



Parish of Arne

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH JULY 2015
AT THE STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL, WEST LANE, STOBOROUGH
COMMENCING 7.00pm**

- Present:** Cllrs A Wakefield-Sutton, D Hunter, A Pellegrini, V Ward, R Bessant
- Chair:** Cllr C Macleod
- Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker
- Also Present:** 9 members of the public, District Cllr M Barnes, County Cllr M Lovell

1. Declaration of Interests

16/49 The Chairman asked councillors for any Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on items contained in the agenda applicable to themselves or their spouse/partner. There were no declarations made or disclosures requested.

Members of the public were asked if anyone had any intention of filming or recording the meeting. There were no intentions expressed.

2. To receive apologies for absence

16/50 Apologies have been received from Cllr R Scragg and Steve Widmer.

3. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council AGM and the Annual Parish meetings held on 16th June 2015

16/51 A copy of the minutes of the meeting had been issued to all councillors prior to the start of the meeting.

Cllr Pellegrini proposed them to be a true and accurate record 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.

4. Matters Arising – for report only

16/52 Parish Clean-up Day – Cllr Hunter reported that we have received excellent support from PDC. There is little point in proceeding whilst the length of grass on the verges is high as it would make litter clearing difficult. Therefore, it would make sense to leave the clean-up until September.

5. Public Participation Period

Grass verges - Mr Greenslade reported the length of the grass at the entrance to Stoborough Green was high. He reported it and was told it would be dealt with within 28 days and it has now finally been cut.

Hugh Ricks asked if he could pass comment when the tree work application was raised.

6. County Councillor's Report

16/53 Cllr Lovell reported that there was not a lot happening at the moment. There has been a shake-up at DCC with many officers having to re-apply for their job. Cllr Lovell has been given another £5,000 to give to local projects. He suggested £500 per project.

Cllr Pellegrini asked for the current position with regard to Perenco and the funds set aside. Cllr Lovell reported there was no movement as there is an on-going dispute about the restoration of the site.

7. District Councillor's Report

16/54 Cllr Malcolm Barnes reported that he walked the SANG again but there is nothing that has changed. The deadline for the work to be completed is 31st July. He will contact the Planning Officers on Monday to find out what is happening.

19:14 Cllr Barnes left the meeting.

8. To Consider Items for Discussion/Report

16/55 Results of planning applications submitted to County/District Council

All members had received a list of on-going planning applications prior to the start of the meeting.

16/56 Representatives' Reports on meetings attended since the last meeting

Stoborough Village Hall – Steve Widmer was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report regarding the Hall. He reported that the formal application is now in the hands of the judging panel and they have come back with a question on the quotes, which has been satisfactorily answered. A decision is expected in the first week of August. The chairman, John Burgess, is pretty confident of a positive outcome.

Furzebrook Village Hall – nothing to report.

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – no report.

Ridge Residents' Association – there was a successful BBQ held on the green on the 11th July and a nice sum of money was raised which will be distributed to local charities.

School Liaison – nothing to report although they had a very successful summer fair and Cllr Pellegrini learnt a lot about hog roasts and its origin. He offered to write a piece for the next Parish Newsletter.

CARM

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – PDC partial review

Cllr Ward – No meetings attended but reported that we are going to get a metal container for the flood barriers. The container has been purchased by Imerys and will be installed on land to the rear of the garage in Stoborough within the next 7 days.

Cllr Hunter – PDC partial review. Also attended the AGM of Healthwatch Dorset where they were briefed on the work of the CCG and the Clinic Services Review. The parish can find a role to engage on behalf of the residents should they wish.

Cllr Bessant - PDC partial review

Cllr Pellegrini – DCA Lunch – covered LiveWell Dorset and the Purbeck Pledge.

Cllr Macleod – PDC partial review; and the Purbeck Area Committee DAPTC meeting – this covered the Cycling Code that the Police are hoping will be introduced in Purbeck.

Cllr Pellegrini asked if there was an executive summary of the Partial Review findings as the report runs to over 450 pages. Cllr Hunter gave him a copy.

16/58 To receive reports in respect of The Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – the signs are on order. Steve Syrett has been asked to sort out the gate to the play area that will not stay closed. The ground in front of the kick wall needs levelling again. The dog bins are not being emptied – DWP to be contacted. The benches need repainting and some of the ply on the climbing frame needs attention.

ACTION: CLERK

Allotments – The Clerk met with the allotment holder with regard to the filling of the lagoon from the waste pile. He has yet to come back but the Clerk will chase. The final allotment has been let under the same terms as was previously agreed – 3 years rent free.

ACTION: CLERK

16/59 To consider any actions required

The Clerk will contact Steve Syrett and ask him to carry out the work required at The Hayricks.

