



**MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 16TH JUNE 2016 AT STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL
COMMENCING AT 7.00PM**

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

Chair: Cllr D Hunter

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also Present: 8 members of the public, District Cllr Barnes.

The Chairman opened by asking if any members of the public intended recording or filming the proceedings of the meeting. No one expressed any intention to do so.

1. Public Participation Period

17.28 Nick Cake – at his recent 80th birthday, he received a copy of the Dorset Year Book for 1936, the year of his birth, and noted an entry regarding the Meal for Dorset Men, noting ‘the foolish building that has been indulged in since the war’ and encouraging members of the public to resist such building. This month’s Purbeck Gazette comments that Purbeck’s countryside is under threat from Government targets but National Parks are exempt from these targets and take control of planning within their environs.

Steve Wedmar – about 12 months ago the matter of air traffic control was raised and, at that time, it was agreed to monitor the situation. He has noticed in the last three to four months more Ryan Air jets overhead. Hugh Ricks reported that Cllr Lovell was going to follow this through but it all goes back to the stacking systems for the airport and goes under the banner of Open Skies, where the CAA is able to change the recommended flight paths of planes. In addition, Mr Ricks believed that many of the pilots did not speak English. Cllr Hunter understood that English is the language in which all international pilots communicate and they are not able to pick and choose their flight paths in controlled airspace. The increase in traffic may be down to the fact that this is the holiday season, which may result in more traffic. Mr Ricks commented that pilots do have a certain amount of discretion regarding their flight path, depending largely on the wind direction, in that we would have more planes flying over this area to Hurn when the wind is an easterly. Cllr Lovell, at the time, reported that neither the County nor District Councils knew anything about the consultation. Steve Wedmar wondered what the Parish Council felt about the increased traffic. Cllr Scragg said that we have had a lot of easterly winds in the last few months and this, combined with the holiday season, may be responsible for the perceived increase in air traffic.

Hugh Ricks – there has been considerable discussion in Studland regarding the National Trust allowing the sea to encroach on the mainland, without seemingly intending to put up any defences. There was a meeting at Studland Village Hall to debate this. Is there any other support for it not to be eroded and for the NT to put up sea defences? Could the Parish Council lend its support to Studland Parish Council to take the National Trust to task? Cllr Hunter felt that the Parish Council should consider the matter.

Robert Kenward – read out the final report of the Housing Group of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on behalf of Bridget Kenward. Cllr Hunter responded saying that, whilst the matter has been raised during the Public Participation period, we will take the paper and add it to the minutes of the meeting as an addendum.

2. Declaration of Interests

17.29 No interests were declared at this stage and no dispensations had been received.

3. To receive apologies for absence

17.30 All councillors were present.

4. To confirm Minutes of the Parish Council AGM and the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 19th May 2016

17.31 Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on the 19th May, 2016

A copy had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. They were proposed by Cllr Ward to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Wakefield-Sutton and agreed unanimously

Minutes of the Arne Parish Council AGM held on the 19th May, 2016

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Both sets of minutes were signed by the Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

5. Matters arising from the minutes - for report only

17.32 Item 7 – Liaison Group – Cllr Scragg requested to be involved with the sessions and to help set them up. Cllr Hunter reported that he has written to the representatives of each of the groups - inviting them to meet to discuss matters of interest and concern. He has met with Dante Munns of the RSPB, who has, in turn, directed him to Alison Turnock, PDC – she is looking at the issues of passing places and road damage along the Arne Road. Phillip Stuckey of the NT was on leave but has since sent an e-mail asking for suitable meeting dates. Nothing has been received from Ian Alexander of Natural England at the moment.

Management Plan re SANG – the request has been passed to Tony Bird, DCC, but nothing has been received yet. The Clerk will send a reminder and copy in Cllr Barnes.

ACTION: CLERK

17.26 Cllr Pellegrini has contacted George Archer, Chair of Christo Parish Council, in the Dartmoor National Park. To date, no reply has been received.

17.27 Cllr Pellegrini has spoken to a governor of Stoborough Primary School to arrange for him (Cllr Pellegrini) to attend a Governors’ meeting – this is specifically regarding the road safety issues.

