



Parish of Arne

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2015 AT THE STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL, WEST LANE, STOBOROUGH COMMENCING 7.00PM

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

Chair: Cllr C Macleod

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 3 members of the public.

The Chairman asked members of the public if they have any intention of filming or recording the meeting. If so, members of the public will be asked if they object to being filmed or recorded. There were no intentions expressed.

1. Public Participation Period

16/146 Phil Love reported a large puddle on the corner at the crossroads by Ridge.

No further issues were raised.

2. Declaration of Interests

16/147 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.

3. To receive apologies for absence

16/148 Apologies had been received from Steve Widmer.

4. To confirm Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 15th October 2015

16/149 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

16/124 The name of the village should read "Chaldon Herring".

16/145 Cllr Wakefield-Sutton said that she had raised this because the yoga group found the wooden floor difficult and she was passing the comment on. The Chair said the comment was incidental as we will be back in the smaller committee room from December.

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

The Chair then introduced Steve Broad from Dorset Fire & Rescue who was replying to Cllr Ward's e-mails regarding the flooding on the Causeway. The problem at the moment with Wareham is that the Fire Service is struggling with numbers – the crewing should be 20 but they currently only have 9 crew on the books. This means they would not be able to help putting the barriers out but, if there is an emergency, dial the emergency number. Steve asked it to be recorded that the Firebrigade will do home safety checks and will fit smoke alarms free of charge if residents do not already have one. The person to contact is Gerald Holloway or go on to www.dorsetfire.gov.uk. Steve reported that the number of fires is going down but road traffic accidents were on the increase. The contact details for the Fire & Rescue Service will be put on the web site and on the notice boards. Once the merger with Wiltshire is complete, we will be able to get some more fliers.

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

16/150 The footpath along the bypass has some overhanging branches. The Clerk will follow this up.

ACTION: CLERK

The Clerk has spoken to Roger Bond who will be visiting the finger post this coming week and will be in touch with Cllr Scragg.

Work on the Asset Register will commence during the first two weeks of January.

ACTION: CLLR HUNTER/CLERK

A response has been sent to Langton Matravers following their request to create a pressure group made up from parishes across Purbeck.

16/142 Cllr Hunter spoke to the resident who then spoke to his building contractors. There is an improvement but some days are better than others.

The Police have been informed of the cyclists on the Arne Road.

Broadband – Penny Siddle of Superfast Dorset – Cllr Hunter has received a letter from her saying Ridge and Stoborough were covered as part of BT's commercial role out. More remote properties will be covered at the later role out. The more remote properties at the Arne Peninsular are not included within their plans. Cllr Hunter did respond to her letter saying that Ridge is not covered and pointed out that SFB for all properties in the parish was an aim of the Neighbourhood Plan.

6. County Councillor's Report

16/151 Cllr Lovell reported that the main issue at County is the Youth Consultation which has now finished but will be looking to cut the budget from £2.2mill to £1mill and will be consulting on the closure of all youth centres in Dorset. This consultation will run until the 16th December. Cllr Lovell gave the form regarding the Divisional Fund Payment to the Clerk and requested it is returned by the end of the year. Once we have the quotation from Roger Bond in respect of the finger post repairs, this will be completed and returned.

ACTION: CLERK

7. District Councillor's Report

16/152 Cllr Barnes was unable to attend and no report was available.

8. Parish Reports

16/153 Councillors' reports on meetings attended

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – 21st October Purbeck Community Emergency Planning Seminar – very useful and informative. 24th October – personal parish clean up as unable to attend the main one. 2nd Nov – Wareham in Need & Sickness meeting – very interesting and well organised. 2 Nov - Stoborough Village Hall AGM. 4th Nov – planning training at PDC; interpreting plans and different application types. 11th Nov – Hayricks inspection.

Cllr Scragg – no meetings attended.

Cllr Ward – 21st October Purbeck Community Emergency Planning Seminar – very interesting and met some useful contacts.

Cllr Bessant – no meetings attended but did join in with the Parish Clean Up day.

Cllr Pellegrini – was unable to attend the DAPTC but did send a report regarding the Standards Committee.

Cllr Hunter – DAPTC Chairman's training – very informative and interesting.

Cllr Macleod – DAPTC AGM – all submitted resolutions were voted as positive. Robert Gould's unitary proposals – the budget in total is to be one third less by 2017. 18th Nov - Purbeck Area Committee meeting. Cllr Pellegrini asked about the possibility of the unitary authority as set out in the Chief Exec's Report.

