



# Parish of Arne

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2014 AT THE STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL, WEST LANE, STOBOROUGH COMMENCING 7.00pm

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

**Chair:** Cllr C Macleod

**Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker

**Also Present:** 13 members of the public,

The Chairman invited Philip Stuckey of the National Trust to speak. He spoke about the recent acquisition of Slepe Heath by the National Trust. The land had been brought due its importance as a wildlife site and to try to preserve the heathland. As a site, it was afforested and this is why much of the heathland has disappeared. Much has been turned into agricultural land or built on but if it is left to afforest, it quickly returns to heathland. This means the smooth snakes, sand lizards and warblers will quickly re-inhabit the area. Originally, heathland ran from Dorchester nearly to the New Forest and the area is known through the Thomas Hardy novels. So the purchase includes an element of cultural importance. The NT wished to buy it from the landscape point of view. They are looking at preserving landscapes and improving farmland. This area ties in with the grazing project at Arne, Hartland and Stoborough Heath. Slepe Heath sits right in the middle of this area and means the Red Dev

#]on cattle will be able to graze the whole area. Since purchase, one gate has been moved back in Soldiers Road. Additional gates will be put in for quiet access for walking and dog walking but not, at this stage, for horse riding or bikes. No additional parking will be put in. The fence between Slepe Heath and Hartland moor will be removed together with the fence alongside Soldiers Road, giving a much more open landscape. The plan is to retain most of the remaining pine trees, although the Morrishs have maintained the ownership of the pines on Soldiers Road.

Are you going to apply for the restriction of the speed limit? – had not thought about this. New cattle grids are planned and the animals will be allowed to wander freely over the site, thus encouraging vehicles to slow down.

Some time ago, someone said that there may be an opportunity to put a footpath from Ridge to Arne – has this been discussed at all? – No. What they are doing with the RSPB and Natural England is drawing up a management plan.

The track along Soldiers Road is very boggy, will it be drained? – No. This is part of the nature conservation and we would want to retain these features.

Negotiations with the RSPB and Natural England – how regularly do you meet? This is very much at the infancy and is being co-ordinated by PDC. If there is a draft plan, it should go out to the parish councils first.

Will anything be done about the water run-off from the turning at Soldiers Road and the triangle that turns off to Hartland, going down the hill and not allowing the ditch to drain? The cattle grid fills up with soil – this is one of the grids due to be removed. National Trust will be taking over the deer stalking on the purchased land.

If anyone has any queries that come up, the Clerk has Philip's contact details. The Chairman thanked Mr Stuckey for an interesting talk and opened the business of the Parish Council.

**1. Declaration of Interests**

15/106 The Chairman asked councillors for any Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on items contained in the agenda applicable to themselves or spouse/partner. There were none declared.

Members of the public were asked if anyone had any intention of recording the meeting. There were no intentions given.

**2. To receive apologies for absence**

15/107 No apologies were received as all members were present.

**3. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

15/108 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all councillors prior to the start of the meeting.

Cllr Scragg proposed them to be a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Wakefield-Sutton and agreed unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

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

15/109 A letter has been sent to Mr James, a copy of the letter will be sent to Cllr Hunter for information.

**ACTION: CLERK**

Flood barrier – residents have seen the barriers.

**ACTION: CLLR WARD**

The trees on the bypass roundabout have still not been cut back. The Clerk will go back onto D4Y and re-input the complaint. *Post meeting note: This has been reported, once again, on the 25<sup>th</sup> November and given the reference number 1028551.*

**ACTION: CLERK**

A letter had been sent to Dorset Works with regard to the invoice for work at the Hayricks but nothing has been received as yet.

The Burial Board were informed of the request for parking restrictions at Connegar Lane but this is an on-going problem and not a lot can be done about it.

There has been some discussion about the activity at Slepe Farm in that it is not particularly in keeping with the environment. Cllr Pellegrini has spoken to the District Council following a complaint from a resident, saying that it is becoming unsightly. PDC responded saying any complaints should be in writing to the Enforcement Office and the

complainant would need to provide evidence that planning has not been adhered to. All correspondence will be treated in strict confidence. The Parish Council visited the site and could find no evidence of non-compliance.

## **5. Public Participation Period**

15/110/1 At the October meeting, it was reported that the hedges along Sunnyside have not been cut back and are growing at an alarming rate. Cllr Pellegrini will contact the Scott Estate about this and other areas along the Arne Road. *Post meeting note: This has also been reported via the PEM system under reference 1028552.*

**ACTION: CLLR PELLEGRINI**

Ridge – the White House has flooding across the road. This is getting quite bad. It is possible that there is a drain here that could be blocked. A lot of road drains in Ridge need clearing. Residents are asked to register the incidents on the Dorsetforyou interactive map.

