



# Parish of Arne

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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
- Chair:** Cllr C Macleod
- Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker
- Also Present:** 7 members of the public, County Cllr M Lovell, District Cllr B Kenward, PC Claire Jephcott & PCSO Ollie Wales

### **1. Declaration of Interests**

- 15/81 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.

### **2. To receive apologies for absence**

- 15/82 No apologies were received as all members were present.

### **3. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

- 15/83 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all councillors prior to the start of the meeting. The following amendments were requested:

15/63 – last para page 2 should read “Cllr Hunter would speak to Mr Hale”.

15/64/1 – should read “The bays at the garages were supposed to be free parking for Synergy customers only. The bays in front of 1-6 are free for anyone living on the estate.....”

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

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

- 15/84 Furzebrook Road pothole– Cllr Ward continues to monitor the situation.

Notice board - all the necessary repairs/replacements have now been undertaken.

Bike ramps - on going

Councillor's details are now on the web site and notice boards.

Cllrs Hunter and Pellegrini met with Mr James to discuss his concerns. The meeting was held in a constructive and courteous atmosphere and both parties had the opportunity to fully air their positions and an agreement was reached. Cllr Hunter proposed the following is placed on record:

1. The Parish Council acknowledges that minute 14/212, whilst an accurate verbatim record, did not acknowledge the fact that other residents of Ridge shared the view that the tree should be replaced.
2. Amend minute 15/19 to read "Regarding the matter of the willow tree, the Ridge Residents' Association Committee agreed that it was outside the remit of their Committee to comment on this issue and was a matter that individuals could take up with Council and the RRA members in general."

The Chairman reported that the minutes from April 2014 (14/212) could not be changed as they were in a previous year's audited file. Cllr Pellegrini was happy to amend the minute referring to his comment in the May meeting (15/19). Members agreed that noting the action here in respect of point 1 would act as the necessary updated record. A post meeting note would be added to the minutes of the May meeting and a letter will be sent to Mr James advising him of the record now made within the minutes.

PC Jephcott was asked to comment on the matter raised with regard to parking in Stoborough Green. She reassured members of the meeting that the Police will not be issuing parking tickets to all and sundry. The Police have attended the site on a number of occasions and issued a letter advising residents of parking etiquette and there have been no further reports. The letter was intended for information and education and not to worry everyone unduly. They will continue to keep patrolling the area and check on the parking in the area. If tickets need to be issued, then they will be issued but this is not number one on the Police agenda. However, if someone does make a complaint then they are obliged to look into it. Mr Love said that by sending the letter, it has had the effect of moving the parking further along the road. On the 13<sup>th</sup> November, 10am there is a walkabout within Stoborough Green with Synergy to discuss various issues – the Police are invited to attend.

Some of the trees along the by-pass have been trimmed back but the area around Old Furzebrook Road has still not been done. The Clerk will put it back on D4U.

Flood barriers - Cllr Ward will meet with the residents in the near future.

Slepe Farm – Cllr Kenward has not yet followed this up as the Parish Council did not consider this to be a problem so she has not prioritised this.

Solar Farm, Worgret Road – Cllr Hunter ascertained that the output from the site is about 0.1Mgw per annum. As this is quite a small site, the Clerk suggested waiting until we had a specific project in mind before asking for a donation.

It was noted that Synergy do have some funding available and, once a project is realised, an application will be submitted to them.

Cllr Kenward reported that the DWT consultation was reported at the last meeting and many objected to the amalgamation of dog bins and waste bins. This section of the proposal may well be defeated.

Visibility splays at Ridge crossroads – Nutcrack Lane is also overgrown. A new policy is currently being discussed at County whereby slow-growing, floriferous vegetation is being considered for verges. This may be brought up on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October in line with the Partial Review of the Local Plan.

## **5. Public Participation Period**

15/85/1 Police Report - PC Jephcott reported that cycling is a problem across the Purbecks and it is known that the cyclists do not give way to cars but expect the cars to give way to them. Cllr Kenward reported that a meeting had taken place at Church Knowle and a committee had been formed. A set of guidelines was drawn up with the intention of sending them to Central Government for consideration. Mrs Parker, Chair of Church Knowle is working with Corfe Castle Parish Council to create a code of conduct/charter they would like to see. When the DAPTC meet, they could perhaps come up with a Parish Council code of conduct. Claire has spoken to Lymington Police as the New Forest has similar problems. There is something being done about it but this will take about 2 years to come into effect.