6. County Councillor's Report

17.33 Cllr Lovell was not able to attend and no report had been submitted.

7. District Councillor's Report

17.34 The illegally parked caravan at Worgret Road has now been removed but there is rubbish left behind in the long grass. The Clerk will contact PDC to remove the fly tipping. Some large blocks have since been put in place to prevent further illegal parking.

ACTION: CLERK

The consultation regarding the building of the 3000 houses in Purbeck – Cllr Barnes urged everyone to have their say. He has made his views clear that large developments do not help the other villages in the area.

There is discussion about Dorset becoming a unitary authority but how this is going to be achieved is still under consideration. In order to save money, it is likely that there will be two unitary authorities – Bournemouth/Poole/Christchurch and the rest of the county. This means an equal number of people would be covered by each authority. Cllr Pellegrini referred to a survey that he had picked up whilst at Westport House. Cllr Barnes – a unitary authority is where a specific location is largely self-governed and a combined authority would be similar to what is currently in existence, that is, services combined and managed by a central authority, e.g. transport, business, and environment.

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

17.35 To confirm the payment of accounts

The following the payments were requested:

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| Came & Co | Insurance for the year to 31 st May 2017 | 100943 | 734.30 |
| A Pellegrini | Advertiser advert re NP consultation days | 100944 | 117.00 |
| DCC | Wareham Lib room hire 4/5/16 – NP | 100945 | 10.00 |
| Anvil | Stoborough Village – May 2016 | 100946 | 428.38 |
| Tradewind | NP fliers re consultation evenings | 100947 | 168.00 |
| Mrs A Crocker | June wages + expenses | 100948 | 526.55 |
| HMRC | PAYE | 100949 | 99.00 |
| R Yates | Internal audit y/e 31.03.16 | 100950 | 80.00 |

The total amount requested from the Precept is £2,163.23. Cllr Bessant proposed that the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Scragg and agreed unanimously. The cheques were signed by two councillors in the presence of the meeting.

17.36 To confirm the bank reconciliation and position against budget for the year to date

A copy of the reports had been given to all members prior to the start of the meeting. No comments were made and no questions raised.

9. Parish Reports

17.36 Councillor's reports on meetings attended

Cllr Ward – NP meeting; Wareham Burial Joint Committee; PDC training; Meeting with the Environment Agency to see if they would supply a monitoring device for the causeway. They are currently looking into this

Cllr Scragg – 2nd June - meeting with Anna Lee and Luke Bennett of PDC; 15th June - Economic Growth Committee regarding the broadband in Ridge. Cllr Scragg read out a short statement regarding this meeting. Thanks were extended to Cllr Scragg for the work he has undertaken to bring about SFB in the more remote areas of the Parish.

Cllr Bessant – 8th June - Joint Burial Board meeting at which next year's finance was discussed and it was agreed that the calculation would be made on the same basis as previous years. 15th June – Essential Training for Councillors at County Hall – Part 1.

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – 2nd June - NP Steering Group meeting; 15th June – Essential Training for Councillors – Part 1; 16th June - Hayricks inspection.

Cllr Pellegrini – 2nd June – meeting with Anna Lee and Luke Bennett, PDC; NP Steering Group; DAPTC – Standards Assessment Committee Meeting.

Cllr Hunter – 2nd June – meeting with Anna Lee and Luke Bennett and NP Steering Group; WDDT – 13th June; 9th June – meeting with Dante Munns.

17.37 Clerk's Report

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

17.38 Reports from Other Groups

Stoborough Village Hall – Jill Scragg – meeting held last week to consider financial matters. Work to the exterior will commence in middle of July. The Hall will be closed to the public during August and then again during the October half term week for the interior floor to be done. There will be slightly restricted parking as there will be work cabins, etc. on site.

Furzebrook Hall - Nick Cake reported everything went well at the recent AGM. The president has now retired and there is no demand to elect a new president under the constitution. There is a shortage of people coming forward to serve on the committee and next year they will be looking for a new booking secretary and someone to look after the hall. The finances are all in good order.

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – garden party for the Queen's 9th birthday was held and 40 people turned up and they had their own fly past as they were toasting the Queen.

Ridge Residents' Association – Cllr Scragg reported there will be a BBQ on the weekend of the 18th June and 80 people were expected.

