



Parish of Arne

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17th MARCH 2016 AT THE STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL, WEST LANE, STOBOROUGH COMMENCING 7.00PM

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

Chair: Cllr C Macleod

Clerk: Absent – minutes taken by Cllr Pellegrini

Also present: 8 members of the public, County Cllr M Lovell, District Cllr Barnes

1. Public Participation Period

16/244 Bob Huskinson stated that he was pleased to receive the parish newsletter but noted that 15 allotments had raised only £70 in fees. He stated that he pays £15 annually and would like to know how the £70 sum was arrived at. As Cllr Hunter and the Clerk were absent from the meeting, the Chair undertook to investigate and report back to Mr Huskinson.

Secondly, Mr Huskinson had received a letter today regarding the renewal of his allotment tenancy agreement. He expressed concern about the change of conditions, particularly with respect to selling surplus products, not being able to place domestic peelings on communal compost heaps and to the ban on bonfires. He suggested a compromise to the ban on bonfires allowing them only in the winter period. Another member of the public had not received a letter and time was pressing for new agreements to be signed. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton proposed that the matter be referred back to Cllr Hunter and the Clerk and that the signing of new contracts be delayed until the tenancy agreement and letter had been reviewed. This was seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously.

Mr Huskinson then expressed concern about speeding along Corfe Road and the absence of regular police checks. He suggested the positioning of a “flashing” speed warning sign. Cllr Macleod assured him that this was already under discussion.

Finally, Mr Huskinson commented on the condition of the pavement along the Corfe Road. He was encouraged to record this matter on the Dorset Highways web site. Cllr Macleod stated that the more the matter was reported, the greater the chance of action.

Steve Widmer expressed growing concern about parking near the Villa, the large white house at the beginning of Stoborough Meadow. Cars are parking in places that could hamper access by emergency vehicles. Already this parking is causing difficulties to the residents of the Villa in getting out onto the road. It was agreed that the Clerk would write a letter to Highways requesting an “H” sign to be painted by the drive to the Villa. The Stoborough Meadow Residents’ Association will make a similar request.

2. Declaration of Interests

16/245 The Chairman closed the Public Participation Period and opened the Parish Council meeting, asking councillors for any Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on items contained in the Agenda applicable to themselves or spouses/partners and to consider any written dispensation requests received. No interests were declared and no dispensations had been requested.

3. To receive apologies for absence

16/246 Apologies had been received from Cllr Hunter and the Clerk.

4. To confirm Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 18th February 2016

16/247 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

16/227 – Cllr Bessant had not attended the Flood Committee

16/235 – “cycling” should read “recycling”.

Once the amendments were made, Cllr Pellegrini proposed the minutes to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously. The Chairman signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

5. Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda - for report only

16/248 There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda.

6. County Councillor's Report

16/249 Cllr Lovell reported that DCC is currently looking at new proposals for a unitary authority. Councillors have been involved in interactive discussions about the proposals, two of which are now under closer scrutiny:

- a) Bournemouth and Poole, with the remaining shire of Dorset
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A very small minority favoured no change. The matter would return to DCC at the April meeting. A decision will be made by the council by the end of the year. There will be no public referendum on the matter. Cllr Lovell was not sure whether the changes would come into effect in 2018 or 2019. The philosophy behind the move is to make sure that smaller, more manageable authorities of around 400-500,000 residents are in place to enable decisions to be made “nearer to the people.”

Cllr Pellegrini again asked about the Perenco money. Cllr Lovell stated that a meeting was held in London on 17th March to sort out restoration matters. Only when this had been signed off would any funding be considered.

7. District Councillor's Report

16/250 At the PDC March meeting, Cllr Barnes had thanked Arne Parish Council and one other council for their participation in their recent training on the Code of Conduct, led by David Fairbairn. At the PDC meeting, he read out a list of those councils who had not yet been

trained and encouraged them to do so. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton felt that this training should be obligatory for anyone holding public office. Currently, it remains voluntary.

8. Parish Reports

16/251 Councillors' reports on meetings attended

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – NP Steering Group; Flood Resilience Group; an open meeting of Stoborough Green residents with the police; PDC training on Conservation and Trees; NP Writing Group.

The meeting with Stoborough Green residents will lead to a further meeting with the Police. The issue is one between neighbours and, as such, the Parish Council will not interfere.

Cllr Scragg – NP Steering Group; PDC training on Conservation and Trees; NP Writing Group.

Cllr Ward – Flood Resilience Group; Joint Board Burial Committee; PDC Volunteer of the Year Awards.

The Burial Board met on the 8th March. They are looking to create windbreaks at Hillview Cemetery. Contractors are keeping the grounds in good condition. Plenty of wildlife to see. There will be more tree and hedge planting at Hill View. It was suggested that Steve Maros would be a good contact to see if he had access to any trees or shrubs for re-use at Hill View. A Whitebeam will be planted to commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday.

Cllr Bessant – NP Steering Group; Joint Board Burial Committee; PDC training on Conservation and Trees.