PCSO Wales gave a brief report on crimes in the area over the last 2 months; there have been 4 crimes in total - vehicle crime has dropped – 2 thefts (minor) involving boats and 2 criminal damage (minor) both to motor vehicles. The advice is to keep wing mirrors folded in. In terms of comparison to last year, the crimes are very minor. Boat crime across the County as a whole is down.

It was noted that Purbeck Police now have a Facebook page and it can be used to view results of recent incidents, view on-going campaigns such as the “No Excuse” campaign, check weather conditions, and much more.

Community Speed Watch – now going well in other areas. If we wish to reconsider it, contact Claire.

15/85/2 17 Gover Close – The occupier informed the meeting the back of his garden belongs to the council and 2 years ago the council had promised to come and cut it. They are duty bound to keep it under control but, despite the visit, they have not been out since and have now said that they will only carry out the work if they receive a complaint from someone in Barndale Drive.

15/85/3 Sunnyside – The question of who should cut the shrubs alongside the road was raised. The area is owned by the Scott Estate but it would be the responsibility of Highways to do something about it. The willow branches are getting quite long. This should be reported via the PEM system.

15/85/4 Gypsy & Traveller Consultation – The consultation period ends on the 24<sup>th</sup> October. It was reported that there are no sites put forward in the Purbecks.

## **6. County Councillor’s Report**

15/86 Cllr Lovell was not available to attend the meeting.

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

15/87 Cllr Kenward reported that the proposed change of governance would not now go ahead but would be reviewed after the election in May 2015.

Council have voted to pay for a recording system following the new Openness & Transparency in Council Meetings Protocol. This is going to cost £18,000 as the opportunity to upgrade the speaker system at the same time is being taken. Unfortunately, it was decided by the legal team that they could provide mobile systems for use by parish councils as there would be issues regarding insurance, maintenance, etc. It was noted that Swanage Town Council have purchased a recording system for £90. Any recording of a meeting will not be deemed the official record for legal purposes, the minutes are.

There is a potential overspend on the DWT but this is being reviewed. The overspend is predominantly due to the fact that the more economical, larger lorries are unable to negotiate the narrow rural lanes so it is still necessary to use the smaller vehicles. This had not been foreseen when setting up the scheme and the situation with regard to the recycling areas is still under review.

Cllr Pellegrini reported that the Advertiser was reporting that people were being asked to re-register to go on the housing list. Cllr Kenward responded saying that there is nothing sinister about this. It has been some time since the list was reviewed and the District Council are trying to determine more detailed information from those wishing to live in the Purbecks.

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

15/88 Results of planning applications submitted to County / District Council

**Non-Delegated – 6/2014/0311 Stoborough Croft, Grange Road**

**Erect external timber staircase inc. balcony;  
remove existing staircase & form new porch**

**Agreed**      *No objections*  
Approved

**6/12/0571-0609 Wytch Farm, Wareham & Kimmeridge Oilfields**

**To enable extension of operational life of oilfield development through the variation of a condition attached to an existing permission.**

**Agreed**      *The Parish Council is pleased to see efforts are being made to maintain the bridleways and footpath access. We would prefer to see a minimum quantity of duckboards as these are not in keeping. We would imagine that Perenco will be giving money to support local infrastructure, as has been the case with other developers, and we would expect to be consulted as to what these monies might be put towards.*

**Navitus Bay** – Cllr Lovell reported that there will be a report coming out from County regarding the pros and cons of the consultation and this will be sent to all the parish councils in due course.

**6/2014/0346 Worgret Farm, Wareham (wellsite C)  
Drilling of 2 additional conventional wells**

**Agreed** *No objection*  
Approved

**6/2014/0398 Worgret Manor  
Create new openings to facilitate doorway and  
2 new windows to form new kitchen**

**Agreed** *No objection but, as this is a listed building, we will abide by the decision of  
the Listed Buildings Officer*  
Approved

**6/2014/0405 Grand View, Worgret  
Demolition of existing store/garage and erection  
of replacement building**

**Agreed** *No objection. The proposal enhances the existing building*  
Approved

**6/2014/0429 Little Farm, Worgret Road  
Removal on condition 8 – convert 2 agricultural barns into 2  
holiday letting units (to remove restriction of holiday use only)**

**Agreed** No objections  
Not determined

**6/2014/0430 Worgret View, Puddletown Road  
Proposed variation of condition 3 – retain residential caravan (renewal)  
(to remove temporary time limit)**