Stoborough Primary School – all contact has been related to the booking of the hall for the Neighbourhood Plan drop in sessions.

17.39 Reports regarding the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – Cllr Wakefield-Sutton reported that the grass needs cutting again and the edge of the site also needs cutting back. The Clerk will contact Anvil and ask them to carry out extra cuts and collect the arisings. Cllr Bessant reported that they are having the same problem at the cemetery with Anvil. The grass was last cut when it was very wet and the arisings were left.

ACTION: CLERK

Allotments – Confirmation has been passed to the contractor to carry out the work at the rear of the site to clear and in-fill the lagoon. Cllr Hunter and the Clerk will be on site when the work starts and the allotment holder will be informed of the date.

SANG – Cllr Pellegrini attended the site on the 16th June and reported that the bins are half full. There is quite a bit of litter around and a large puddle by the entrance. The ditches around the car park have not been cleared and the grass is growing up in the ditches hiding any litter that is there.

17.40 Neighbourhood Plan update

Most of the recent focus has been on the preparation for the two drop-ins taking place on the 21st and 22nd June. There was a unanimous decision by the Steering Committee to carry on with the NP and the Group confirmed its commitment to continue developing policies and actions in line with the views of residents. If the Group did not continue, it was felt that it would be letting down the residents, leaving the parish in danger of development by appeal. Cllr Hunter said that the Group can honestly and openly state that they have been through the process of examining each of the SHLAAs within the parish against a set of objective criteria. If Worgret happens to be PDC's preferred option, it cannot be ignored. The Group have also co-opted John Ives and Phil Love onto the steering group. The role of the disbanded housing group will now be taken over by the steering group.

The display board that PDC will be supplying for the drop-in sessions will be the same as that displayed at the recent Town Hall drop-in. The Review Group will be meeting with Jo Witherden on the 17th June to review the scoping agreement. Cllr Pellegrini encouraged everyone to attend the drop-in sessions.

17.41 Web site update – the flier is on the web site, together with various updates on the Neighbourhood Plan and minutes. Cllr Hunter commented that we should be promoting the web site as the first stop for information regarding all matters affecting the parish.

17.42 To receive an update on the co-option of a Parish Councillor

It was felt that, although no word has been heard from PDC, it is safe to assume that no 10 signatories have been sent to PDC. We will now go ahead and advertised the vacancy and give residents until the 30th June to respond. Cllr Pellegrini asked for the Clerk to provide the appropriate notices. *Post meeting note: the deadline has been extended to the 11th July.*

ACTION: CLERK

10. To consider Planning Applications received

17.43 **6/2016/0107 &108 The Halfway Inn, Norden
Alterations & additions to facilitate the conversion of the existing barn to 3 units of accommodation & other staff facilities ancillary to the Halfway Inn**

No objections were raised.

11. Correspondence/items for action and resolution

17.44 To confirm the Annual Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31st March 2016 and to consider the report from the Internal Auditor

17.44.1 The clerk reported that the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2016 have now been finalised by the internal auditor who highlighted the following points:

- There is no minute recording that the Parish Council had reviewed the Risk Assessment during the financial year. This was last reviewed in March 2015 and will be put on the agenda later this year.
- The issue of the ‘ear-marked’ funds was noted. This refers to the £82,100 set aside for the Stoborough Meadows Maintenance. Until recently, it was understood that this money could not be used for such things as the grass cutting. However, this has now be clarified and the money can be applied to this in future years.
- Several items were budgeted for last year but the money not used. The same items have been budgeted for this year. This covered such items as finger post repairs and memorials, seats and signage, all of which the Parish Council is responsible for and which, at some point, will need repairing or replacing. In order to have sufficient monies to cover such future costs, a contingency sum is built up each year.

Members had also been issued a copy of the Accounting Statement prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Pellegrini proposed that the accounts are accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Bessant and agreed unanimously. The Accounting Statement was signed by the Chair and the Clerk in the presence of the meeting.