16/154 Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

16/155 Reports from Other Groups

Stoborough Village Hall – Cllr Wakefield-Sutton attended the AGM – the Chairman's report stated that it had been a very good year overall. The Chairman met with the contractors on site – work on the ceiling will commence in July 2016 and is to be completed by the end of August. Third party funding by Viridor has been achieved. Thanks were extended to the Young Farmers, especially Ralph Clark, for the hedge trimming.

Furzebrook Village Hall – Cllr Pellegrini reported that he is now our new representative and will report back in future.

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – They held their AGM on the 21st October and a report had been sent to the Clerk who read out the key points contained in the report.

It was suggested that the Residents' Association reports are included on the Parish Council web site. Cllr Scragg will look into this.

ACTION: CLLR SCRAGG

Ridge Residents' Association – Held a successful Cheese & Wine with a talk by Dorset & Somerset Air ambulance and £118 was raised by the residents.

Stoborough Primary School – Cllr Pellegrini reported that there had been no contact except for arranging a meeting for the next Steering Group.

16/156 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – The Clerk reported that it would cost £170 for the kit to repair the black top and a quotation of £1,466 had been received for the artificial surface. The Clerk will obtain a second quote and agenda this for December. Cllr Hunter reported that, at the Chairman’s training, the question of replacing worn out play equipment was raised. It was felt that the District Councils had better buying power and could get a better price. Cllr Lovell said he was not aware that PDC dealt with any play equipment. He suggested writing to Jacquie Hall at PDC but he will also speak to an officer at PDC.

ACTION: CLERK

Allotments – a resident had complained that the ditch had been realigned and a fence had been put up. Cllr Hunter and the Clerk had attended the site and, whilst a fence has been erected, the ditch has not been altered, merely cleared. A response had been sent to the resident in question.

A letter will be sent to all the allotment holders regarding forming a small committee of allotment holders so that they can deal with those allotments not being kept up to date. We would further be looking at renewing the allotment agreement. Cllr Lovell reported that Langton had set up an allotment association which worked out very well and often had social events. The Clerk will contact Mary Sparkes at Langton to ask for a copy of their agreement and charges.

ACTION: CLERK

SANG – nothing to report although the gate has still not been replaced. Nick Cake reported that he was surprised to see the number of small pieces of barbed wire about, especially in the woodland area towards the edge of the meadow.

16/157 Neighbourhood Plan update

Keith Childs has produced a list of possible policy changes which have been passed on to Robert Kenward. The settlement boundary meeting will take place on the 24th November. Following the inclusion in the newsletter, the parish assets list, Cllr Pellegrini is starting to receive correspondence relating to additional possibilities.

16/158 Web site and newsletter update

Web site now includes a photograph and some details about the Parish Clean Up day.

16/159 Parish Clean Up review

For the first attempt, it worked well. Thanks are extended to all those who participated on the day. 30-40 large sacks full of rubbish were collected. Cllr Hunter drew up a questionnaire for all councillors asking for their feedback on the day. This will be used when organising the next day, should we wish to do so. Cllr Pellegrini thought it went very well and it was an enjoyable day for those who attended.

Cllr Bessant asked if it would be possible for a letter to be sent to Imerys and Perenco asking their lorry drivers to not throw their rubbish out of the windows. The main place for rubbish was the layby alongside the RSPB land. The letter should include reference to all employees rather than just the lorries.

ACTION: CLERK

The Scott Estate has cleared part of the stream in New Road. Cllr Hunter has offered to help out regarding the siting of the flood barrier container. On the 5th November, when the road was closed for the firework display, the opportunity was taken to practice putting out the barrier. Cllr Ward asked if a letter could be sent to the NT regarding the run-off from Slepe Heath. The ditch cannot take the amount of run-off and the water is running across the road to the heathland on the opposite side.

ACTION: CLERK

16/161 To consider any action required from the above reports for inclusion in the next agenda

All items requiring action are automatically included in the agenda.

9. To consider any PLANNING APPLICATIONS received

Non- Delegated – **None**

16/162 Delegated:

**6/2015/0598: Worgret View, Puddletown Road
Erection & use of dwelling without the benefit of planning permission –
Certificate of Lawfulness - existing**

The Chair reported that the property had been occupied since at least 1994. No objections were raised.

