



# Parish of Arne

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015 AT THE STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL, WEST LANE, STOBOROUGH COMMENCING 7.00pm

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

**Chair:** Cllr C Macleod

**Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker

**Also Present:** 14 members of the public

### **1. Declaration of Interests**

15/198 The Chairman asked councillors for any Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on items contained in the agenda applicable to themselves or their spouse/partner. Cllr Ward declared an interest in item 8 on the agenda.

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**

15/199 There were no absences.

### **3. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

15/200 A copy of the minutes 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 Bessant and agreed unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

### **4. Matters Arising – for report only**

15/201 There were no matters arising that are not included on the agenda.

### **5. Public Participation Period**

15/202 Mr Lipscombe, Stoborough Meadow – expressed concern regarding the amount of dog mess in the Hayricks. He feels that we need to decide if this is a play area or somewhere for dogs to run around and do their mess. The worse area is on the grass verge by the contractors' entrance where owners park whilst letting their dogs run around the site. Cllr

Wakefield-Sutton reported that she and other councillors do attend the site weekly and have not seen much evidence of dogs' mess. There are dog bins provided and there are notices asking people to keep dogs on a lead. We will ask the Dog Warden to call in from time to time and carry out a spot check and perhaps something could be said to the Residents Association asking them to clear up after their own dogs but also to watch for non-residents who do not clear up. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton offered to attend the site to see if cars are parking at the contractors' entrance and to have a walk around. A "No Parking, Gate in Constant Use" notice could be put in place. It was noted that most of the people with dogs on the estate do clear up after their dogs.

**ACTION: CLERK**

Sunnyside – Scott Estate hedges still not cut back far enough. The cars are now parking in the verges opposite the cottages. Cllr Pellegrini will have a look at the site.

**ACTION: CLLR PELLEGRINI**

Cllr Ward withdrew from the meeting.

Mr & Mrs Denney – owners of No 3 Oval Gardens wished to raise concerns regarding the planning application in respect of No 4 Oval Gardens. When they purchased their property in 2000, they were assured that all permitted developments rights were removed from the estate. The Land Registry transfer document states that the land use cannot be changed. Purbeck Local Plan says that development must integrate into the existing context. The first part of the application is for access via the side wall for access. They have also been using an access point behind the garage which the applicant has been doing for 5 years so there is no need for an additional access point. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> application for installing a field gate – each time there has been considerable objection. The main window at No 3 overlooks the piece of land as they have a dipped wall which extends for a distance of 10m. Mr Hartigan, PDC, has pointed out that Mrs Ward has no legal interest in the land and Mr Osborne has no legal interest in the property at No 4 so should he be allowed to do anything with this strip of land.

Rob Speedy – No 2 Oval Gardens – the planning application is not clear regarding what the land is going to be used for once it is fenced. If it is not to be used for vehicle access, why does the applicant need such a large gate?

Cllr Macleod reminded members that the only comments that can be made on an application must be based on planning consideration. We cannot speculate on what the applicant may be intending to do in the future. Covenants bear no weight within planning consideration. Cllr Kenward – you do not have to own a piece of land in order to put in a planning application. Several of the points raised would not be taken into account by the planning system. She will raise residents' concerns when it comes before the Planning Board. The Board can only take into account the application before it and not previous applications relating to the site.

Steve Widmer – out of the 10 households in Oval Gardens, 8 have written to object. Cllr Kenward will be taking this forward to Planning.

## **6. County Councillor's Report**

15/203 Cllr Lovell reported that council tax has been set at an increase of 1.94%. The Council is now looking at ideas of how to work with the other Districts and Parishes in Dorset. The Council will be giving another grant of £5,000 to councillors to spend on worthwhile

causes in their wards. However, there is considerable resistance to this from some members as they feel this money could be better spent elsewhere.

Cllr Pellegrini asked again about the Perenco money. This has still yet to be agreed. He also asked for a view as to where the Council is in respect of Dorset Waste Partnership.

## **7. District Councillor's Report**

15/204 Cllr Kenward referred to the dog mess and said that the Dog Warden has been off sick for some time. She is now making a publicly recorded commitment to go out this weekend and pick up every piece of litter on her frontage and would like a commitment from everyone else to do the same. We can no longer rely on the public purse to carry out this sort of work. Cllr Hunter asked if it would be possible to have a "Clean up Britain" day but for the parish. Unfortunately we do have some major roads in the parish that mean we would not be able allow members of the public to clear certain roads. This initiative will be included on the agenda for April.

Cllr Kenward has organised a planning enforcement on a caravan off the A352 on Worgret Hill. This has moved around the area over the past few months but has now been dealt with.

