



# Parish of Arne

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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

**Chair:** Cllr D Hunter

**Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker

**Also present:** County Cllr M Lovell, 6 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**

16/110 Ashley Pellegrini spoke on behalf of a member of the public and asked what was happening about the crab pot memorial on the causeway. The Clerk reported that Highways do not have a policy regarding this other than to ensure such memorials do not obstruct the public highway but, generally, they tend not to remove them. Phil Love had spoken to the friends of the lad that died and suggested that they might think about a plaque. Secondly, was the Parish Council aware that dogs are allowed to “run rampant” in the Hayricks? No evidence of this has been seen and perhaps more information could be acquired. Thirdly, did the Parish Council know if the ice cream vendor who parks at the end of the bridge has a licence to trade there? The Clerk pointed out that it is not the responsibility of the Parish Council to check vendors’ licenses. Should there be any query; the matter would need to be taken up with the Town Hall.

16/111 Colin Johnson asked if the Parish Council has any control over the state of the footpath by Stoborough Green. The Clerk reported that a meeting was held with Highways in March and the state of the path was highlighted. It was suggested that members of the public go onto the DorsetforYou web site and report the state of the path. The more people that report it, the higher up the list of priorities it becomes.

## **2. Declaration of Interests**

16/112 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. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton declared a non-pecuniary interest in one of the planning applications and no dispensation requests had been received.

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

16/113 Apologies had been received from District Cllr Malcolm Barnes and Cllr C Macleod.

### **4. To confirm Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

16/114 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

The following was noted:

16/90 – should read “...if they were aware of..”

16/102 – should read “Cllr Pellegrini proposed the Parish Council should not allow....”

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.

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

16/115 Flood barrier – The container has now been installed and the flood barriers are in it. The local residents have been issued with a procedure should Cllr Ward not be available.

16/116 Overgrown hedges – Katie Black, DC Highways, is in charge of all the cutting of roadside verges and hedges. This would also include overhanging trees. The Clerk will follow this up.

**ACTION: CLERK**

16/117 The parked car has been removed.

16/118 SANG – the notice has been lifted but Cllr Bessant reported that there are still piles of bark in the wooded area waiting to be spread. In addition, the gate alongside the road has gone and the picnic bench has been removed. Now that the notice has been lifted, a letter of thanks is to be sent to David Fairbairn.

**ACTION: CLERK**

16/119 Himalayan balsam – The contacts at the Environment Agency are Malcolm Miller or Nick Read. The Clerk will contact them to try and determine the correct approach to the plant.

**ACTION: CLERK**

16/120 Signpost at Ridge – The Clerk will follow up with Steve Syrett. The Sunnyside sign has been repaired. Cllr Pellegrini asked Cllr Lovell if some of the £5,000 could be used to mend the Ridge fingerpost. Cllr Lovell replied that it could. The repairs work has to be carried out through the AONB. He will let us have a form and we would need to get the work done and then apply for the money – up to £500.

**ACTION: CLERK**

16/121 Weymouth Challenge – A response has been sent in.

16/122 Asset Register – To be followed up by Cllr Hunter and the Clerk.

**ACTION: CLLR HUNTER/CLERK**

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

16/124 Cllr Lovell reported on the division boundary review. Arne will be included with Wareham. South Purbeck will now run from Swanage to Charlton Herring and Winfrith and will include Wool. The revised boundaries have not gone through Central Government yet but it is unlikely that any changes will be made at this stage.

Jenny Penny is now in charge of roads, having taken over from Danny Allen. Cllr Lovell will forward Jenny's contact details to the Clerk.

Cllr Pellegrini reminded Cllr Lovell about the money from Perenco. David Jones has now taken over the running of the committee so Cllr Lovell is not aware of any developments. Mr Jones' details can be found on the web site.

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

Cllr Barnes was unable to attend the meeting and no report was available.

## **8. Parish Reports**

### 16/125 Councillors' reports on meetings attended

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – checked the Hayricks. Attended the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and 2 working party meetings.

Cllr Scragg – Perenco Liaison meeting. Mike Richardson has been superseded by Laurent Guillon. This is now a period of consolidation for Perenco and they are carrying out various reviews and replacements. NP Steering Group.

