

**MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL AGM HELD ON THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2016 AT STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL. COMMENCING 7:45PM**

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

**Chair:** Cllr D Hunter

**Clerk** Mrs A Crocker

**Also present:** 12 members of the public, County Cllr M Lovell

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

**1. Declarations of Interests**

17.01 No interests were declared and no requests for dispensations have been received.

**2. To receive apologies for absence**

17.02 All councillors were present.

**3. To Elect a Chairman to the Parish Council**

17.03 Cllr Pellegrini proposed Cllr Hunter to stand as Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Bessant and agreed unanimously. Cllr Hunter agreed to stand for the coming year and signed the Acceptance of Office in the presence of the meeting.

**4. To Elect a Vice Chairman to the Parish Council**

17.04 Cllr Hunter proposed Cllr Wakefield-Sutton stand as Vice Chair. This was seconded by Cllr Scragg and agreed unanimously. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton agreed to stand for the coming year.

**5. To elect representatives to the various bodies and groups within the Parish**

17.05 A copy of the existing list had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. The offices of Chair and Vice Chair were amended in line with the elections. Cllr Hunter will represent the Parish Council on Allotments, DAPTC and the Emergency Resilience Committee; Cllr Scragg will take on the role as Rights of Way Officer; Cllr Bessant will act as one of the Tree Wardens; Cllr Ward will stand down from the Perenco Liaison Committee. The new list will be drawn up and reissued to all members.

**6. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016**

17.06 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Following various amendments, Cllr Pellegrini proposed the minutes to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Wakefield-Sutton and agreed unanimously.

**7. Matters arising from the minutes – for report only.**

17.07 Cllr Hunter has contacted the area managers for NE, NT and RSPB and requested a meeting in order to start a dialogue with the groups.

Letter to David Fairbairn regarding the SANG and requesting a copy of the Management Plan – no reply to date but the Clerk will follow up. *Post meeting note: David Fairbairn has acknowledged our letter and passed the request on to Tony Bird at DCC.*

The finger post at Ridge crossroads has been repaired. Unfortunately the proposed meeting with Cllr Scragg did not take place so we will see if there are any issues regarding the alignment.

The two dates for the planning training have been received from PDC. These are Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 or Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

Tree warden scheme – the document has been revised and circulated. Draft 2 is now available and will also be circulated by Cllr Pellegrini. The revised draft will be included on the agenda for June.

Neighbourhood Plan finances - The Service Level Agreement is quite ambiguous but further information is being sort and a meeting is arranged with Anna Lee on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016.

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

17.08 Cllr Lovell reported that a meeting was held at DCC with a member and an officer from Wiltshire Council to ascertain how their unitary authority operated. They operate with area Boards which have a budget of about £2.5 million for the whole of the county. They expect the parishes to be involved and all projects are put before the Boards. Only 20% of the money to carry out any work comes from the Board, the balance comes from the parishes. Planning is covered by area Planning Boards.

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

17.09 Cllr Barnes was not able to attend the meeting and no report had been submitted.

## **10. To confirm the payment of accounts**

17.10 The following payments had been requested:

Stoborough Village Hall	Hall hire 19/2 – 31/8/16	100939	105.00
Normtec	Ridge fingerpost repairs	100940	318.50
Mrs A Crocker	May wages + expenses	100941	557.18
HMRC	May PAYE	100942	99.00

The total amount requested from the Precept is £1,079.68.

Cllr Bessant proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Pellegrini and agreed unanimously.

17.11 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 evening. No comments were made and no questions asked.

## 11. Parish Reports

### 17.12 Councillors' reports on meetings attended

Cllr Ward – Joint Burial Board finance meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> May.

Cllr Bessant – Joint Burial Board finance meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> May.

Cllr Scragg – Issues & Options – PDC on 21<sup>st</sup> April; meeting with Jo Witherden on 4<sup>th</sup> May; Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group 10<sup>th</sup> May; Stepping Stones meeting 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Cllr Hunter – Swanage & Wareham Railway Trust; Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group 10<sup>th</sup> May; Redcliffe Yacht Club; Stepping Stone meeting 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group 10<sup>th</sup> May; Hayricks inspection on 14<sup>th</sup> May; Wareham Relief Trust 16<sup>th</sup> May; Village Hall Trustees meeting.

Cllr Pellegrini – Meeting with Jo Witherden 4<sup>th</sup> May; Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group 10<sup>th</sup> May.

### 17.13 Clerk's Report

No report.

### 17.14 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

17.14.1 Hayricks – the grass has now been cut but complaints have been received that, due to the length of the grass prior to cutting, it now needs to be gathered. The Clerk will speak to Anvil.

**ACTION: CLERK**

17.14.2 Allotments – the revised Tenancy Agreements have now been issued.

17.14.3 SANG – Cllr Pellegrini attended the site and reported that both the car park bins have now been emptied. The ditches appear to have been cleared but it is difficult to tell as they are becoming quite overgrown. The Clerk reported that the deciduous trees around the site of the barrow have been cut down, including a mature birch. It appears that this has been done by contractors under the instructions of the National Trust in order to preserve the barrow.

