

Arne Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON THURSDAY 20TH JUNE, 2013 At Stoborough Village Hall, West Lane, Stoborough, Commencing 7pm or when the Annual Parish Meeting has finished

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

Chair: Cllr C Macleod

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also Present: 12 members of the public, District Cllr N Cake, County Cllr M Lovell

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the guest speaker:

Dorset Waste Partnership – the new collection & recycling scheme

Marten Gregory – Waste Education Team Leader for Dorset Waste Partnership.

The Partnership launched in April 2011 and combines 7 Dorset authorities and is governed by a joint committee that meets 3 or 4 times a year. Originally there were 12 different collection systems across Dorset, there will now only be 1. The savings for the first year amounted to £1.4 million and the scheme is on track to save £2million per year by 2015. The new service will commence in March 2014. In the meantime, there will be interim collection changes. The SITA contract comes to an end in November at which point the SITA staff will be employed by DWP. The new scheme will allow for recyclables to be separated at the new centres, so it will appear to be all going in together when collected from the kerbside.

By now everyone should have received the details of the new garden waste collection service. There will be static displays, together with advertising across the county over the next few months and this scheme will start from 4th November 2013. Residents can have a 240 litre bin for £35 pa, or a 120 litre bag for £25 pa and this will be collected fortnightly. Over 1,000 from the Purbecks have already registered.

The new service will be a weekly food waste collection with an alternate fortnightly recycling or rubbish collection. The new service will provide a kitchen caddy for food waste, together with a 23 litre container which will be the one collected. Disposable caddy liners will be available to purchase from certain retailers or on-line. All cooked and uncooked food can be put in these containers.

The fortnightly recycling collection service will include cardboard, hard plastics, tins and cans. The recycling box is to be used for glass and batteries (in a bag). Residents are asked to use their existing rubbish bins for their recycling.

The refuse bin will be electronically tagged. This is because the bin remains the property of the DWP and, should they go missing, they can be found and returned to the correct address. This bin should contain items that cannot be recycled at the kerbside such as crisp packets, plastic film, disposable nappies, etc.

The new service is designed to be flexible and accommodate different circumstances. For the larger family, a larger recycling and refuse bin will be available. For those who have no space for wheeled bins, a bag and box scheme will be available.

All those who currently receive an assisted collection will be offered the option to continue. Residents can apply for a non-standard service by completing an on-line form or telephoning and speaking to an operative.

All Purbeck residents will receive a letter and leaflet in August 2013 asking what they want and they must respond by 18th October.

Between August and February, property visits will be arranged to sort out collections, etc. The containers and information packs will be delivered in January and February 2014. The packs will include the calendar showing what gets collected and when.

Calendars will be issued for the October to March period to cover the interim arrangements.

Questions:

- Why will there be a charge for garden recycling? As a local authority there is no statutory duty to collect garden waste. Members were very keen to offer the service at a cost neutral price. This has been identified as £35 per bin and £25 per bag.
- For those that do not want to use the garden waste, there will be no new charges for using the current recycling centres and tips.
- Why have tetra packs not been included as they are recyclable? The whole service is future-proofed and it is hoped additional services can be added. Tetra packs are composite and are made from a mixture of card, metal and plastic so it makes recycling them more difficult.
- Plastic – does this mean all plastic or just those with the recyclable mark on? It refers to all hard plastics which predominantly means packaging. Pots, tubs, trays and bottles. Polystyrene will have to go to waste.
- Electronic tag – is the first step to incurring charges for waste over a certain weight? This has not been discussed locally and is not intended but there is nothing to stop Central Government from bringing in a ruling regarding this at a later stage. The vehicles do not have a weighing facility at the moment.
- Is there any restriction as to what can be put in the garden waste bins? Allowed up to small branches. Anything over 6cm should still go to the household recycling centre.
- How much per tonne does it cost to dump in landfill? At the moment it costs about £100 per tonne. Back in 1996 there was zero tax. From April 2013 it is £72/tonne plus £25 gate fee. Central Government have put a ceiling of £80/tonne.
- There is no facility for collection of chemicals such as white spirit, thinners, etc.
- How do you know the size of the family to get the right size of bin? When the information leaflet is sent out, it will contain information on how to get the larger bins. No checks are run on this but should it be found that there are not over 5 people in the property, the house's arrangements will be reviewed.