Cllr Ward – Hayricks visit. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Chasing up the clearance of the stream at New Road and sorting out the placement of the container and getting the barrier in place.

Cllr Bessant – Perenco Liaison meeting. NP Steering Group meeting and Clean Up sub-committee.

Cllr Pellegrini – Standards Committee – there have been 3 Standards Meetings. It was felt that Parish Councillors should be made aware of the outcome of the meetings in order to avoid making similar errors themselves. The Monitoring Officer submitted a paper to remove the lay members from the Committee but this was opposed by the Members. Code of Conduct training will be given in due course.

Cllr Hunter – Planning Working Group meeting. NP Steering Group and Parish Clean Up Day meeting.

### 16/126 Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

### 16/127 Reports from Other Groups

Stoborough Village Hall - Mrs Scragg reported that it had confirmed in the last couple of days that the external roof work will start within the next couple of weeks. Building regs. approval is being sort for the internal work which should commence in the spring of 2016, together with the car park resurfacing.

Furzebrook Village Hall – no meetings have been held. The Clerk will notify the committee that Cllr Pellegrini is our new representative. Nick Cake reported that the lighting has been improved in the main hall and hand rails have been fitted outside.

<b>ACTION: CLERK</b>
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Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – no meetings have been held.

Ridge Residents' Association – no meeting but Cllr Scragg is expecting a report for the newsletter.

Stoborough Primary School – Cllr Pellegrini met with Debbie Corbin. The school has received a Silver Sports Award through Sainsburys. They will be going after the gold next year. The school has been designated a Fair Trade School and will be going for the Green Flag Eco Award. They are working with the Purbeck School on mindfulness. An article will be put into the next newsletter.

16/128 Reports relating to the Hayricks and Allotments

Hayricks – The Clerk met with a representative of Wicksteed with regard to installing an artificial surface in front of the basketball ring. The quote is awaited. In addition, a section of flooring in the children's play area is damaged and needs repair. A kit is available from Wicksteed and they are going to send the costings for this.

Allotments – This is covered later on the agenda.

16/129 Neighbourhood Plan update

The Steering Group met on the 14<sup>th</sup> October. All the policies have been written for the first draft and put into a coherent form by Robert Kenward. This was then sent to Keith Childs, PDC, and he attended last night's meeting and offered some very constructive advice. The next step is to go through Keith's notes and rewrite the policies as necessary. There will be a working party consisting of 2 Cllrs and Keith to consider the settlement boundaries. Thanks are extended to Debbie Corbin for giving us the use of the school room for holding the meeting and to Keith Childs for his help and assistance to date.

16/130 Web site and newsletter update

Details of the Parish Clean Up day have been put on the web site. The newsletter is still in hand with one or two more items needed. Cllr Scragg said he would like to receive a Chairman's report or introduction.

16/131 Parish Clean Up update

This will take place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October between 10am and 12 noon. Together with Cllrs Wakefield-Sutton and Bessant, Cllr Hunter has considered the map of the parish, together with the information gathered by driving and walking around, to determine where the greatest demand for action is required. They have put together a plan whereby 6 areas would be covered. A Health & Safety advice sheet for volunteers has been drawn up and, should anyone have any queries regarding this, they should contact Cllr Hunter. Jill Jackson at PDC has been very helpful and supportive.

16/132 To consider any action required from the above reports for inclusion in the next agenda

No actions necessary.

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

Non- Delegated – **None**

**6/2015/0564: Worgret Manor, Worgret Road**

**Create new vehicular access on Worgret Road, demolish section of wall & erect replacement with pillars**

The proposed site of the new driveway is of concern as access is on to a busy road with fast travelling traffic (A352). This could be a potentially dangerous location for access to Worgret Manor. The height of the proposed brick wall may impede site lines. Whilst the Parish Council supports local business, we must object to the current plan.

**6/2015/0566: Doreys Ball Clay Quarry, Holme Lane**

**Variation of Cond 1 6/2010/0803 extend the duration of the extraction & restoration period until 30.09.18 (from 30.09.15)**

No objections, however, any traffic management plan required under the original application must still be observed. Concern was expressed that concurrent development of the adjacent site may lead to increased traffic on local roads.

