



**THURSDAY 20TH JULY 2017 AT STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL,
COMMENCING 7PM**

Present: Cllrs A Pellegrini, S Cranshaw, R Scragg. P Love, A Wakefield-Sutton, V Ward

Chair: Cllr D Hunter

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 3 members of the public, together with Jamie Rudge (Parish Lengthsman), District Cllr M Barnes and County Cllr B Ezzard.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chairman asked those members of the public present if they had any intention of filming or recording the meeting. No such intention was declared.

1. Public Participation

18.47 Cllr Pellegrini reported that he had received a telephone call from Ralph Clark of the Stoborough Hall Pantomime Group asking if there would be any objection to them putting a spare badminton net on the village green for people to use at their leisure. No objection was raised. He also reported that he had met with Mr Robin Smail of the Stoborough 'Kill Your Speed' Group, who continue to express concern about the perceived speeding along West Lane and requested the support of the Parish Council for some traffic calming – in particular, the instigation of the 20mph zone around the school.

2. Declaration of Interests

18.48 No interests were declared at this stage and no requests for dispensation had been received.

3. To receive apologies for absence

18.49 Apologies had been received from Cllr Bessant due to long term illness.

4. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2017

18.50 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Love proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Cranshaw and agree unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

5. Matters arising from the minutes – for report only

18.51 PDC Licensing – The Clerk contacted PDC as requested.

Funds held – The Parish Council will meet at 6.30pm prior to the start of the September meeting to discuss this matter.

Cllr Cranshaw will withdraw as a Trustee of the WDDT and Cllr Wakefield-Sutton will withdraw as a trustee of the Stoborough Village Hall but will remain as the Parish Council liaison on the committee. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton is also a trustee of the Wareham Charity and this should be added to her Register of Interests.

ACTION: CLLR WAKEFIELD-SUTTON

Perenco AONB team – Cllr Ezzard was asked to send the details of the new representative to the Clerk who will request that a representative of the Parish Council join the team.

Hayricks – Regarding the operation of the large gate; a meeting is to be arranged to include Cllr Ward and Cllr Wakefield-Sutton, together with the Clerk and the Lengthsman. *Post meeting note: A meeting was held and the Lengthsman will source a spring for the gate. The effectiveness of this will then be monitored.*

Hayricks lock – This has now been sorted and the combination lock has been installed. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton asked if the old lock could be removed. The Lengthsman will do this.

6. County Councillor's Report

18.52 A copy of Cllr Ezzard's report was sent to all members prior to the start of the meeting. The County Council meeting had been held today and the Chief Executive, Debbie Ward, reported that no decision had been received from the Rt. Hon. Sajed Javid, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. In the meantime, joint committees have been set up to begin considering how the nine Dorset councils could save money by working together.

Cllr Pellegrini asked why Purbeck decided not to be included in the proposed unitary arrangements. Cllr Ezzard responded saying that several members had felt the District Council was in a suitable financial position so as not to require the proposed unitary. However, as the majority of Councils had voted in favour, PDC were keen to work with them.

19:22 Cllr Ezzard left the meeting.

7. District Councillor's Report

18.53 Cllr Barnes reported that he had voted against PDC joining the unitary as information received six months prior indicated that there would be savings in the short term but they would not continue. He felt that removing a level of local government would not be of benefit to residents or the Parish Council. He further felt that a unitary authority would destroy localism. While it is not certain that the County will create the unitary authorities, Purbeck have now joined with Christchurch and East Dorset to look at ways to save money between these three councils.

He had received a copy of the letter from the Stoborough 'Kill Your Speed' Group regarding the 20mph speed limit request for the area around the school. Cllr Ezzard had been in contact with Steve Mepham of Dorset County Highways regarding this matter. Cllr Pellegrini reported that, despite the results of the traffic survey, the group had decided that they wish to pursue the 20mph request. This is a project within the Neighbourhood Plan and he proposed that the Parish Council formally request a Road Traffic Order to this effect. This was seconded by Cllr Wakefield-Sutton. The Clerk will lodge the request for the order.