ACTION: CLERK

16/60 Web site update

No report available.

16/61 Neighbourhood Plan update

Recent Government policy proposes that localism has its limits. It is encouraging the development of brown field sites and proposes to increase house supply by by-passing local obstructionism. There may also be green belt encroachment. It is vital, therefore, that our Neighbourhood Plan is in place to protect those areas that we wish to protect.

The next steering group meeting will take place on the 28th July. Cllr Pellegrini will be in contact with each of the group chairs before then.

Signed: *CARM*

16/62 Training sessions occurring before the next meeting

The next training session will take place on the 23rd July, 6:15pm to 8:30pm and will cover Neighbourhood Planning. The one following will be on Tuesday 15th September and will cover what needs planning permission and who determines applications.

9. To consider any PLANNING APPLICATIONS received

16/63 Non- Delegated - none

Delegated:

TWA/2015/0093 29 Barndale Drive, Ridge

T2 Oak – remove dead wood, reduce branches overhanging bungalow roof

Hugh Ricks expressed concern that the work is to be carried out to an oak T2. However, T2 is outside 1 Gover Close, he thinks the tree should be T16 which sits on the boundary of his property and Mr Trevitt. It is a large tree with a huge canopy. Mr Ricks totally supports the application to reduce the size of the boughs as they extend over the bungalow and are dangerous. The application is to remove deadwood but there is no note on the application that the Tree Officer has visited the site. The tree is in full leaf. If 2m of timber is removed, it will leave the tree in a totally odd shape. The tree sits on the boundary but the canopy also reaches into a 3rd neighbour's garden. He is currently away and will not be back until the middle of August. Mr Ricks feels that a crown reduction of 50% would be more appropriate. This submission has been put in without any consultation with the neighbours affected. He would like to see the tree visited by the Tree Officer. Ivy growth up the tree has grown into the canopy and the application is partially to have the ivy removed. A lot of the growth comes from Mr Rick's boundary fence and forms part of his privacy. If it is removed it will leave a huge hole and disfigurement of his boundary.

Knowing the sensitivity placed on trees in Ridge, we would like the Tree Officer to attend.

Cllr Macleod said it is the balance of the tree that needs to be taken into account. If a branch is taken of one side, one needs to be taken off the other. It should also be noted that ivy does not kill trees.

- **Agreed** The Clerk will speak to the Tree Officer and ask him to check the tree's identification number and the work to be carried out.

ACTION: CLERK

10. Correspondence/items for action and resolution

16/64 Clerk's Report

The report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. There was nothing further to add.

16/65 Dispensations

No requests had been received.

16/66 To consider the recommendations of the Parish Remuneration Panel

A copy of the Panel's recommendation had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Under the guidelines of the scheme, each parish councillor would be entitled to £115. Cllr Hunter pointed out that, in his view, it should not cost people money from their own pocket to participate in public service. There is some cost attached to being a councillor. Currently there is no opportunity to claim expenses from a parish council and this may discourage some members of the community from standing for office.

Cllr Macleod reported that, over the year's she has been a parish councillor, the discussion has come up from time to time, should we have an allowance and the response has always been, no. Previously it had been decided that if anyone had such costs as babysitters, then you could claim. The other item discussed was that, if you were on parish business outside the parish, you could claim the cost of petrol. It is up to members to decide what they want to do in the future.

Cllr Pellegrini said that he had claimed costs under the Neighbourhood Plan. He does get an allowance for being on the Standards Committee.

District Councillors receive an allowance. Their role may be a bit more onerous than that of a parish councillor.

As far as is known, no parish council has implemented a scheme of allowances.

Cllr Ward suggested that we note we considered the proposal but opted out.

Cllr Macleod pointed out that this would mean adding £805 to the precept. This has always been why, in the past, councillors have agreed not to claim any expenses.

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton asked if someone from a less affluent background joined the council, could the offer of an allowance be made.

Cllr Hunter suggested an offer could be made and members could choose not to claim it but others should not be put off from claiming if they wished to do so.

Cllr Bessant felt he could see both sides of the argument.

Cllr Pellegrini felt that it would be quite reasonable for a member to claim back excessive costs. Hugh Ricks said that he had done a number of things such as printing notices for the boards, weed killing, etc on behalf of the Parish Council over the years but has never put in a claim.

Cllr Pellegrini proposed that we do not pay allowances but, in exceptional circumstances, members are able to put in expenses up to a maximum of £115 per annum.

The wording of the panel will be checked and the proposal will be deferred until the next meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

16/67 To consider the proposed “Welcome to Purbeck” sign

Cllr Hunter reported that the 2 gentleman have now raised the money and have approval to erect the sign. They now ask if Arne would be happy to be represented on the sign with a curlew. Cllr Macleod suggested that the pump shown on the Parish Council letterhead represented the parish better than a curlew. Cllr Hunter will respond accordingly.