**6/2015/0542: 2 Bank Gate Cottages, Arne Road**

**Erect single storey rear extension**

No objections.

**6/2015/0556: Owls Nest, Red Lane, Ridge**

**Erect extensions and garage**

No objections.

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton left the meeting.

**6/2015/0515: 10 Old Furzebrook Road**

**Alterations & additions to form additional bedroom space, conservatory & larger bathroom with replacement side lobby**

Hard copies of the plan had not been available when the Planning Working Party met but plans were now available. The plans are not particularly clear and it is difficult to make out the exact “before and after” without a visual inspection. Councillors will look at the site in the day light and report back to the Clerk individually.

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton returned to the meeting.

**TWA/2015/0166: Pippins, Barnhill Road, Ridge**

**Works to oak trees**

**TWA/2015/0165: Birches, Barnhill Road, Ridge**

**T1 – pine – fell**

Councillors discussed both 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**

16/134 DAPTC Resolutions – to consider the resolutions put forward by Blandford Town Council, Chideok Parish Council, Colehill Parish Council and West Moors parish Council

A copy of the resolutions had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

Colehill – Cllr Hunter disagreed with this resolution as, to be able to submit nominations for more than one ward and then withdraw from those that have already reached quota would seem a cynical hedging of bets and, if nominated to a ward, the candidate should be prepared to fight for that ward.

West Moors – Cllr Pellegrini would support this as the motion of censure is currently the only reprimand and it is insufficient in the case of a councillor reoffending. Cllr Lovell reminded members that there is a possibility of a criminal conviction should the offence be bad enough.

Cllr Pellegrini proposed that motions 1, 2 and 4 are supported and motion 3 is not. This was seconded by Cllr Scragg and agreed unanimously.

16/135 To consider the suggestions put forward regarding the Allotments and to consider the forming of a Management Committee

One of the allotment holders has proposed to issue a survey to all allotment holders. Whilst the intention is possibly good, it may have the effect of raising hopes that we could not fulfil. The Clerk and Cllr Hunter attended the site recently to inspect the condition of the allotments. 75% of the allotment holders keep their allotments in good order and the land is used productively. The other 25% have allowed their allotments to fall into a state of disrepair. Cllr Hunter felt that a way forward would be to form a small committee made up of allotment holders and a representative of the Parish Council. The group would oversee the general rules and regulations of the allotments and they would police the site themselves.

Mr Johnson felt the reason some of the allotments have fallen into disuse is they have been taken on by the wrong people. People like the idea of having an allotment but do not appreciate the amount of work involved in keeping it going. He suggested better care needs to be taken when issuing the allotments.

Cllr Hunter said the allotment holders should have more say in who takes over an allotment. The site only needs a light touch overall. A letter will be sent to the allotment holders and the agreement will be brought up to date.

**ACTION: CLLR HUNTER/CLERK**

16/136 To consider the quotation received in respect of cutting the tow path

The Chair and Clerk met with Anthony King (the Bere Regis Lengthsman) at the tow path to discuss the work required. The quote stands at £150 to bring the path up to the same standard as the remaining path and, thereafter, £50 per cut. The majority of the initial cost is incurred due to having to take the arisings away.

Cllr Hunter reported that John Scott of the WDDT was speaking to the contractors, Brighstone, to confirm their scope of work on the site and check that they are not required to mow that area and, if not, what would they charge to do so. Cllr Hunter will follow up on this and will obtain a second quote.

**ACTION: CLLR HUNTER**

16/137 To consider a response to the DCC “Working Together” paper

As most members had not read the document, this item will be postponed until the November meeting. Cllr Lovell said DCC are trying to get Parishes and Town Councils more involved. It is felt that a lot of the work currently undertaken by DCC could be carried out locally by Town and Parish Councils. They would be in a better position to have the work carried out more cost effectively and DCC would then pay the parishes back. The Clerk stressed the importance of this document and asked all members to ensure they were familiar with it by the November meeting.