Cllr Pellegrini –NP Steering Group; NP Writing Group; PDC Standards Committee; PDC March Council Meeting; Opening day visit to the new RSPB facility; DAPTC meeting.

PDC Standards Group has been restructured to allow representatives from parish councils to vote and to take part in investigations. Cllr Pellegrini welcomed this and thanked PDC for taking DAPTC's views on board. He noted that the new RSPB facility was well designed and a great benefit for the community.

Cllr Macleod – NP Steering Group; Flood Resilience Group; PDC Volunteer of the Year Awards; Purbeck Heritage Network; DAPTC meeting.

Cllr Ward has received recognition by PDC for the sterling work she had led on flood management issues.

16/252 Clerk's Report

In the absence of the Clerk, Cllr Macleod read the report in full.

16/253 Reports from Other Groups

Stoborough Village Hall – Cllr Wakefield-Sutton noted that two meetings had been held, mainly focusing on improvements to the fabric of the Village Hall, including re-felting the roof, car park resurfacing, and ceiling replacement. The Trustees are seeking further funding of £11,000 to include, amongst other changes, new timber double doors, rendering the

blockwork of the flat roof extension and storage cupboards in the foyer. Other details are available in the minutes of the Village Hall meetings of 15th February and 10th March.

Furzebrook Village Hall – Nick Cake reported that there will be an AGM soon. Cllr Pellegrini had received no details of this.

Stoborough Meadow Residents’ Association – Steve Widmer reported that, at the recent meeting, there was a unanimous view that a skatepark should not be sited at the Hayricks, on the grounds of cost and safety. Cllr Pellegrini stated that there were no active proposals on the table but that the council had been following up old business. He had sent a letter to the lady who originally raised the issue, inviting her to the parish council meeting or to contact him personally. There has been no response. Cllr Macleod reminded the meeting that, if any plan was progressed in future, all residents of Arne would be consulted as the Hayricks “belongs to everybody” in the parish.

Ridge Residents’ Association – A successful supper had been held in the Parish Hall.

Stoborough Primary School – Nothing to report.

16/254 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – Both Cllr Macleod and Cllr Wakefield-Sutton had carried out their regular inspection. The skip had still not been removed, but it was felt that the contractors were waiting for drier weather. Concern was raised about the significant number of empty beer cans on site. Phil Love raised the matter of a safety hazard on the zip wire.

Allotments – Nothing to report beyond the issues raised in the Public Participation session.

SANG – After some discussion between Cllrs Pellegrini and Macleod about proposed action to be taken, Cllr Barnes informed the meeting that he had contacted the Chief Executive on the matter and was prepared to refer the matter to the solicitor, David Fairbairn, but that he had visited the SANG today and the bins had been cleared. A contractor has been employed to empty the bins every two weeks and, although that was his only remit, he was encouraged to keep an eye on the litter. Cllr Barnes encouraged the council to organise the occasional litter pick around the site. The council welcomed the resolution of this long-standing issue and that Cllr Pellegrini and Cllr Barnes would continue their regular surveillance of the SANG.

16/255 Neighbourhood Plan update

A Steering Group meeting was held on the 2nd February. The Housing Group was moving towards its final recommendations. While negotiations are underway, this remains a sensitive issue. Cllr Pellegrini assured the meeting that, in the spirit of openness and transparency, residents would be fully informed when negotiations were complete. The Writing Group has met twice and Cllr Scragg has published a pdf version of the master document which will be constantly reviewed and amended. Due to the severely reduced capacity of PDC to support the Neighbourhood Plan, Cllr Pellegrini has contacted all members of the Steering Group to secure their agreement in looking for an external consultant to progress the plan, particularly with the Sustainability Appraisal. PDC has given its draft SA documentation to the group, suggesting that the group should complete it. The group feels it does not have the expertise for this, hence the need for external support. Obviously, a consultant would charge and no decision would be made on this without the

full agreement of the Steering Group. It is hoped that this issue will be resolved before the next Steering Group meeting on 6th April.

Wareham Town Council continues to be keen to elicit support for its own Neighbourhood Plan. Cllrs Hunter and Pellegrini will be meeting with the Chair and Vice Chair of WTC's Steering Group. Knowing that our residents have not yet been informed of any outcomes, the conversations with WTC will necessarily be limited.

16/256 Web site and newsletter update

Neighbourhood Plan minutes will need to be published.

16/257 Flood Resilience Update

A meeting was held on the 8th March. The Clerk had contacted DCC regarding the amendments to the Risk Assessment, and had confirmed with the Insurance Company that volunteers would be covered in the event of a flood situation. All volunteers would be required to sign in and sign out and wear hi viz jackets and gloves.

A contact had been made with a view to demonstrating radios which could be used for emergency situations.

Cllr Ward will be meeting with Ernie Henley, Neighbourhood Police Inspector, on the 18th March in order to confirm the arrangements for erecting the flood barrier. Contact would be made with the flood warden for East Stoke to see if there was any way that mutual assistance could be given in a flood situation. The Clerk had spoken to Perenco to ascertain what procedures would be in place if there was a major incident. This information is awaited.

