin reported that there is a drain a few yards south of the bridge with water pouring out of it. This has now been cleared but we have not had enough rain to test it since.

14/51/2 Dispensations – none had been received.

14/51/3 To consider a Neighbourhood Plan for Arne and to confirm the boundaries of the Plan

The Chairman asked councillors if they thought the Parish Council should undertake a Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Ward – worthwhile doing despite the work involved. Funding may be a draw back.

A Housing Needs Survey was carried out for the Parish Plan. It was not known if it specific enough and may need reassessing.

It should be noted that the Neighbourhood Plan must fit agreed with both the Local Plan and National Planning Policy and cannot be used as a negative exercise.

It was proposed by Cllr Kenward, seconded by Cllr Pellegrini and agreed unanimously that the Parish Council should undertake a Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that the parish boundary would be used for the Plan boundary and a proposal letter will be sent to PDC.

In addition, an announcement will be put on the web site explaining what a Neighbourhood Plan is and asking for volunteers.

**ACTION: CLLR SCRAGG/CLERK**

14/51/4 To confirm delegated authority to the Finance Committee

As there is no meeting in August, delegated authority is required to allow the Finance Committee to comment on any planning applications received, sign any cheques necessary and deal with any urgent business that may arise. Cllr Kenward PROPOSED that delegated authority is given and this was SECONDED by Cllr Pellegrini. The meeting will commence at 6.30pm and be held at Evershot.

14/51/5 To consider what action should be taken with regard to the Hayricks

(a) Long grass – This was due to be cut back but several people felt that the grass should be left as quite a lot of interesting plants are emerging. Cllr Kenward has produced a map showing possible sections of the grass that could be left and sections that would benefit from being cut. Interested parties will be asked to assist in logging the plant life in the area and map its development. A copy of the map will be sent to the Clerk, who will then arrange a meeting with the contractor.

**ACTION: CLLR KENWARD/CLERK**

14/51/6 To consider correspondence received since the Agenda was set for discussion and possibly placing on the agenda for the next meeting

None.



14/51/7 To consider items raised by the public during the Participation Period for discussion and inclusion on the next agenda

No items were raised.

**11. Correspondence or items for specific information**

Nothing to report.

**12. Correspondence for General Information**

Nothing to report.

**13. Payment of Accounts**

14/52/1 The following payments were requested:

Tradewind Graphics	Fliers for web site launch	383	80.00
PDC	Planning training	384	50.00
N Clifford	Redcliffe Path – 3 cuts	385	180.00
Mrs A Crocker	July wages & expenses	386	420.39
HMRC	PAYE – July 2013	387	86.20

The total amount requested is £821.59

The payments were confirmed and the cheques signed by Cllrs Kenward and Heritage in the presence of the meeting.

**14. Additional Items for Discussion**

No further items for discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50 pm

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Chairman

Planning Committee meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013 if there are plans to discuss