ACTION: CLERK

The PDC Local Plan will be going out for further consultation. This will take the form of a letter being sent to various random households within Purbeck, asking them for their opinion on housing numbers and where those houses should be located. The forums will go ahead in September.

8. To confirm the payment of accounts and consider the bank reconciliation and position against budget for the year to date

18.54 To confirm the payment of accounts

The following payments had been requested:

Richard Yates	Internal audit y/e 31.03.17	200546	80.00
Dorset Planning	Housing Needs Survey Assessment	200547	600.00
Dorset Planning	NP consultation	200548	804.00
Wareham TC	Donation towards planters	200549	45.00
DC Pension Fund	July contribution	200550	143.87
Mrs A Crocker	July wages + expenses	200551	452.91
HMRC	July PAYE	200552	98.80
DAPTC	Annual conference	200553	60.00
JSR	Lengthsman – June/July 2017	200554	648.75

The total amount requested from the Precept is £2,933.33.

Cllr Cranshaw proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously.

18.55 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 comments were made or questions asked.

9. Parish Reports

18.56 Councillor's reports on meetings attended

Cllr Scragg – Doreys Pit; Jo Witherden 23/6; 20/6 representatives of local residents on Arne Road.

Cllr Cranshaw – WDDT June meeting – the Group has now opened the Library Garden, having spent £15,000 on it. A formal opening took place on the 19th July 2017.

Cllr Love – No meetings attended. The Clerk will forward contact details for the various groups on which he represents the Parish Council.

ACTION: CLERK

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – Parish Walkabout 13/7; Hayricks inspections.

Cllr Pellegrini – Jo Witherden 23/6; Kill Your Speed Group meeting; Parish Walkabout 13/7.

Cllr Ward – Hayricks inspection

Cllr Hunter – Jo Witherden 23/6; meeting regarding Arne Road; Parish Walkabout 13/7.

18.57 Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

18.58 Reports from Other Bodies within the Parish

Stoborough Village Hall – Jill Scragg reported that there is a planning application currently awaiting approval by PDC. Starting the 1st August, a wooden floor will be fitted in the small meeting room.

Furzebrook Hall – nothing to report.

Stoborough Meadow Residents’ Association – Committee meeting held on the 19th June and the point of concern previously raised has been satisfactorily resolved.

Ridge Residents’ Association – BBQ was very well attended by over 100 people and over £400 was raised. There will be a garage sale on Saturday 22nd July 2017.

Stoborough Primary School – Cllr Pellegrini attended the Kill Your Speed Group meeting. The school held a grand parents tea party on the lawn at the start of Wimbledon fortnight. There is a year 6 project celebrating creativeness called Pirates of the Curry Bean. The school has received an RE Quality Mark Gold and have had their Strategic Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). Cllr Pellegrini offered to hand over the school liaison function in its entirety to Cllr Cranshaw, which was accepted.

Transport Action Group – Nothing further to report.

18.59 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – The gate and locks have been attended to. Cllr Ward reported that one of the bins has had the lid broken off. The Lengthsman will look to see if this is repairable. The Clerk will forward the relevant telephone numbers to the Lengthsman to amend the information signs at the two entrances to the site in case of emergency.

ACTION: CLERK

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton attended the site on the 15th July and reported that everything appeared to be fine. The main gate to the play area remains an issue as, on every visit, it has been open. The Lengthsman suggested installing a return spring, similar to the other gate.

Allotments – The Primary School no longer wish to have use of the allotment - the Clerk will inform the Allotment Management Committee accordingly.

ACTION: CLERK

SANG – Cllr Pellegrini attended the Open Day on the 26th June. It was well attended but no-one from Westgate was in attendance although they had all received information about the event.