**Agreed** No objections  
Not determined

**TWA/2014/0152 29 Corfe Rd, Stoborough  
Eucalyptus – fell; Spruce – fell; replace both trees with hawthorn**

**Agreed** No objections  
Not determined

**TWA/2014/0147 27 Corfe Rd, Stoborough  
Eucalyptus – fell**

**Agreed** No objections  
*Granted*

**TWA/2014/0159 33 Arne Rd  
Reduce entire crowns of oaks overhanging Brenhindy & Meerings Barn  
by 2m**

**Agreed** No objections  
Not determined

**TWS/2014/0163 Even Keel, Arne Rd  
Fell cherry tree**

Agreed No objections  
Not determined

Received after the agenda was issued:

**6/2014/0468 Stoborough Primary School  
Proposed stand-alone swimming pool changing rooms**

Agreed No objection in principle but concern was expressed regarding the surface water run-off. The proposal is for this to be disposed of via the existing water course but we would like to see some thought given to recycling the water rather than adding to potential flooding hazards in this area.

With effect from the November meeting, past planning applications will be reported separately in order to reduce the length of the minutes and provide a more detailed report.

15/89 Representatives' Reports on meetings attended since the last meeting

Stoborough Village Hall – AGM held at the beginning of October. 8 trustees now sit on the committee. The noticeboard is up and the fire exit is now clear. The Post Office will be opening in the Village Hall on Tuesdays between 12 and 2pm. They will be using the foyer and will be getting a broadband connection for their use only. Still obtaining quotes for repairs to the hall.

Furzebrook Village Hall – still going well.

Stoborough Meadow – AGM going on this evening.

Ridge Residents - 25<sup>th</sup> September; tour of Purbeck Mineral & Mining Museum. 35 residents attended and it was a lovely day. 15<sup>th</sup> November; cheese and wine at the Redcliffe Yacht Club with a speaker from the RSPB.

Cllr Pellegrini – liaison with Stoborough Primary specifically with regard to the Neighbourhood Plan. Debbie Corbin, the head teacher, is seeking a new community governor. If anyone would be willing to take on the role, please contact her direct.

Cllr Scragg – repairs to Redcliffe path are now underway by the Environment Agency. They are making a wonderful job and the hogging from the yacht club car park is being removed. New “No Cycling” signs will be put up along the towpath. Cllr Scragg has spoken to Steve Syrett regarding the crossroads fingerpost and it is now moving along although he has to make up the metal letters and this will slow things. Perenco – the recommissioning at Arne did not go to plan and they have to make some repairs. As a result, there will be more lorries using the road towards the end of November/middle of December.

Cllr Ward – met with Highways on Tuesday to discuss signage for when the causeway floods. Stephen Mephram has requested another meeting. He is being very supportive and the only issue at the moment is where we are going to store the road signs. The road can only be closed when the water level gets to the two gates on the causeway. Once the water reaches here, we have 15 minutes to get the barriers out. It may be possible to use the non-

retained fireman to help move the barriers as they were quite heavy. Cllr Kenward suggested asking if the barriers can be stored at the fire station if they would be putting the barriers out. If the fire station did not have the space, Biotrak next door may have the space. Cllr Ward will continue to look into this. Clearing of the ditch at Stoborough Green should have been started in October – so, it is hoped, work should begin any time now.

Cllrs Wakefield-Sutton – attended the PDC planning training on the 8<sup>th</sup> October covering material considerations of local planning, covering government policies, site histories, etc. She reported that the session was very useful and informative.

Cllr Bessant – nothing to report.

Cllr Hunter – attended a bi-monthly meeting of the WDDT. Last week attended a one day seminar on planning at Kingston Maurward – very useful.

Cllr Macleod – PTAG – The No 40 bus has currently been retained for the evening service but, to be financially viable, it must be used i.e. at least 20 passengers each way. The representative from First Bus attended PTAG meeting and explained that the development at Westgate, Wareham would have attracted s106 monies for travel/transport issues. He suggested that funding from CIL agreements could be used to for such initiatives as increasing the X53 service and Parish Councils might like to ask PDC for help in arranging negotiations and ask them how the money is to be spent. Home hopper is still going and has been taken over by Nordcat – can only take the over 60s.

15/90 To consider if actions are required

No actions required.

15/91 Web site update

Cllr Scragg reported that he had put some news items on the site. Cllr Macleod reported that discussion had taken place regarding how congestion of the notice boards could be allayed. This could be achieved in part by putting a note on the notice boards saying that the minutes, together with the Clerk's report could be found on the web site. Cllr Macleod will also send a copy of her signature to the Clerk so the minutes on the web site are shown as signed. Hard copies of the agenda, minutes and Clerk's Report will be available in hard copy on request.

