



**MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2017 AT STOBOROUGH
VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7PM**

- Present:** Cllrs S Cranshaw, R Scragg, V Ward, A Pellegrini, P Love, R Bessant
- Chair:** Cllr A Wakefield-Sutton
- Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker
- Also present:** 9 members of the public, County Cllr Beryl Ezzard, District Cllr M Barnes (from 8pm)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if any members of the public intended filming or recording the proceedings. No such intentions were declared.

1. Public Participation Period

18.116 Cllr Beryl Ezzard, in her capacity as a Trustee of the Purbeck Youth & Community Foundation, requested a donation from the Parish Council to assist with the funding of the Wareham Youth Centre. The Clerk will forward a Grant Request form and this will be discussed at the January meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

Peter Sibthorp expressed concern over the possible removal of the Engine Shed from its current location in Ridge, to a new site at Norden. It is a Grade II listed building and houses a bat colony.

Terry Wood reported that Dorset County Highways and the Environment Agency have both attended Arne Road and, at this stage, the ownership of the culvert cannot be determined. Highways have been told that, as the houses were developed, each property filled in its own ditch and each householder may be responsible for the upkeep of the culvert. A camera was put down the ditch and confirmed that it is blocked. Catherine Farrugia from the EA is looking into the ownership of the various ditches and culverts in the area and who is responsible for the upkeep of the culvert.

Gill Sibthorp reported that, a few years ago, there was talk of a project to convert the Engine Shed and surrounding area to a Heritage site with a footpath along the old railway line and information boards giving information about the industrial heritage of the site.

Steve Widmer reported that the lamp outside no 6, Stoborough Meadow was replaced with another bright white light. The Clerk will follow this up with the SSE and will send contact details to Steve so he can also write.

ACTION: CLERK

2. Declaration of Interests

18.117 No interests were declared and no requests for dispensation had been received.

3. To receive apologies for absence

18.118 Apologies had been received from Cllr Don Hunter.

4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2017

18.119 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Pellegrini proposed the minutes to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Cranshaw and agreed unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chair in the presence of the meeting.

5. Matters arising from the minutes – for report only

18.120 SSE – Clerk to follow up information request regarding the change of lighting at Stoborough Meadow.

ACTION: CLERK

Sign at the Hayricks – The sign needs to be moved and the telephone numbers amended. The Clerk will liaise with the Lengthsman.

ACTION: CLERK/LENGTHSMAN

Scott Estate – Letter to be sent regarding the drain.

ACTION: CLERK

Hedge outside 52 & 50 Corfe Road still needs attention. The Clerk will contact Highways and ask them to contact Aster with a view to getting the trees and hedges cut back.

ACTION: CLERK

Melancholy Lane – Cllr Ward has given the new sign to the Lengthsman for reinstating.

ACTION: CLLR WARD/LENGTHSMAN

Notice for boards – Cllr Pellegrini has arranged for the necessary notices to go on the boards.

ACTION: CLLR PELLEGRINI

6. County Councillor’s Report

18.121 A copy of Cllr Ezzard’s report had been issued to all members prior the meeting. Cllr Pellegrini asked if it was correct that PDC will not be engaging in the conversation regarding the Joint Committees. They are included in the discussions but are maintaining the stance that they do not wish to join in the Unitary Authority. This will be debated again in December.

A petition has been started regarding the Health Service provision. It looks as though there may be a change of mind in having the central hub on the site of the Middle School and have Wareham Hospital as the hub instead. Cllr Ezzard cautioned that the petition needs to be sent to the correct party.

7. District Councillor’s Report

18.122 Cllr Barnes reported that the Local Plan consultation will start in January/February 2018. The number of houses is likely to be reduced quite significantly but exact numbers have yet to be formalised. After the Arne Moors meeting, he spoke to Richard Drax and is trying to get hold of the various maps of the area for him. He should get these by Monday 20th November, after which a site meeting will take place.