All the information covered today will be on the website at www.dorsetforyou.com/recyclefordorset.

1. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

14/30 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

14/31 There were no apologies received.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th May 2013

14/32 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. It was PROPOSED by Cllr Kenward, SECONDED by Cllr Heritage 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.

4. Public Participation Period

14/33 Members of the public were invited to air any concerns or offer topics for discussion by the Parish Council at a later meeting.

Beryl Ezzard, in attendance as a representative of the Friends of Wareham Station, asked councillors to consider a request for a donation towards the cost of the planters, plants and compost to enhance the appearance of the station platforms and car park. This is discussed under 14/39/4.

5. County Councillor's Report

14/34 Cllr Lovell reported that county members had been busy undergoing inductions and receiving their new roles following the elections. He informed members that Mrs Randall had phoned regarding the parking along by the cemetery at St Mary's, Wareham and had asked if it would be possible to make a representation to DCC for a limited waiting zone to prevent people from parking in Connegar Lane by the cemetery all day. Cllr Kenward had also received a phone call from Mrs Randall and referred her to the Burial Board. Cllr Ward said this would be discussed at the next meeting of the Burial Board but it is likely to only be a white line with a sign saying "please do not park here".

6. District Councillor's Report

14/35 Cllr Cake reported that little was happening at District. The on-going caravan saga in Grange Road was being dealt with by PDC, who are trying to find somewhere else for the occupant to go but there are no transition sites in the Purbecks.

The SANGS are going through under delegated powers nationwide. No-one knows whether or not they are going to work and there is some concern over who is going to have the upkeep of the site in perpetuity should the SANG be granted.

More and more plans are being delegated and very few come before the Planning Board. There is a review underway as the last scheme was put in place about a year ago and it had originally been agreed that a review would take place after a year.

7. To Consider the Co-option of a Parish Councillor

14/36 The period for advertising the vacancy had passed and only one person has put their name forward for consideration. Ashley Pellegrini introduced himself to the meeting saying he had lived in Ridge since it was built 23 years ago and is now semi-retired. Cllr Heritage proposed his appointment. This was seconded by Cllr Scragg and agreed unanimously. Ashley Pellegrini is duly co-opted to the Parish Council.

8. To Consider items for discussion/report

14/37 Planning Applications

6/2012/0571-0609 Wytch Farm and Wareham Oilfields

Extension of operational life of oilfield development by variation of condition

AGREED *Parish Council has no objections*

No decision

6/13/0251 8 Stoborough Green

Ground floor rear extension

Agreed *Parish Council has no objections*

Approved

6/13/0259 52 Corfe Road, Stoborough

Erect first floor rear extension

Agreed *Parish council has no objection*

Approved

Reports From Representatives

14/37/1 Representatives Reports

Stoborough Meadows Residents: nothing to report.

Stoborough Village Hall: nothing to report. The next meeting will be held on the 26th June 2013.

Furzebrook Village Hall – AGM due on 30th June at 10am.

Ridge Residents – nothing to report

14/37/2 Meetings Attended

The Chairman attended the following meetings:

- 15th May: Making Purbeck Healthcare Fit for the Future. The project is now being facilitated by an independent consultancy. A full report is attached to the minutes and available on request.
- 7th June. Planning Training at PDC. This was led by Bridget Downton, Steve Dring and Richard Wilson and covered the Local Plan and its current review, settlement boundaries review, and Neighbourhood Planning. Keith Childs has been invited to attend the October meeting to discuss the settlement boundaries review. A full report of the meeting is attached.

- Cllr Kenward proposed that the decision to do or not to do a Neighbourhood Plan should be put as an agenda item for the July meeting. Cllr Cake informed the meeting that the District Council would be able to offer a grant of £5,000 towards the cost of the Plan.