Mr Love asked what the policy was for putting something on the notice board. We do not have a policy. Cllr Pellegrini suggested that all Arne Parish Council's notices take precedence and if there is no room, other notices will be removed at the councillors' discretion. There should be no businesses using the boards to advertise.

15/92 Training in October/November

The Clerk reported that the next PDC training session would be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November and would cover interpreting plans and different application types. DAPTC are running an Essential Finance course on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November – primarily aimed at Clerks, but councillors are also welcome – and Councillors Updates on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November. Details of all the training courses will be issued nearer the time and members are encouraged to attend if they can.

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

15/92 *Non- Delegated*

*Delegated*

**6/2014/0501 14 Old Furzebrook Road  
Alteration & additions to form 2 storey dwelling**

**Agreed**

*Members had no objection to the application but it was agreed that the response from the immediate neighbours would be checked. This had been done and the only response on record was one supporting the application.*

**TWA/2014/0170 16b Barndale Drive, Ridge  
Oaks – reduce, crown lift; Pine – crown lift**

**Agreed**

*No objection*

**6/2014/0512 Little Farm, Worgret Road  
Conversion of redundant barns**

**Agreed**

*No objection*

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

15/93 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.

15/94 Dispensations

No requests had been received.

15/95 DAPTC resolutions

A copy of the proposals had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Chideok – it is understood that all participants are permitted to speak for 3 minutes only whether they are the applicant or someone who objects to the application. It was felt that, as we do not understand what is being asked for, we will abstain from this resolution. Bridport Town Council – it was pointed out that, should this resolution go through, it would result in the loss of those areas that do not have a parish council but only a Parish Meeting. There are at least two such meetings within the Purbecks and we would not want to lose them. Cllr Pellegrini proposed we do not support this resolution. This was seconded by Cllr Scragg and agreed unanimously. Cllr Macleod will vote accordingly at the DAPTC AGM on the 8<sup>th</sup> November.

**ACTION: CLLR MACLEOD**



15/96 To Consider the Policy & Protocol on the use of Social Media & recording at Council meetings

A copy of the proposal had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Hunter proposed that they were accepted and that the Standing Orders were amended accordingly. This was seconded by Cllr Wakefield-Sutton and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will revise the Standing Orders and reissue them. At the start of each meeting the Chair will ask if any member of the public wishes to record the proceedings. If so, could they make everyone present aware of this and respect the wishes of those present who do not wish to be recorded, filmed or photograph (this excludes councillors).

**ACTION: CLERK**

15/97 To agree a response to the DWP Consultation on street cleaning and litter

The Clerk will complete the form and return it based on the discussion held at the September meeting.

**ACTION: CLERK**

Cllr Pellegrini asked who was responsible for clearing the gutters. Dorset County Highways.

15/98 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Pellegrini reported that the survey has been completed. 337 surveys were received – a very good response and in line with previous parish surveys. Our returns target was exceeded. Congratulations to everyone who assisted with getting the surveys out and back. There will be a steering group meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> October at the school as Cllrs Scragg and Pellegrini will be attending a meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October to discuss the Partial Review. The last NP meeting was advertised in the Advertiser but Cllr Pellegrini felt this would not be necessary in this instance as we now have a mailing list and could do another drop. It was agreed that we need not place an advertisement in the paper but will try to get something in the neighbourhood events section. Regarding another delivery by councillors – there are quite a lot of councillors away on the run up to the Information Evening and this would make the delivery difficult. With notices being put up on the boards, e-mail lists, word of mouth and an item in the Advertiser, we should be able to reach most interested parties. Thanks are extended, in advance, to the WI and to Debbie Corbin. The WI has kindly agreed to provide refreshments at Stoborough Primary School on the evening and thanks to Debbie for letting us use the school. Cllr Pellegrini will print off the fliers and put more laminated notices around the area.

**ACTION: CLLR PELLEGRINI**

15/99 Hayricks inspections

Cllr Macleod felt that confusion arises when the month commences in the middle of the week and, as a result, several of the inspections had not been carried out. For the avoidance of doubt:

Cllr Pellegrini will cover the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> October  
The Clerk will cover the week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> October  
Cllr MaCleod – week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
Cllr Wakefield- Sutton – week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> November  
Cllr Ward – week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> November  
Cllr Pellegrini – week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> November

15/100 Allotments

The Clerk read out a letter that had been received from the holder of allotment number 4BL regarding the draining of the lagoon at the end of allotment number 4BR. The Clerk informed members that this lagoon had been discovered during a routine inspection of the site in February. When advice was sought from both the Allotment Association and our insurers, we were told to drain the pond and fill it as it was approximately 3’ deep and was deemed a hazard. No authority had ever been asked or given to dig the lagoon and, when other allotment holders were asked about it, no-one knew it was there. In addition, the owners of the property on the other side of the boundary had claimed that the lagoon was stagnant and encouraged mosquitos into their property and they were pleased to see it drained. The Clerk had agreed with the new holder of allotment 4BR that the remaining 3” of water in the bottom of the lagoon could be left as it would provide some interest for frogs. A letter covering these points will be returned to the holder of allotment 4BL.