16/138 To consider a response to the Stoborough CE VA Primary School Admissions Policy 2017-2018

A copy of the Policy had been issued to all members of the council prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Pellegrini explained that the document was all within the statutory framework and he proposed the Policy is accepted in its entirety. This was seconded Cllr Wakefield-Sutton and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will send the appropriate response.

**ACTION: CLERK**

16/139 To consider the appointment of a representative to the Wareham In Need and Sickness Charity

The Clerk reported that Peter Collins, who has been the Parish Council’s representative with the charity for a number of years has decided to step down as he no longer lives in Wareham. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton very kindly offered to step into the post. The Clerk will contact the Charity accordingly.

**ACTION: CLERK**

16/140 To confirm the Road Closure Procedure in respect of Flooding

Cllr Ward explained that Steve Mepham, DCC, was to provide her with all the signage. Arne is one of the pilot schemes whereby the road closures signs would be given to the Parish Council and we would have the responsibility of putting them out. She is looking to speak to Wessex 4X4 who may be able to put the signs out. At least 3 people are required to put out the signs and erect the barriers. Now that the container is in place, a flood plan can be drawn up. The emergency closure procedure still needs to be sent to Dorset Fire and Rescue for confirmation. DCC have approved the procedure and it now needs passing on to the other emergency services. Cllr Ward will contact the various services and see if they are able to assist with any closures.

**ACTION: CLLR WARD**

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton commented that there seems to be a lot that has to be done and it is a tremendous undertaking. This was confirmed and thanks are extended to Cllr Ward for the amount of work she has put into this.

**16/141 To consider a response to the Langton Matravers Parish Council’s suggestion of setting up a lobbying group made up of Purbeck Parish Councils**

An e-mail had been received from Langton Matravers Parish Council proposing the formation of a Purbeck based group of rural/coastal parish councils. They felt such a group would be more effective in persuading central bodies of the “merit of their concerns and in encouraging them to change policy and practice.” The Clerk reminded members that this was the purpose of DAPTC and that, having spoken to the Chairman, would encourage members not to become involved. Cllr Hunter proposed that we respond to Langton saying that, whilst we thank them for inviting us, we do not wish to take part. This was seconded by Cllr Pellegrini and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will respond accordingly.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**11. Correspondence received since the Agenda was set**

16/142 An e-mail had been received from a Ridge resident raising two points; the first relating to builders’ vehicles parking on Old Kiln Road and the second concerning cyclists on Arne Road.

Cllr Hunter will speak to the resident of Old Kiln Road regarding the parking issues raised but another resident asked that we ensure the vehicles do not park on Arne Road as this would just transfer the problem to another location. It was pointed out that there are currently three significant building projects on-going in this area and, whilst annoying, the disruption is only temporary.

**ACTION: CLLR HUNTER**

Cyclists – The resident expressed concern regarding the cycling groups using Arne Road, especially on Sundays. There are as many as 40 riders, often riding 2 abreast, travelling at speed with seemingly little or no respect for other road users. Cllr Lovell informed the meeting that he had attended a meeting at DCC and reported that the whole issue regarding cycling groups is to be considered by Central Government as cycling is becoming a problem. The Clerk will contact PC Jephcott and find out if the Police are aware of the Arne Road issue.

**ACTION: CLERK**

Broadband – in the NP there is a policy item addressing the question of SFB emphasising the importance of it to both businesses and residents. We are seeking a meeting with BT Openreach to discuss what their plans are to get SFB to every resident within Arne. A letter will be sent to DCC Superfast. Cllr Lovell is sitting on the committee to deal with how the additional monies from Central Government can be used to enable this.

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

16/144 The following payments have been requested:

Wareham Burial Joint Committee	50% of fees y/e 30.09.15	200528	1658.00
S Syrett	Bench repairs – Hayricks	200529	210.00
DAPTC	Clerks’ seminar – 50%	200530	25.00
Mrs A Crocker	October wages + expenses	200531	449.32
HMRC	October PAYE	200532	99.00

The total requested from the Precept is £2,441.32.

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

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

16/145 Cllr Wakefield-Sutton asked if we should now consider moving back to the main hall for our meetings as the committee room is used by a yoga group every Thursday. No decision was made.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:07hrs

The next meeting will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.00pm, Stoborough Village Hall