**6/2015/0656: 28 Corfe Road, Stoborough
Minor material amendment to 6/2014/0109 – sever land & erect 3-bed,
2-storey dwelling – to erect retaining wall behind dwelling**

No objections.

**6/2015/0651: Baillie Cottage, Barnhill Road
Erect 2 storey side extn & single storey garage, internal alterations**

Although the proposal nearly doubles the size of the property, it sits within a large garden. No objections.

**6/2015/0661: 32 & 34 Corfe Road, Stoborough
Form new vehicular access & car parking with retaining wall & steps**

No objections.

**TWA/2015/0184: Lookout Holiday Park (rear of No 17)
T1 & T2 Ash trees - fell**

Councillors discussed the tree work applications and had no objections to either but would be bound by the decision of the Tree Officer.

10. Correspondence and items for action and resolution

16/163 To consider a 50mph speed limit on Furzebrook Road

Nick Cake was invited to speak. He has lived in this area for the last 45 years. The footpath finishes shortly after the bypass, after which there is no path and the houses entrances' along this area open up straight onto the road. The road is straight and prone to cars travelling fast. It makes it very dangerous for pushchairs, etc. to use the road as it is a struggle to get up onto the verge. The clay lorries are very large and, on the whole, they are careful drivers but the issue is with the car drivers. Two of the biggest companies within Purbeck are sited along this road. Cllr Lovell suggested the people all need to get behind the proposal and show a community commitment. Church Knowle Parish Council has asked Arne Parish Council to back the proposal for a reduction in the speed limit from 60 to 50mh. Imreys and Perenco would also be willing to support the reduction in the speed limit. A vote was taken asking if Councillors would support a reduction in the speed limit – 6 in favour, 0 against. The Clerk will contact Church Knowle. Peter Moore is the Highway officer for this area.

ACTION: CLERK

16/164 To consider the cutting of the Tow Path

Cllr Hunter reported that a quote had been received but he has spoken to John Scott of WDDT to see if the contractor who cuts Priory Meadow should also be cutting the stretch of Tow Path in question. John Scott of WDDT has contacted the contractor asking the question but has yet to receive a response. We will hold until we get the response.

16/165 To consider a response to the DCC “Working Together” paper

All members had received a copy of the paper prior to the start of the meeting. The Chair felt that it was disappointing in that only Town Clerks were invited to draft this report. Parish Councillors are elected members and are equal to Town Councillors. The efficiency and cost reduction will be achieved by devolving the responsibility of services as far down the level as the County can. There is no explanation of how this is going to be done. Parishes do not have the funds or the people to manage or supervise this. There is no guarantee that any funding that may follow the devolution in the first year will continue. The aspiration is sensible in the climate in which we live but there is no detail as to how this could be achieved. Parish Councillors should be elected to sit on the panel that is creating this document. The Clerk will liaise with the Chair to formulate a response.

ACTION: CLERK

16/166 To consider nominees for the PDC Volunteer of the Year Award

The Clerk, Chair and Vice Chair would like to propose that Cllr Ward is nominated. This was seconded by Cllr Bessant and agreed unanimously.

11. Correspondence received since the Agenda was set

16/167 Wareham Town Council had approached the Parish Council for assistance in helping them compose their own Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Pellegrini has not yet responded but noted that the Town Council has been kept informed by Bridget Kenward. She will be asked if she could speak to Town Council. Cllr Pellegrini will contact Bridget.

ACTION: CLLR PELLEGRINI

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

16/168 The following payments have been requested:

Vivienne Ward	Contain costs – torches, gloves, etc	200533	60.86
Anvil Ground Maint.	Stoborough Meadow – September	200534	438.90
Anvil Ground Maint	Stoborough Meadow – October	200535	411.90
Mrs A Crocker	November wages + expenses	200536	476.26
HMRC	PAYE November	200537	99.00

The total requested from the Precept is £1,486.92

It was proposed by Cllr Pellegrini that the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Hunter and agreed unanimously. The cheques were signed by two councillors in the presence of the meeting.

There will be a Finance meeting 3rd December 6.30pm to set the budget for 2016/17. Cllr Hunter will be unable to attend.

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

16/169 There were no additional items to be discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.20:

The next meeting will be on the 17th December 2015 at 7.00pm, Stoborough Village Hall