Clerk attended:

- PDC Planning training

14/37/3 To consider any actions required

Consideration of a Neighbourhood Plan will be included in the July agenda.

14/37/4 Web Site Update

Cllr Scragg reported that the web site has been updated with a summary of Village Hall dates but more details are required. Cllr Heritage will speak to John Burgess. The Financial Regs and Standing Orders are available on the site and a link to Crime Stoppers has also been included. Cllr Heritage will draft a flier showing all the relevant details and this will be delivered by all councillors. It was also noted that the first step to getting young people involved in politics could be by taking a Twitter feed off the web site. Cllr Macleod reported that an e-mail had been received from Richard Wilson regarding the possibility of EU funding for projects fitting certain criteria. Perhaps a Twitter feed would be one area for which we could seek some of the EU grant monies. It was suggested that this could be part of the discussion at the Planning meeting and Robert Kenward will be invited to speak as this is his field of expertise. The Planning meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd July, commencing 6.30pm at Evershot, Puddletown Road. In the meantime, should anyone have any ideas for a project going, please contact the Parish Council. The Clerk will draw up a notice to go on the boards and web site, asking residents if they have any ideas they would like to put forward and the list of 10 objectives given in the letter from Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership will be included.

ACTION: CLLR HERITAGE/CLERK

The banner photograph for the head of the web site has now been done.

14/37/5 Training Programme for the month ahead

The next planning training takes place on Wednesday 3rd July and will cover material planning considerations, planning conditions and affordable housing contributions. Any councillors who are able to attend should contact the Clerk.

9. To consider any Planning Applications received

14/38 Non- Delegated – None
Delegated -
Plan No

6/13/0273 – Cherry Bank, Furzebrook Road

Demolish outbuildings & erect 2 storey & single storey extension

Agreed

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

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

The Parish Council objects to this application. Barlett's Firs, part of this site, is already the most popular dog walking location in the area and it would be necessary to run a control study now in order to determine a base line before this application is considered. The application indicates that only one dog bin will be provided and that will be in the new car park. However, the main dog walking area is to be the field to the north of Stoborough Withy Bed where dogs will be able to be off the lead. This is bound to be very popular but no dog bins are to be provided. There is growing evidence of the links between two specific diseases in livestock and the presence on grazing land of faeces from infected dogs: Neosporosis which can cause abortions in cattle; and sarcocystosis which can cause neurological disease and death in sheep. Dog mess is a massive problem across rural areas and many hours and a great deal of money is spent trying to encourage dog owners to clear up after their dogs. To provide no means of disposal will encourage visitors to leave the pickup bags around the site or just not bother to pick up after their animals.

Furthermore, the location for the SANG needs to be questioned. It would appear this is a SANG by default (in the sense that the landowner for development land offered no other remotely appropriate alternative). The vast majority of people visiting the site will have to drive there, thus encouraging the increased use of cars – is this really a good idea when the whole purpose of a SANG is to conserve nature? There is in fact a viable alternative within walking distance of the Worgret development in the tracks and fields southwest of Worgret Manor.

Insufficient consideration appears to have been given to the disturbance of the existing wildlife- for example, due to the nature of the surrounding land, it will be necessary to put up stock fencing in order to control the deer population.

At present, it is understood that the firing range signs, normally positioned along Holme Lane, are not currently there. This, combined with the additional number of people that may be walking at the SANG will lead to confusion and added chaos as vehicles turn around in the narrow road.

The management committee and their raison d'être has yet to be determined and it looks very much like a large area could become the responsibility of the parish council, incurring considerable cost to the residents. We would like it to be made a condition of the application that the developer maintain the SANG in perpetuity.

6/13/0300 - Springfield Hotel

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

Agreed *The Parish Council has no objection.*

6/13/0332 – Wayside, Arne Road

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

Agreed *The application will be reviewed during the walk round on Wednesday 26th June.*

10. Correspondence/items for action and resolution

14/39/1 Clerks Report

The report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. There were no additional comments made.

14/39/2 Dispensations – none had been received.