There is a query from the planning department asking parishes to think about economic regeneration and partnership across Dorset.

Footpath 22 – from the Priory to Swinehead due to be partially closed until September.

There is no council meeting at PDC this month as they could not find anything to put on the agenda.

Cllr Scragg said that, on the subject of litter, it should be noted there are a lot of people who do go around Ridge and pick up the litter.

## **8. To Consider Items for Discussion/Report**

15/205 Representatives' Reports on meetings attended since the last meeting

Stoborough Village Hall – Cllr Wakefield-Sutton reported that the planning permission for the car park has been agreed but until there is funding available work cannot proceed. The post office within the village hall has now started and is open on Tuesdays. They are able to do everything but provide foreign currency or car tax.

Furzebrook Village Hall – Nick Cake reported that they will be starting on the next stage of improvements to incorporate lights on the back edge of the car park and a low level illumination of the stone at the entrance. They are going to put a public address system in the hall and disabled hand rails along the ramps to the hall, together with improved lighting over the disabled ramps and put a loop in for the hard of hearing. Hugh Ricks asked if anyone had commented on the flooding in the car park over the winter period. Nick – it is much improved. Cllr Bessant said that the water comes down Furzebrook Road and straight into the car park as there is no kerb to stop it and the drains are not really adequate. The culvert underneath the road is under the jurisdiction of BP but it is only 6" wide.

Stoborough Meadow – Steve Widmar reported that they now have a new chairman, John Ives, and the first job was to get a newsletter around. This has been favourably received. The Electricity Board has been carrying out a great deal of work to the sub-station at The Oval. Recently a lorry drove onto the strip of land and, due to the wet conditions, created some deep ruts. The Electricity Company has been contacted and they have agreed to returf the area and clean the road.

Ridge Residents – AGM held and Karen Wright is staying on as chair and Janet Toal is taking over as secretary from Karen. Laurie Clerk from the National Trust gave a talk about Slepe Heath.

Stoborough First School – Community Lunch held for the retired of the village. Happy to invite the Parish Council to lunch with the school children. The governors are a bit low on numbers and are looking for members. Hayricks – skate park – Cllr Pellegrini has spoken to the head teacher who is happy to involve the children in the school and children from Stoborough Meadow will also be invited. He will write to the Residents Association. Bridge on the corner of Corfe Road junction; has suggested the school gets some plans and costings sorted out. The school is already speaking to the governors about this. They have had a visit from the Bishop. One of the children has recently won the Waste Wizard Award.

**ACTION: CLLR PELLEGRINI**

Meetings Attended by Councillors

Cllr Pellegrini – Visited the SANG. Cllr Kenward reported that the SANG is something of a disaster as the farmer cannot access the site. The contractors have planted yew trees on the site which are poisonous to cattle. They have not provided a pedestrian entrance and the only way to get in is over a cattle grid or over the bund. This is causing a great deal of distress for the local farmer. It is no longer the responsibility of PDC but is the responsibility of the various people who have been involved with setting it up. Cllr Pellegrini – has been there 3 times and has not seen anyone else on the site (this is because the site is not officially open to the public). Bloor Homes will inform the council when the site is ready, giving them 7 days’ notice, at which point officers can then sign the site off.

Cllr Scragg – DAPTC Annual Conference. Dorset AONB at Harman’s Cross on the 11<sup>th</sup> – what happens if Perenco hands over to another company. Money coming from this direction could be matched funded. Ian Alexander of NE was there talking about joining up the various bodies involved in Purbeck. Tranquillity Project.

Cllrs Wakefield-Sutton – PDC training on 17<sup>th</sup> March covering listed buildings, conservation areas and trees.

Cllr Bessant – 10<sup>th</sup> March Extraordinary meeting of the Burial Board and the 3 monthly meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> March. PDC training on 17<sup>th</sup> March.

Cllr Hunter – PDC training on 17<sup>th</sup> March covering listed buildings, conservation areas and trees. WDDT meeting which discussed the closure of FP22.

Cllr Ward – Burial Board Committee – confirmation that the lower part of the cemetery will be removed from the Local Plan.

Cllr Macleod – Exec meeting of the DAPTC on 7<sup>th</sup> March, Annual Conference.

15/206 To consider if actions are required

No actions required.

15/207 Web site update

Response from the Partial Review is now available on the web site.

Advertising on the web site. The site does have the potential to raise some money and being VAT registered is not a difficult concept. Cllr Hunter – to determine the process, links, etc is not a 5 minute conversation. Anything going on the web site must be in line with the goals of the parish council. In general, he would be in favour of inviting sensitive links to the web site but we would need to be very clear about the parameters before we start reviewing possible links. We would not want to be seen to be endorsing something inadvertently. Agenda at a later date. Nick Cake warned that we would need to take care if a planning application came up for a business that was advertising on our web site. Cllr Scragg suggested putting the adverts in the newsletter rather than on the web site.