**ACTION: CLERK**

15/101 Hayricks

There seems to be a slight issue regarding getting some of the tree work done. The contractor has agreed to carry out the work on a number of occasions but, each time, nothing is done. It was agreed that the contractor is given 7 days to do the work and then another contractor will be brought in and the original contract adjusted accordingly.

**ACTION: CLERK**

Dorset Works – The Clerk reported that an invoice had been received from Dorset Works for grass cutting at Stoborough Meadow. It was also reported that, although they had been seen doing some cutting, no contract had been signed with them, they had just carried on doing the cutting under the assumption that someone would telephone them if they did not want the work to continue. A considerable number of complaints had been received at the start of the year regarding the state of the verges and this, combined with the fact that no contract had ever been signed, means we would not be willing to pay the £821.33 they are now requesting. The Clerk will go back to Dorset Works with this response.

**ACTION: CLERK**

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton reported that the double gates in to the play area are difficult to open.

15/102 To consider a response to the “Welcome to Purbeck” signs

Cllrs Hunter, Scragg, Wakefield-Sutton and Macleod had met with the two gentlemen who wish to erect the sign. It should be noted that they wish to erect 2 signs within the parish – one on the by-pass and the other on the Purbecks side of the Wareham bridge. The one we are most concerned about is the one near the bridge. The size and position of the sign were discussed. It will not be on a pole in the middle of the pavement and will be similar in size to the sign on the other side of the road saying “Welcome to Wareham”. The sign will be erected in Priory Meadow. They have spoken to landowners, WDDT and PDC and all are happy. We have no problems with it being off the pavement and a small size. There will also be another sign on the by-pass by the river bridge on the right hand side as you drive from Purbeck School as there is a verge here large enough to take the sign. Highways are happy that it will not cause any traffic issues. Both signs will say “Welcome to Isle of Purbeck” and have the crest above the wording. There will be no other wording on it. They will pay for the signs and Highways will then take responsibility for them. The Clerk will go back with our agreement.

**ACTION: CLERK**

15/103 To consider correspondence received since the Agenda was set for discussion and possibly placing on the agenda for the next meeting

This had already been discussed.

**11. To consider payments of accounts**

15/104 The following payments had been requested:

N Clifford	3 cuts to tow path to 10 <sup>th</sup> September	200460	180.00
Anvil Grd Mnt	Stoborough Meadow – August	200461	217.50
Scott Estate	Allotment rent 25/9/14-24/3/15	200462	72.00
Tradewind	Printing re NP survey	200463	305.00
Anvil Grd Mnt	Stoborough Meadow – September	200464	216.30
S Syrett	Repair/replace play equip panels	200465	240.00
DAPTC	Clerks’ Seminar – 1/3 <sup>rd</sup>	200466	17.00
Mrs A Crocker	October wages + expenses	200467	529.84
HMRC	October PAYE & NIC	200468	96.80
S Syrett	Notice board/benches	200469	950.00

The total requested is £2,824.44

Cllr Bessant proposed the payments are made and this was seconded by Cllr Wakefield-Sutton and agreed unanimously. The cheques were signed in the presence of the meeting.

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

15/105 Cllr Macleod reported that she had received a call from a resident regarding the removal of the railings and hedging at no 29 Corfe road. She has since visited the site and the matter has been resolved.

A puddle has appeared at the corner by the pump – Cllr Ward has reported this.

A 30 minute parking restriction had been requested in front of the cemetery gate Connegar Lane. There is an on-going parking problem in this area and various options have been considered, including yellow lines. The information will be forwarded via the Clerk to Debbie Weller.

**ACTION: CLERK**

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton reported that she had received a complaint about vehicles parking on the opposite side of the road from the allotments. They are preventing people with pushchairs passing. It was noted that this is a Police matter and an e-mail will be sent to PC Jephcott.

**ACTION: CLERK**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:38pm

Planning Committee meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014 if there are plans to discuss

The next meeting will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.00pm, Stoborough Village Hall