14/39/3 To confirm the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2013

The Finance Committee met on Thursday 13th June, together with the previous Clerk, Mrs D Weller who had prepared the accounts. The year-end accounts were reviewed and spot checks carried out. The Annual Accounting Statement and Governance Statement were reviewed and agreed and the Finance Committee recommended acceptance of both. It was proposed by Cllr Ward and seconded by Cllr Heritage that the recommendation of the Finance Committee is accepted and this was agreed unanimously.

14/39/4 To consider correspondence received since the agenda was set

(a) A request for monies from Friends of Wareham Railway Station. Cllr Heritage reminded members that it is not the policy of this council to give to anything that is not in our area or of benefit to our area. However, the railway station may be of benefit to the community. He expressed an interest in railways both modern and old and stated that Wareham station is a beautiful building and he thoroughly supports the work of the Friends group. However, the parish council has received a number of requests throughout the years for donations for various projects. He felt that it is difficult to ask parishioners, through the precept, to raise money and then pass it on for other causes. Cllr Pellegrini asked if any other parish council had been approached with a similar request. There are other charitable bodies around that would be very capable of providing money for just such a cause. Cllr Ward felt that, whilst thoroughly worthwhile, the scheme would not affect enough parishioners to warrant using the precept. Cllr Kenward added that, although it was an excellent course and

she would be willing to give individually, she would not want to take any monies out of the precept.

Cllr Macleod proposed a letter of support should be sent but explaining that, as a rule, we only give to charities that are in our parish and benefit those who live in the parish.

ACTION: CLERK

14/39/5 To consider items raised by the public during the Participation Period for discussion and inclusion on the next agenda

The Burial Board will be meeting during the week commencing 24th June. A letter will be sent in support of their decision to provide a white line by St Mary's Church.

ACTION: CLERK

11. Correspondence or items for specific information

Nothing to report.

12. Correspondence for General Informaton

14/40 (a) DAPTC – The invoice for the annual subscription has been received, amounting to £404.01. A request is also made for the details of the Area Representatives and details of the Parish Council's assets. The Clerk will complete the forms as appropriate and submit them.

ACTION: CLERK

(b) Purbeck District Council

(c) Dorset County Council

13. Payment of Accounts

14/40/1 The following payments were requested:

DAPTC	Annual subscription	25.00	375
Richard Yates	Year end audit	75.00	376
Steve Syrett	Puddletown Rd notice board	360.00	377
Mrs D Weller	May wages + mileage	347.33	378
Mrs A Crocker	June wages & expenses	454.91	379
HMRC	PAYE - June 2013	136.20	380
Mrs D Weller	Petty cash reimbursment	132.54	381
DAPTC	Annual Subs 2013/14	404.01	382

The total amount requested is £1,934.99

The payments were confirmed and the cheques signed by Cllrs Heritage and Barnes.

14. Additional Items for Discussion

14/41 Cllr Macleod – anyone who is kind enough to put up the notices for parish council meetings were asked to pass their details to the Clerk.
The Flood Warden was omitted from the list of Representatives at the May meeting – Cllr Ward agreed that she would carry on in the role.
Cllr Kenward reported a crack in the plastic casing on the zip wire. The company who installed the equipment will be contacted and the repair organised.

ACTION: CLERK

Cllr Kenward reported that area along the inside of the path at the Hayricks has now naturalised and she suggested leaving it, together with the wild flowers that have grown up through it. This will be brought up when the site meeting takes place.

Cllr Ward reported that the trees along the by-pass are slipping down the bank. One tree has already fallen but the whole bank needs to be checked.

ACTION: CLERK

Scott Estate hedge cutting Nutcrack Lane. The verge has been cut but not the hedge. The road sign is now hidden and the hedge is obscuring the vision. Cllr Lovell will take this up with County. Cllr Scragg will e-mail photographs through.

Cllr Kenward reported that none of the trees being cut back around the engine shed were protected by TPOs so there was nothing that could be done to stop the work.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:25 pm

Chairman

Planning Committee meeting on the 2nd July 2013 if there are plans to discuss

The next meeting will be on the 18th July 2013 at 7.00pm, Stoborough Village Hall