8. Finance

18.123 To confirm the payment of accounts

The following payments had been requested:

DC Pension Fund	November contribution	BACS022	143.87
Mrs A Crocker	November wages + expenses	BACS023	621.60
Anvil Grounds	Stoborough Meadow – October	BACS024	602.36
HMRC	November PAYE	BACS025	99.00
N Clifford	Tow path cuts Aug-Nov 4 cuts	BACS026	240.00

Total amount due from the Precept £1,706.83

Cllr Scragg proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Love and agreed unanimously.

18.124 To consider the bank reconciliation and position against budget

A copy of the reports had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. No questions were raised and no comments made.

9. Parish Reports

18.125 Councillors' reports on meetings attended

Cllr Cranshaw – Nothing to report

Cllr Scragg – Ridge walkabout; 31/10 Arne Moors meeting; 13/11 NP review at PDC.

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – 31/10 Arne Moors meeting; 6/11 Wareham Charities; 13/11 NP review at PDC.

Cllr Ward – 31/10 Arne Moors meeting; Ridge walkabout.

Cllr Pellegrini – 31/10 Arne Moors meeting.

Cllr Love – 31/10 Arne Moors meeting.

18.126 Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

18.127 Reports from Outside Bodies

Stoborough Village Hall – Jill Scragg reported that the Village Hall has not actually received the Viridor funding yet but are at Stage 2 of the negotiations.

Furzebrook Village Hall – Nothing to report.

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – Nothing to report.

Ridge Residents' Association – Cheese and Wine held.

Stoborough Primary School – Nothing to report.

18.128 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – Weekly inspections being carried out. Tree cutting had taken place to the rear of Stoborough Farmhouse earlier in the month and the contractor will be back to repair the ruts in the grass and remove the wood chippings from the site.

Allotments – Nothing to report.

SANG – Cllr Pellegrini reported that he had submitted a report to Edward Pettit-Mills and DCC setting out some current and on-going issues. A response has been received from Mr Pettit-Mills saying that they have ordered a new dog bin (the third on this post) and it will be replaced. In addition, he reported that the bins on the site are emptied twice a month.

18.129 To receive a report on the Imerys Environmental Undertaking

Cllr Scragg reported that there was supposed to be a meeting in November, but this will now take place in early December. There is still no progress on the scoping study for the Toll Bar stream reparations.

18.130 To receive an update on the Arne Moors Project

The Parish Council set up a meeting on the 31st October at Furzebrook Village Hall. This was very well attended. Notes from the question and answer session were taken by Yvonne Hunter and Shelley Cranshaw and thanks are extended to them for undertaking this task. Following this, on the 2nd November, Catherine Farrugia of the Environment Agency visited several properties in Ridge, including Ridge Farm, together with members of the Moors Project Liaison Group. This was in order to study drainage issues and the water table throughout Ridge, the biggest concern being how Ridge is to drain in storm and high tidal conditions under the proposed plans. Since then, Catherine has made several further visits to individual properties, discussing issues with the owners and building up a comprehensive gulley and drainage chart. She has plans to drill a small number of bore-holes in Ridge to check the water table and ground composition.

Since the meeting on the 31st October, an action group has been set up by Peter Sibthorp in parallel to our APC Moors Project Liaison Group.

Cllr Love asked where the surface water from the new properties runs to. Cllr Scragg responded saying that it all ultimately drains into the harbour – this is why there is such concern that the flooding of the Moor will affect the natural flow of the rainwater run-off.

Cllr Ward reported that the engineers have been on site and there is now a large sign saying 'You are now entering RSPB land.'

Hugh Ricks reported that Richard Drax is now involved and is awaiting a report from Cllr Malcolm Barns. He has said that he is willing to assist and represent residents' concerns.

Cllr Bessant asked, if the ditches outside the properties are the responsibility of the property

owners, what happens when it is not outside someone's property? It is understood that, in such circumstances, the ditch would be the responsibility of either Highways, PDC or the Environment Agency and this is what Catherine Farrugia is trying to determine.