Sandra Brown reported that 80% of England’s lowland heath has been destroyed since the 19<sup>th</sup> century. What remains in Dorset is predominantly in Purbeck. PDC is evidently considering weakening the protection of the heathland by diluting the 400m zone and she would hope the Parish Council would oppose any such action. Cllr Lovell replied saying that the partial review meetings are open to the public. Any outcomes will be consulted upon at least twice and it will be 2016 before anything is sorted out.

Nigel Neville-Jones would now like to set up a butterfly haven in one section of the FP11 open space in the area by the wooden seat. To do so effectively requires the consideration of the ecology of the site. Mr Phil Sterling is the County Ecologist and he will be giving a talk at the Allendale Centre, Wimborne on the 16<sup>th</sup> January. Perhaps it would be possible to get hold of him and ask him to review the ecology of the site. Mr Neville-Jones would be more than happy to assist the parish council with setting this up. He asked if it would be possible to name the site. Perhaps we could ask Mr Sterling to the January meeting.

Could we ask Steve Mephram if there is any sign of the white paint for the dropped kerb at Stoborough Green.

**ACTION: CLERK**

Congratulations to Anvil for the work they are doing on the hedges in front of the houses fronting the Hayricks. They are doing a super job.

Village Hall car park – attended the Wareham and District Trust AGM who are going to spend £42k on upgrading the library garden. Perhaps they would be able to find some money to put a proper surface on the car park. Cllr Hunter responded that the upgrade to the garden will come to about £42k of which about £2000 has been raised to date. The WDDT welcomes the opportunity to work with community groups for improvement e.g. path in Sandford Woods. Steve Widmer reported that there is a Village Hall meeting next week and there is a strategic plan with a list of priority items for which an application for funding is being submitted. Should funding be achieved, work will be carried out on the roof and the car park.

## **6. County Councillor’s Report**

15/111 Cllr Lovell reported that he had decided the money given to each County Councillor from County Hall to spend in their division on items of their choosing would go to the 4 junior

schools in his ward. Each would receive a donation of £1,000 to provide iPads. He anticipated this would mean each school should receive 3 iPads.

Mr Ricks suggested that giving £1,000 to each school may not be the best approach if they can only get 3 iPads each for the £1,000. If they band together they may be able to get more for the money. Cllr Lovell reported that the schools will be working together.

Flooding on the corner of West Lane and the bypass. Highways have spent a considerable number of days in this area and have now sorted out the problem.

There is still a problem with run-off water going down the Arne Road. It should be up to the landowners to clear the ditches but he will get the officer out and meet with local residents and get all the ditches listed with a view to clearing the whole system.

Cllr Ward – one of the biggest problems was that the mud was pushed into the ditch when the Highways were clearing the roads and gullies. A lot of the work done by Highways is counter-productive. They clear the ditches but leave the scrapings either side and it all gets washed back in again. The same is happening with the gullies.

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

- 15/112 Cllr Kenward was unable to attend the meeting but had forwarded a short report to the Clerk. The recent wet weather has given rise to many puddles; one of the worst being at the corner of West Lane and the bypass. County Highways worked very hard to clear this and it was not a straightforward task. Highways have asked that those with ditches should be sure to clean them out and she is speaking to local farmers. She suggested a letter to Natural England asking them to attend to Arne Road might not go amiss. The Clerk will send an appropriate letter.

**ACTION: CLERK**

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

- 15/113 Results of planning applications submitted to County / District Council. These can now be found on the monthly spreadsheet.

- 15/114 Representatives' Reports on meetings attended since the last meeting

Stoborough Village Hall – nothing further to add

Furzebrook Village Hall – nothing to report

Stoborough Meadow – AGM held on 16<sup>th</sup>. Boules pitch, keep in situ and have it maintained. Rough area within the concrete path – level and keep in line with the rest of the grass. Concrete path near fenced area – breaking up. The has not been picked up on inspections. The Clerk will check the guarantee as the path has not been in place for very long. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton expressed concern over the ever-increasing size of the depression in front of the kick wall. The Clerk reported that Anvil Grounds Maintenance have been asked to fill the hole with hogging, top it up with top soil and reseed the area. This will be done as soon as the weather allows. It is our intention to install a purpose-made surface in this area in due course for which quotations will be sought in the New Year.

**ACTION: CLERK**

Ridge Residents – A Cheese and Wine party was held at the Redcliffe Yacht Club – 40 attended and Dante Munns from RSPB gave an informative talk. He will be addressing the Parish Council at the December meeting.

Cllr Pellegrini – liaison with Stoborough Primary. PDC planning training on 10<sup>th</sup> November – interpreting plans.

Cllr Scragg – dealing with EA on the tow path. Contractors have now completed their work and it is awaiting inspection. Further work needs to be carried out in the form of dredging the flood plain at the foot of the tow path. This has been mentioned to the EA who have said this is a separate project. There was a clear undertaking that this would be done and this will be followed up.