17.44.2 The Clerk drew members’ attention to the Annual Governance Statement, a copy of which had also been issued to members prior to the start of the meeting. Each of the statements was considered and recorded as a ‘Yes’ with the exception of the Risk Assessment entry. This had been reviewed in March 2015 which was outside the audited financial year. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton proposed the Governance Statement is accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Bessant and agreed unanimously.

17.45 To consider the Centenary Fields Programme

The Clerk explained the Programme to members and reminded them that the only land the Parish Council owns is the Hayricks. The Clerk suggested caution in that the programme will place any land under severe restriction for 90 years and, whilst this may feel

ACTION: CLERK

justifiable today, it could cause problems in the future. The Clerk will send out the details of the programme and this will be placed on the July agenda.

17.46 To consider the proposal to invite DCC to seriously evaluate the establishment of a National Park as part of the consultation on local government devolution

Cllr Scragg reported that there is a consultation under way that closes on the 17th June, asking residents to consider a combined authority. He felt that the National Park should be considered as part of this consultation. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton proposed that a letter supporting the National Park is sent in time for the consultation ending tomorrow. This was seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously. Cllr Scragg and the Clerk will liaise in drafting and sending such a letter.

ACTION: CLLR SCRAGG/CLERK

17.47 To consider the revised Tree Warden Scheme

Cllr Pellegrini reported that he has reviewed the DAPTC document and has amended it in line with our current practices. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton commented that Cllr Bessant had replaced Cllr Hunter as one of the wardens and this would need amending. Cllr Scragg requested a copy of the updated file for the web site. Cllr Ward proposed the document is accepted once the amendment has been made. This was seconded by Cllr Wakefield-Sutton and agreed unanimously.

ACTION: CLLR PELLEGRINI

17.48 To consider a response to the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals and Waste Consultation ending 21st July 2016

The Clerk read out a suggested response to the consultation. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton felt that subsequent responses from the professional bodies, such as the Environment Agency, should be quicker, especially in the case of the pollution of the waterways. Cllr Barnes asked what the EA were doing about it. Cllr Hunter suggested arranging a site visit to the affected areas to carry out some investigation. Should there be evidence of pollution, the Parish Council has a duty to bring it to the attention of the relevant authority. A site visit will be arranged in the first instance.

ACTION: CLERK

17.49 To consider a response to the Dorset's Future Transport Network consultation ending 22nd July 2016

This issue is being driven by a lack of funds. Cllr Bessant, as our Transport Liaison link, was asked to drive the Parish Council's response to this consultation. He will contact the Chair of PTAG and find out the general views of the group and then draft a suggested response.

ACTION: CLLR BESSANT

17.50 To consider a response to Purbeck's Future Housing Development consultation ending on 12th August 2016

Cllr Hunter delivered a response on behalf of the Parish Council at the public meeting held at the Purbeck School on the 19th April. Cllr Pellegrini felt that the drop-in sessions would also provide a significant amount of information regarding the three potential development sites. The Review Group will gather the information following the sessions and will then have a better idea of the public feeling. This item will be deferred to the July meeting.

17.51 Allotments, Hayricks and SANG reports

This has already been discussed and no further action is necessary.

17.52 To consider the purchase of a dog bin for locating at the Ridge Crossroads

This matter arose at the Annual Parish Meeting. The cost of a Fido 80 would be in the region of £100. It was suggested that the bin is located on the crossroads opposite the fingerpost, in the layby near the post box and telephone kiosk. It was agreed in principle that we agree to get a dog bin. The Ridge Residents' Association will be informed, together with Phil Stuckey of Natural England. It was suggested that perhaps NE would like to contribute towards the cost of the bin. Cllr Hunter will raise this point when they meet.

ACTION: CLLR HUNTER

17.53 To consider a date for a Parish Walkabout

Cllr Hunter reminded councillors that, once a year, a walkabout around the parish takes place. This will take place before the end of July, whilst the evenings are still light. He will send out some dates and a mutual agreeable time will be fixed.

ACTION: CLLR HUNTER

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

Cllr Pellegrini reported that one of his neighbours had asked about the On the Bus festival. It seems to have gone well with few complaints. He reported that the licence for the event is permanent and will not need to be reapplied for unless there are sufficient complaints.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:20pm.

The next meeting will be on the 21st July 2016 at 7.00pm, Stoborough Village Hall