### 17.15 Neighbourhood Plan update

Jo Witherden has been employed by the Parish Council to examine the policies and suggest amendments. Once completed, Jo will then refer back to the Steering Group and the Writing Group will then make the appropriate amendments. Cllrs Pellegrini and Scragg met with Jo on the 4<sup>th</sup> May. The issue of the Partial Review Advisory Group (PRAG), particularly the proposed 500 houses within the Parish at Worgret (West Wareham) is going to have an impact on the Neighbourhood Plan and this was discussed at the meeting. The Housing Group of the Neighbourhood Plan has now been disbanded but had identified two sites within the parish for possible development at the end of West Lane, bordering the by-pass. Two public consultations have been organised and will be run as drop-in sessions. These are on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June between 2pm and 6pm in the Village Hall and on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June between 5pm and 8pm at Stoborough School.

Regarding the original grant to the parish to support the neighbourhood planning process, Cllr Lovell offered to look into the situation with regard to the original £25,000 paid to PDC if we were unable to make any progress.

17.16 Web site update

Cllr Scragg reported that he is currently updating the notes on the Steering Group.

17.17 Newsletter update

Members are asked to please forward any articles to Cllr Scragg as soon as possible.

17.18 Flood resilience update

Cllr Ward reported that a new trash screen had been fitted to the drain in New Road. Wareham Town Council have requested information regarding the road closure procedure that has been set up and she will contact them in the near future.

**ACTION: CLLR WARD**

17.19 Engine Shed update

Nothing to report at this stage.

**12. To consider Planning Applications**

17.20 **6/2016/0237 4 Corfe Road, Stoborough**  
**- alterations and additions to form family room and store**

No objections

**6/2016/0241 Pound Stables Corfe Road**  
**- Alterations and additions to provide lounge, bedroom, dining room and bathroom with repositioned car parking**

No objections

**6/2016/0260 Forge Cottage, Puddletown Road**  
**- Single storey rear conservatory kitchen extension and internal alterations to existing detached dwelling**

No objections

**6/2016/0256 69 Corfe Road, Stoborough**  
**- Form a rear extension**

No objections

**ACTION: CLERK**

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

17.21 To consider the co-option of a Parish Councillor

The loss of Caroline has meant a vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council. The Clerk issued the necessary notices for posting on parish notice boards. The notice period runs for 14 days from the 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2016. The co-option will be included in the June agenda.

17.22 To confirm the insurance for the coming year

The Clerk reported that the insurance is due for renewal with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2016. We are already signed into a Long Term Agreement which ends on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 and the premium of £734.30 for the current year takes this into account. Cllr Ward proposed that the insurance is paid. This was seconded by Cllr Wakefield-Sutton and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will raise the cheque.

**ACTION: CLERK**

17.23 To confirm the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

All members hold a copy of both documents. Cllr Bessant proposed the documents are accepted in their present form. This was seconded by Cllr Scragg and agreed unanimously.

17.24 To confirm our agreement to take part in the PDC Planning Training

This has already been discussed under Matters Arising.

17.25 To consider the quote for the tidying of the allotments

The Clerk has received a quote of £390 to tidy the area between the allotments and New Lodge. This includes removing all the plastic and carpets, etc to the tip, filling the lagoon and tidying the boundary area. Before any work is done, the Clerk will contact the tenant of the allotment that abuts the area. Cllr Hunter proposed that the works go ahead and the allotment holder is informed. This was seconded by Cllr Ward. The Clerk will contact the allotment holder and contractor.

**ACTION: CLERK**

17.26 To consider items raised during the Annual Parish Meeting for inclusion on the next agenda

- To consider the purchase of a new dog bin to be located at the Ridge crossroads
- Request the Dorset Camera Team attend Arne Road
- To consider the request from Richard Brown to ask PDC to include a debate on a National Park within the devolution discussions

With regard to item 3 above, Cllr Hunter reminded members that there is a lot of material regarding the National Parks on line. He will be speaking to Sandra Brown and will ask her to provide the most salient documents. The question was raised as to whether there is a group that opposes a National Park for Purbeck as it would be useful to hear both sides of the argument. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton felt that there was a great deal to take on board and the argument for a Park is very plausible but will need a lot more investigation.

Cllr Lovell suggested contacting parish councils that operate within existing National Parks such as the Dartmoor National Park. Cllr Pellegrini already has a contact with that parish council and will speak to them and report back to the June meeting.

**ACTION: CLLR PELLEGRINI**

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

17.27 Cllr Pellegrini reported that the school is looking into the Key Stage 2 children finishing at 4pm in order to alleviate some of the traffic in front of the school. Concern was expressed over Highways' response to the 20mph speed restriction requested for the front of the school. The

Governors are keen to pursue this and Cllr Pellegrini will see if he is able to attend a School Governors' meeting in order to ascertain their views. Our thanks are extended to Debbie Corbin for allowing us to use the school for our Neighbourhood Plan meetings free of charge.

**ACTION: CLLR PELLEGRINI**

Cllr Scragg asked if the question of speeding along the Arne Road would be raised at the joint liaison group and Cllr Hunter confirmed that it would. It was noted that there are now a number of coaches using Nutcrack Lane and that the RSPB site now has a coach parking facility which was not highlighted when the original application for the building was submitted.

Cllr Bessant reported that, now the verges have all been cut along Corfe Road, the litter was very noticeable. The Clerk will contact PDC and DWP to get this collected.

**ACTION: CLERK**

Cllr Ward asked if it was possible for the school to obtain some funding in order to purchase high viz jackets for all the children. This would have the effect of slowing traffic when the children were entering or leaving the school. Terry Wood of the Wareham 41 Club kindly suggested that this may be something the group would be willing to fund.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:45pm.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 at Stoborough Village Hall.