With regards to the creation of a Resilience Plan, an initial list of useful equipment for use during an incident had been compiled to enable the submission of a grant application to SSEB. Committee members considered that the major risks to the local community would be flooding, heath fires, snow and loss of communications. Approaches would be made to the RNLI, regarding the availability of inshore rescue craft, and local skills and resources would be researched. The village hall representatives had been approached to see if it could be made available in the event of an emergency.

Recent issues included problems with flooding on Arne Road, where a motorist had encountered a large pothole beneath the water. This complaint would be forwarded to the local National Trust representative.

Concern was raised regarding the future felling of trees further down Arne Road nearer the RSPB centre, and whether this would cause further flooding issues. The Clerk would be requested to write and confirm who were the owners of the land, and raise this concern with them.

Major works were being undertaken at the stream in New Road.

A complaint was received regarding a coloured discharge and rubbish in the stream running alongside the Drove. The EA were informed.

Thanks were given to Cllr Barnes for his assistance in adjusting the siting of the flood barrier container.

The cutting down of trees on the left hand side of the road towards Arne, a stretch of more than half a mile, was raised. The land is owned by the RSPB. In the light of current recommendations that more trees should be planted to reduce flooding, the Clerk will be asked to write a letter to the RSPB to enquire about their recent and future actions with respect to this area.

ACTION: CLERK

16/258 To receive an update on the finger post repairs

The Ridge crossroads finger post will be updated before Easter.

16/259 Recycling Update

It was agreed that this should be not a regular item on the agenda and be raised only when there was something to report.

16/260 To consider a Traffic Regulation Order for Nutcrack Lane

This was deferred due to the absence of the Clerk.

9. To consider any PLANNING APPLICATIONS received

Non- Delegated – None

16/261 Delegated:

6/2016/0136: 95 Corfe Road, Stoborough – erect 2-storey rear extn with Juliette balcony

No objection

6/2016/0035: Syldata, Arne Road – demolish existing dwelling and erect replacement

Deferred until plans scrutinised online by councillors

6/2016/0079: 32 Corfe Road – form car parking area to serve nos. 32 & 34 Corfe Rd

Bearing in mind that the applicants have been advised by PDC on a variation to the original application, there was no objection.

6/2016/0140: Nightjars, Sunnyside, Ridge – non material amendments to 6/2015/0293 to render instead of cladding to match the existing and to use slates for the whole roof

No objections

ACTION: CLERK

10. Correspondence and items for action and resolution

16/262 To consider a donation towards the cost of the “Welcome to Purbeck” signs

As the original proposal clearly stated that the Parish Council would not be approached for funding, it was unanimously agreed not to give a donation.

16/263 To confirm the Flood Resilience Group's request to submit a funding application to SSE for a dirty water monitor

The council unanimously agreed to the submission of an application.

16/264 To consider the Tree Warden Scheme

The document that had been previously circulated to councillors was originally designed to gauge interest. It was agreed that the document would need to be amended for the Arne tree wardens – Cllrs Hunter, Pellegrini and Wakefield-Sutton. Cllr Scragg questioned the power that the PDC tree officer has to overturn a decision supported by a large majority of residents. Cllr Lovell said that when a council officer says no, there would be a very good reason for this. There is, however, an appeals procedure in place. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton stated that Arne tree wardens need to have the ability to look at the trees in question and to comment on them. It was agreed that the three tree warden-councillors meet (or e-mail) to produce an amended document for the next meeting of the Parish Council.

16/265 To approve the Flood Warning Signs Agreement & Risk Assessment, the Warning & Alert Documents

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton proposed that the documents are accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Bessant and agreed unanimously. It was noted that this was an ever-changing document. Cllr Ward advised the meeting that the plan would probably need to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. This would be an item on the agenda for the next Steering Group meeting.

11. Correspondence received since the Agenda was set

16/266 Cllr Macleod requested volunteers to attend the Community Transport Option meeting on the 29th March in Morden Hall. Cllr Macleod and the Clerk will be attending.

Cllr Macleod drew members' attention to the proposal to vote for the right for parish councils to appeal planning decisions. There is a short deadline for action on this.

12. To approve the monthly expenditure and confirm the reconciliation of accounts

16/267 The following payments have been requested:

Anvil Ground Maint.	Stoborough Meadow – February	100927	411.90
Scott Estate	Allotments rental 25/3/16-24/9/16	100928	70.00
Wicksteed Leisure	Installation of artificial surface	100929	1798.80
Tradewind Graphics	Clerk's details for signs	100930	78.00
DAPTC	Annual conference	100931	60.00
S Syrett	Hayricks play area repairs	100932	60.00
Mrs A Crocker	March wages + expenses	100933	450.34
HMRC	PAYE March	100934	99.00

The total requested from the Precept is £3,030.04

It was proposed by Cllr Ward 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.

ACTION: CLERK

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

16/268 Cllr Macleod highlighted that the Purbeck Pledge will be focusing on healthy lifestyles this year, in particular, cycling.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.35pm

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