ACTION: CLLR HUNTER

16/68 To confirm delegated authority to the Finance Committee to comment on planning applications, sign cheques and deal with any urgent business on behalf of the Parish Council during August

Confirmed.

16/69 To consider a request for a £35 donation towards the flower planters on the causeway

Cllr Lovell reported that he has had some people ask how long the bicycle would be staying on the bypass and the flowers and lobsterpot on the causeway. Cllr Hunter asked, with respect to the family and the deceased, at what point can it be removed? Cllr Lovell suggested that the bike on the bypass could be removed but the planter could stay. Regarding the lobster pot on the causeway, it may not be appropriate to ask for it to be removed just yet as the incident took place less than a year ago. It was agreed that we will keep a watching brief and review it again in 3 months.

A request had been received from Wareham Town Council for a contribution of £35 towards Wareham in Bloom. There are two planters are on the edge of the parish boundary. Cllr Macleod proposed that the donation is paid. This was seconded by Cllr Bessant and agreed unanimously.

ACTION: CLERK

16/70 To consider hedgerow cutting

All the hedgerows and verges are overgrown now. Cllr Macleod will add this to the list of queries to put before Highways.

ACTION: CLLR MACLEOD

16/71 To consider a way forward regarding the parking at Stoborough Green

Cllr Macleod read out a letter received from Mrs Greenslade. Even though the white line is in place, it is not always being adhered to. At the last meeting, it was felt that a survey of all the residents of Stoborough Green should be carried out in order to gather the feelings of all. Cllr Lovell suggested sending a letter to all residents explaining why we do not want to put double yellow lines there, saying what times the vehicle collects the disabled lad, and asking people to park in a more considerate manner.

Cllr Hunter felt that we are looking for conciliation and mediation and feels that the letter would be a more appropriate way forward.

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton added that since the white H has been painted there, she has not personally seen anyone parking over it. It has quietly become an issue for everyone and mediation is a good way to go, although she is not sure what it would achieve. Having achieved the white H we thought this would have solved the problem. She is aware that an anti-social behaviour letter has been sent to all the residents in Stoborough Green.

Although not knowing what it is about, it could be something to do with this issue. Cllr Macleod felt that the parking would not be part of the anti-social behaviour.

Mr Greenslade informed members that people are parking on the white H. He has now started parking on the opposite side of the road, preventing people from parking on the corner.

Mr Ricks reminded members that houses in Nutcrack Lane had problems with vehicles pulling in to their driveways and the council put in black and white posts to stop people doing this. Could this be done in this situation?

Cllr Macleod will be meeting with Highways next week and will ask if it would be possible to extend the H. What should our next move be?

Cllr Ward felt that, whilst all this is going on, there must be concern for how the emergency services are going to get through if needed. She asked for this to be impressed upon Highways.

Cllr Lovell said that, should we go down the yellow line route, Highways would check with all the residents before any work is carried out.

Cllr Pellegrini said that this is a neighbour dispute and wonders how much the Parish Council, or the Police, can actually do. Conciliation and mediation is needed.

The Clerk suggested speaking to Highways first to extend the H and then to send a letter to all the residents. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Hunter in the drafting of the letter once Cllr Macleod had met with Highways.

ACTION: CLLR HUNTER/CLERK

16/72 To confirm the list of Representatives on Outside Bodies

The revised list had been sent to all members prior to the start of the meeting and was accepted.

16/73 To consider correspondence received

No additional correspondence has been received.

16/74 To consider items raised by the public during the Participation Period for discussion and placing on the next agenda

Phil Love felt that the Stoborough Green parking has now become very personal. The white H is not the issue; it is the entrance to the driveway that is an issue. Everyone else on the estate has the same problem with parked cars making it difficult to enter and exit their driveways.

11. To consider payments of accounts

16/75 The following payments had been requested:

DAPTC	Subscriptions 2015/16	200511	424.46
PDC	Planning training	200512	50.00
Anvil	Stoborough Meadow June 2015	200514	472.80

N Clifford	Redcliffe path cuts x 3	200515	180.00
Mrs A Crocker	July wages + expenses	200516	511.82
HMRC	July contribution	200517	99.00

The total requested is £1,738.08

Cllr Pellegrini proposed the payments are made and this was seconded by Cllr Bessant and agreed unanimously. The cheques were signed by two councillors in the presence of the meeting.

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

16/76 There were no additional items to discuss.

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

Planning Working Party will meet on 6th August 2015 if there are any plans to discuss

The next meeting will be on the 17th September 2015 at 7.00pm, Stoborough Village Hall