Cllr Ward – training event at the EA giving an update and who to contact. Shown the incident room.

Cllrs Wakefield-Sutton – attended Tarrent Keynston training session regarding Councillors Update. PDC training on 10<sup>th</sup>

Cllr Bessant – PDC training on 10<sup>th</sup>

Cllr Hunter – WDDT AGM.

Cllr Macleod – PDC training on 10<sup>th</sup>. AGM of DAPTC. With regard to the motions submitted; Chiddeok re 3 minutes for speaking for or against planning applications – 24 yes, 15 no, 5 abstention; Bridport re annual parish meetings – 11 yes, 34 no, 1 abstention; Piddlevalley submitted a motion relating to a matter of procedure that councils are informed of planning applications and meetings – this was postponed; St Leonards & St Ives – concern relating to other costs that need to be given weight when considering green energy applications in that it is necessary to consider more than the immediate impact of an application - 31 yes, 3 no, 10 abstentions. The Annual report was reviewed. There was a presentation and subsequent debate on emergency planning. Chairman’s Seminar – CCG. Designing a blueprint which is due to be completed by spring 2015. If anyone has any interests/suggestions/reviews they should relate them now via the web site. Stage 2 will take the form of a consultation between June and September 2015. Stage 3 - implementation. Principle authority service reviews – these are all financially driven. DCC are going to undergo a service review over a three year time scale. If any parish council wishes to provide any services currently provided by DCC they should contact the council or go to the DAPTC website and look at the hot news.

Cllr Lovell – ward boundary review. Purbeck will still have 5 councillors but he will take on Chaldon and Winfrith Newburgh which means he will have more parish councils under his guidance. He requested the support of the parish council to object to this as he will be unable attend all the meetings in the parishes. It was proposed by Cllr Wakefield-Sutton, seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously that the Clerk will write a letter opposing the ward boundary amendments.

<b>ACTION: CLERK</b>
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Localisation of Council tax support – this has already been done by PDC – phased out over a 4 year period. We are now into the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

There is another training session on the 24<sup>th</sup> November – how the system works. 2.30 to 4.30. Cllrs Macleod and Pellegrini are to be booked in.

15/115 Neighbourhood Plan update

Over 60 people turned out on the 12<sup>th</sup> November. Robert Kenward gave an impressive summary of the survey which will be placed on the parish web site after the steering group has met on the 4<sup>th</sup>. After that meeting, the PDC officer will be invited to attend the steering group meetings. Cllr Kenward presented the housing section and encouraged people to highlight where they would be tolerant of housing and where they would not. Thanks are extended to Debbie Corbin for lending the school hall and for use of the technology. The results of the raffle are published on the website and will be put on the notice boards. If you are not already on the mailing list and would like to be kept in touch, see the Clerk. The next newsletter will be issued shortly.

**ACTION: CLLR PELLEGRINI**

15/116 To consider if actions are required

A letter will be sent to the Boundaries Commission.

The guarantee for the concrete path will be checked and the builder called back if necessary.

15/117 Web site update

The Neighbourhood Plan has been updated, together with some news items.

15/117 Training in November/December

24<sup>th</sup> November – How the system works

3<sup>rd</sup> December- Renewable energy - big and small; 6.30pm PDC offices.

The next DAPTC training session will be the VAT workshop on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

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

15/118 Non- Delegated - none

Delegated:

- **6/2014/0531 Castle Glimpse, Arne Road**

**Construct balcony over approved flat roof – withdrawn**

- **6/2014/0536 Land north of Holme Lane**

**Construct in ground slurry compound covered by steel framed building**

The working group recommended no objections.

- **6/2014/0537 Land north of Holme Lane**

**Construct livestock building**

The working group recommended no objections.

- **6/2014/0541 Gorseacres, Puddletown Road**

**Extensions & alterations to existing bungalow**

The working group recommended no objections.

**- 6/2014/0542 22 The Sunhouse, Stoborough Meadow**

**Install 12 photovoltaic solar panels to garage roof**

The working group recommended no objections.

**- 6/2014/0555 Middlebere Farm, Arne**

**Install single 1200ltr above ground lpg tank + pipework**

The working group recommended no objections.

**- 6/2014/0574 Land adj to 4 Oval Garden, Stoborough Meadow**

**Replace temporary stock fence, create gate opening – withdrawn**

**- 6/2014/0596 Castle Glimpse, Arne Road**

**Retain existing single storey rear extension. Insert floor door and create balcony.**

The working group recommended that no objection could be made with regard to the already completed extension but an objection would be made in respect of the proposed balcony as it would overlook the neighbours and result in an invasion of their privacy.