18.60 Neighbourhood Plan update

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Cllr Pellegrini reported that he, together with Cllrs Hunter and Scragg, had met with Jo Witherden and her suggestions were considered in detail. The deadline of the 30th June for getting the report to Anna Lee, PDC, was met and her comments are awaited. Cllrs Hunter and Pellegrini will be meeting with Anna Lee on the 22nd July. After this, there will be a meeting of the Steering Group.

18.61 Update of meetings with the National Trust, Natural England and RSPB

Cllr Hunter reported that he has contacted Dante Munns, RSPC, following the meeting with the

Ridge residents and asked for a meeting within the next couple of weeks.

10. To consider Planning Applications

18.62 The following applications have been received:

6/2017/0154 Worgret Way Farm, Puddletown Road - Demolish existing bungalow & garage & erect detached house with integral garage

6/2017/0369 Brenhindy 1 The Meerings, Arne Road, Ridge - Single storey rear extension

6/2017/0337 Wellditch, Puddletown Road - Erection of single storey rear extension

6/2017/0386 Pound Cottage, Corfe Road - Erect boundary wall to new curtilage of property. Install new access and pedestrian gates

6/2017/0379 Stoborough Village Hall - Erect extension

No objections were raised over any of the applications.

ACTION: CLERK

11. Correspondence/items for action and resolution

18.63 To consider and approve the Risk Assessment

A copy of the amended Risk Assessment had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Love asked the Parish Council's position should something happen to a member of the public attending parish council meetings. This would be covered by the village hall public liability insurance. Cllr Hunter proposed the Risk Assessment is accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Wakefield-Sutton and agreed unanimously.

18.64 To consider the results of the Parish Council walkabout

Although only Cllrs Hunter, Wakefield-Sutton and Pellegrini were able to attend, it was a worthwhile exercise which all members felt should be continued. The Clerk suggested that councillors might like to think about visiting a different area of the parish each year and advertise to residents when they are going to hold the walkabout. Cllr Barnes suggested keeping to the same date each year. A leaflet drop could be undertaken in the area that was going to be visited.

As part of the walkabout, members checked Arne Road and the damage being done to the verges. A number of footpaths along Barnhill Drive, Gover Close, and other nearby roads were also reviewed and the amount of weeds growing through the pavements and gutters was noted. This is the responsibility of Highways but they are unlikely to get to it as frequently as would be like. Cllr Hunter suggested a leaflet drop into every house saying Highways will not be doing the work they used to and asking for residents to look after the footpath and gutter in front of their house. This will be incorporated into the forthcoming newsletter as a whole page item.

18.65 To consider any defects to be passed on to the Lengthsman

- Visibility splays – coming out of Barnhill onto Nutcrack. The Clerk will write to the owner of the property and, if they do not take action, Highways will be asked to deal with it and bill the residents.
- New Road onto Arne Road. The Lengthsman will cut the verge but not the hedge.

- The bin in the Hayricks needs repairing
- Scott Estate – The drain is now fully overgrown. Letter to Scott Estate asking them to clear it or, if not, we will get our Lengthsman to do it and bill them the hours.
- Hedges outside numbers 50 and 52 Stoborough Green – Anvil did trim some of them back. A letter will be sent to Aster asking them to undertake the work and suggesting that, if they are unable to do so, we will carry out the work and invoice them the hours.
- Footpath 11, oak tree and willow that is very low over the path. Both have tree preservation orders. Cllr Ward will liaise with the Lengthsman regarding the location of the trees. The Parish Council Tree Wardens (Cllrs Pellegrini and Wakefield-Sutton) will also visit the site and, if they concur, the Lengthsman will submit an application to carry out the work.

18.66 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.

This item is necessary as the Parish Council does not meeting during August. It was unanimously agreed that the delegated authority should be given.

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

18.67 Cllr Scragg reported the good news about Broadband in Ridge and Arne. Dorset Superfast had stated that £7.4million will be spent on the upgrade to include Ridge and Worgret Hill. There is no definite action plan as yet but it is hoped it should happen in early 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting closed 20:28pm

The next meeting will be on the 21st September 2017 at 7.00pm, Stoborough Village Hall