18.131 Neighbourhood Plan update

Cllr Pellegrini reported that the draft Plan has been updated by Cllr Scragg. The listed buildings in the parish have been checked and Ben Buxton has agreed to write a piece on the history of the parish. After discussion, PDC will be carrying out the Habitats Assessment and the Strategic Risk Assessment. The Steering Group will next meet on Thursday 7th December at 6pm in Stoborough School and the Review Group will then visit Steve Boyt on Tuesday 12th December.

18.132 Flood Resilience Update

Cllr Ward had produced a long list of gullies and drains to be cleared out, most of which have been done. Stoborough Meadow is still to be cleared.

An application for a grant from SSE was submitted in August for £5,800 and a grant has been awarded for £5,642 to go towards a dirty water pump and an emergency generator.

The Resilience Committee will now need to meet and the Village Hall will be asked if they can house the generator and if they would be willing to act as an emergency response centre.

Cllr Scragg suggested the proposed new store could be made a little larger. Jill Scragg asked if she could have the dimensions of the generator.

Cllr Barnes offered to store the generator if a permanent home could not be found.

18.133 Newsletter Update

Cllr Scragg – nothing to report.

10. To consider Planning Applications

18.134 **6/2017/587 43 Corfe Road – erect new garden fences & increase height of chimney pot**

6/2017/588 43 Corfe Road – LBC to erect new garden fences & increase height of chimney pot

No objections.

6/2017/0600 Wren Cottage – addition of a second storey for 2 bedrooms over the existing kitchen & garage. Internal alterations, replace existing conservatory

No objections.

TWA/2017/194 Ridge Cottage, Corfe Rd, Stoborough T1 Cypress - fell

11. Correspondence and items for action and resolution

18.135 To consider nominations for the Purbeck Volunteer of the Year Awards

Members are asked to submit any nominations to the Clerk.

18.136 To consider a letter of support for the removal of the Engine Shed at Ridge

A copy of the email regarding this had been issued to all members prior to the meeting. Cllr Pellegrini suggested there are three possibilities:-

1. Support the move to the Mining Museum. If this happens, there does exist the possibility of building on the site. However, this area has never been identified as an area for building and the Neighbourhood Plan would not support building here.
2. Open up the old tramway to Ridge Wharf and refurbish the Engine Shed in situ. This would lead to the question of who would pay for the work. In addition, if a visitor centre is constructed, it may result in more visitor numbers visiting the site and this would create additional problems.
3. Leave things as they are.

Cllr Scragg – this has been in the background for many years and no-one has come forward to drive it. Without someone to pick it up, options 1 or 3 are the most likely.

Mr Sibthorp informed members that he has spoken to his neighbour, Richard Brown, and both would be willing to put some money forward to repair the roof. He felt that there are a number of people who would also be willing to contribute towards the repairs.

Cllr Ward suggested a meeting with the Scott Estate in order to determine their position and see if they would be willing to consider option 2.

Cllr Love asked who would be responsible for the ownership of the Engine Shed. Would it be possible to ask any of the surrounding bodies i.e. RSPB, Natural England to contribute towards the repairs and upkeep.

Cllr Cranshaw reported that she understood the Scott Estate have been in discussion with the Mining Museum to purchase or rent the building. She agreed that the Parish Council should ask the Scott Estate for more information.

Cllr Pellegrini – we are not in a position to make a decision but would agree to participate in negotiations.

Cllr Love suggested a spearhead group of residents. Mrs Sibthorp offered to head this group and Cllr Cranshaw will represent the Parish Council and make contact with the Scott Estate.

19.35 Cllr Ezzard left the meeting

18.137 To consider any defects for passing to the Lengthsman

- Trash screen in New Road – needs to be checked weekly.
- Sunnyside notice board – the lock needs to be replaced and the whole board is in need of repair.

- Village Hall notice board also needs a new lock.
- Barnhill notice board also needs general tidying up and maintenance.
- Salt bin at Sunnyside has not been replaced.

12. Correspondence received since the Agenda was set

18.138 No additional correspondence had been received.

13. Additional items considered urgent by the Chairman

18.139 No further items to add.

Agenda for January – consideration of the purchase of a SID.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.10 pm.

The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 18th January 2018** at Stoborough Village Hall, commencing 7pm.