15/208 Items for the March newsletter

Progressing well and all input needs to be passed to Cllr Scragg by next Wednesday. Would like to have “A View from the Chair”; something from Stoborough Village School. We need to sort out how many we need to print and what the budget will be.

15/209 Training in March 2015

The DAPTC calendar is now complete as is the PDC training for this financial year.

## **9. To consider any PLANNING APPLICATIONS received**

15/210 Non- Delegated - none

Delegated:

**- 6/2015/0111 RSPB – change of use, extn & alterations to Toy Museum to visitor centre**

- **Agreed** No objections were raised to the application. It will enhance the existing landscape and site as a whole and will be a useful amenity, providing additional employment to the local community. However, we must express serious concerns regarding the access road to the site and the amount of traffic using a single track road. There is already considerable damage to the verges and the increased traffic along this road can only enhance existing problems. Due to the problems being experienced along Nutcrack Lane, we would like signage for the centre to encourage visitors to access the site via New Road.

**- 6/2015/0119 – Land adjacent to 4 Oval Gardens, Stoborough Meadow  
Erect estate fence & gate, create wooden gate opening in brick boundary wall**

- **Agreed** No objection

- **6/2015/0137 – Littlefield, Arne Road**  
**Erect two storey extension**

- **Agreed** No objections, it was felt that the application was very reasonable and the applicant had made attempts to speak to his neighbours and had worked with his architect to mitigate any problems that may arise that would affect his neighbours to the rear.

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

15/211 Clerk's Report

The report had been issued with the agenda.

15/212 Dispensations

No requests had been received.

15/213 To review and adopt the revised Risk Assessment

A copy had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton proposed the Risk Assessment is accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously.

15/214 To report on the Highways walkabout – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015

The report was issued to all members prior to the meeting. A copy has been sent to Highways. There are some issues of flooding further along the bypass but this was not included on the tour. Highways are aware of this and are looking into it. If there are any problems with any footpaths or drainage ditches in the parish, residents are asked to report them via [www.dorsetforyou.com](http://www.dorsetforyou.com) as well as to the Parish Council.

15/215 To consider the DCC consultation

This was brought up at the Annual Conference. [www.dorsetforyou.com/prosperous-dorset](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/prosperous-dorset)  
The 9 principle councils in Dorset all have a responsibility for the well-being of their area as well as to produce a transport plan. Members are asked to look at this on line and we have until the 29<sup>th</sup> March to reply. Comments to go to the Clerk in order to gauge a parish view. *Post meeting note: the deadline has now been extended to the end of April and this will be considered at the next planning meeting and will be put on the April agenda.*

15/216 Neighbourhood Plan update

The Steering Group met on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February and Keith Childs attended. We are now looking at the fine details of policies. As Keith cannot attend the proposed meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> March, this will be postponed until he is available. Cllr Pellegrini will contact the various members of the steering group to find out what progress each has made and will organise an alternative date for the meeting.

**ACTION: CLLR PELLEGRINI**

15/217 To consider items for the March newsletter

Cllr Pellegrini – the newsletter for the NP will cease and be incorporated within the Parish newsletter.

Tow path/ flood wardens/ can new initiatives be included in the newsletter/ residents' associations/RSPB updates/Perenco.

15/218 To consider correspondence received since the Agenda was set for discussion and possibly placing on the agenda for the next meeting

Nothing.

15/219 To consider items raised by the public during the Participation Period for discussion and placing on the next agenda

Stoborough Green - Yellow lines.

Cllr Pellegrini will contact Mrs Ritchie and the head teacher and try to arrange a meeting regarding a skate park before the next meeting. It was suggested that the Chairman of the Stoborough Meadow Residents Association should also be included as there are children living on this site who may be interested in getting involved.

**ACTION: CLLR PELLEGRINI**

**11. To consider payments of accounts**

15/220 The following payments had been requested:

Stoborough Village Hall	Hall hire 20.09.12 – 19.02.15	200491	602.00
Anvil Ground Maint.	Stoborough Meadow – Feb'15	200492	367.50
DAPTC	Annual Conference x 3	200493	117.00
Mrs A Crocker	February wages + expenses	200494	451.92
HMRC	February PAYE	200495	97.00

The total requested is £1,635.42

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

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

There were no additional items to discuss.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:56 pm

Planning Committee meeting will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> April if there are any plans to discuss

The next meeting will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.00pm, Stoborough Village Hall