**- 6/2014/0543 SITA UK, Puddletown Road, Binnegar Quarry**

**Vary conditions to allow extended operating hours and increased importation of sand.**

The working group recommended objecting to this application.

**TWA/2014/0196 111 Corfe Rd, Stoborough**

**T1-T5 pines – crown lift low branches to clear overhead cables and grass verge**

The working group recommended no objections.

**TWA/2014/0203 Arne Road, Ridge**

**Tree works – various – site visit suggested.**

The working group recommended a site visit with the local arborialist as the amount of work to be carried out is extensive. Cllr Scragg will liaise with the Clerk to arrange the visit.

**ACTION: CLLR SCRAGG/CLERK**

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

15/119 Clerk's Report

A copy had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. There were no additional comments to be made.

15/120 Dispensations

No requests had been received.

15/121 To consider upgrading FP11

The Clerk explained a quote has been received from one company with a view to replacing the surface of the path and installing French drains in an effort to try and drain the wetter areas. 2 further quotes will be needed in order to take this forward.

15/122 Flood risk update & to consider forming a committee to draft a Flood Risk & Community Resilience Plan

The work carried out on West Lane should stop the flooding further along the bypass.

New Road – it is getting to the stage where this has got to be cleared out. The pipes under the bridge are not big enough and get blocked with debris. Some work has been carried out recently but the debris dug out has been put on the banks and will just wash back in when it rains again.

Perenco have been approached to see, if we had transport for the barriers, could they be stored at the Furzebrook depot. It would be secure and they may even help put the barriers out. We will find out next week when the relevant person returns.

Cllr Hunter felt that the area of flooding in the parish is of concern. Even this early in the season, roads are already being flooded and work forces have been called out. Perhaps there is room in the NP to address the issue of flood mitigation. Cllr Lovell – if the EA take out the flood barriers lower down river between Poole Harbour and Arne, it will cause even more problems. They wish to bring new barriers upriver nearer to Stoborough. The river needs to be dredged. Cllr Lovell has asked for a meeting to see what can be done and perhaps someone from Stoborough can also attend. Mr Ricks reported that the RSPB said at their presentation to the Ridge residents that the sluice gates would fall into disuse and the bund will leach away and they would be able to have an area for wading birds. When it was pointed out to him that this would cause considerable disruption to the surrounding area, he agreed to check the details and come back in December with a way forward. Silting is becoming a massive problem.

Flood Risk & Community Resilience Plan Committee – anyone from either the public or council who wish to be involved with this should send their contact details through to the clerk and this will be brought up at the next meeting. Flooding has gone beyond the minor issue it has been in the past and is now too great for one person to deal with.

15/123 To consider requesting a grant towards the cost of a trailer for the flood barriers

It is possible that a box trailer will cost about £4,000 and we may need 2. Perenco have been approached regarding storing the trailers and possibly providing some funding.

15/124 To consider the CIL amendments proposed by Purbeck District Council

PDC are proposing two minor amendments to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Priorities for Spending. The amendments will not influence the CIL rates of what the Council will spend the money on. Cllr Hunter proposed that we do not object to the amendments. This was seconded by Cllr Scragg and agreed unanimously.

**ACTION: CLERK**

15/125 To consider any items for inclusion in the 2015/16 budget and to confirm the date for the Finance Committee to meet

The Finance working group will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> December. If anyone has a particular item they wish to be included in the budget, please contact the Clerk before the 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Note for 2015 – start work on the budget in November.



15/126 To consider correspondence received since the Agenda was set for discussion and possibly placing on the agenda for the next meeting

Nothing to add.

15/127 To consider items raised by the public during the Participation Period for discussion and placing on the next agenda

Invite Phil Sterling, County Ecologist, to the January meeting.

Contact Steve Mepham re painting the white line at Stoborough Green.

Ask Dante Munns if his talk in December could focus more on what is happening around Arne and not Wessex.

EA – Nick Read invite him to advise the Flood committee. Contact other parish councils who have published their plans on line. DAPTC is going to be doing something early next year about resilience plans and would like parish councils to come with theirs. It was suggested that Mike Goater is contacted.

Perhaps in March we can hold a specific environment evening and invite the RSPC, EA, National Trust and Natural England.

#### **11. To consider payments of accounts**

15/128 The following payments had been requested:

DAPTC	Councillor training x 2	200470	60.00
Broker Network	Addition of flood barriers	200471	25.00
B'mouth University	Research assistance	200472	1560.00
Anvil Ground Mt	Stoborough – October 2014	200473	469.50
Mrs A Crocker	November wages & expenses	200474	494.67
HMRC	November PAYE	200475	97.00

The total requested is £2706.17

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton proposed the payments are made and this was seconded by Cllr Ward 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.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:28pm

Planning Committee meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014 if there are plans to discuss

The next meeting will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 7.00pm, Stoborough Village Hall