



**MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2018 AT STOBOROUGH
VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING 7PM**

Present: Cllrs A Wakefield-Sutton, V Ward, S Cranshaw, R Bessant, A Pellegrini, D Hunter, I Church

Chair: Cllr P Love

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also Present: 5 members of the public, including Ian Alexander (Natural England) and Ade Parvin (Wytch Oil Farm) and County Cllr B Ezzard.

Prior to starting the meeting, the Chairman asked members of the public if they had any intention of filming or recording the meeting. No-one expressed any intention to do so.

1. Public Participation

19.105 Adrian Parvin was invited to address the meeting. He explained that he has been working at Wytch Farm for 20 years and that there are some projections coming up and he will be organising a meeting of the general liaison committee to explain everything. Cllr Pellegrini raised the issue of Perenco providing a fund in the region of £1.8million and asked how the Parish Council could gain access to it. The original fund of £1.7 million was created in order for any organisation meeting the criteria to be able to apply via the Dorset for You web site or direct to Alison Turnock at PDC. The projects that could benefit are those aimed at improving bio-diversity, access to the area, and landscape. Nothing has been claimed as yet although a number of applications have been received. The money was handed over to DCC and they manage the fund. The fund will continue in its current form when the Unitary takes place. It is possible to find out what sort of projects have been submitted by looking on the web site although Mr Parvin was able to confirm that such projects include various cycleway upgrades together with signage. There is a set boundary within which the projects can take place – within the AONB. There is no closing date for applications; it will continue until the money runs out.

Mr Ricks asked about the seismic operation – from Worth Matravers to Kimmeridge Bay and up to the Blue Pool roundabout. This will take the form of a 3-dimensional survey and will be carried out using a mixture of tampers and small charges.

Peter Sibthorpe – Arne Moors Scheme – this has been going for a year now, but a lot of individual concerns have not been met, for example, silting in the river which will impact vessels going to Wareham. Additionally, traffic and visitors, the project looks to increase visitor numbers by a further 20,000 a year. It sounds as though the RSPB wish to make this one of their key ecological sites in the UK, but residents have not been told how this sort of number of visitors are going to be dealt with. It is understood that no compensatory habitat will be made for the flora and fauna displaced on the site, but the project organisers say that there will be a net gain across the harbour as a whole. He asked the Council to treat the proposals, when they are submitted, with care.

Ian Alexander responded saying they have provided comprehensive answers to the issues raised regarding surface and ground water flooding. Specific meetings have been held for residents to talk to the professionals and they are confident about how the ground water operates. They have not yet finished the work on the flooding because they do not have the final design of the bunds. There are specialist consultants working on the silting, but the provisional results indicate that there will be little effect on the current silting situation. Regarding the visitor number issue – there was an indication that there might be an additional 20,000 people a year. There is now a consultative group which will address access. There are a range of responses regarding access to the project. Dante Munns of the RSPB has started to run consultations about this. The RSPB centre of operations will remain at Arne, there will be no new operations centre at the new area and the existing car park at Sunnyside Farm will be sufficient to deal with any need for additional car parking – the site will take about 12 to 15 cars. The smell of the harbour will be brought slightly closer to Ridge. Habitat loss – they are very confident that they will enhance the overall biodiversity of the site. The most important fresh water habitats will be protected behind the flood bank and additional fresh water habitat will be created for those that will be lost on the area in front of the banks.

The Chair asked when the project organisers would be looking to bring the material for the bunds in? Ian Alexander replied, saying that there are three areas that need to be considered with regard to the overall project – flooding, construction traffic and visitors. The amount of material required will depend on how much material they can win on site. The engineers are working with the data they have to determine this. At some point they will bring forward a planning application to demonstrate what the bank will look like and for the engineers to see how it settles, etc. They will also be looking at how they can use the existing topography of the site to reduce the amount of material required to be bought in. The bank will be about 1m above ground level. The new line alters the proposal to take more of the high ground which will mean they will not need so much material. Maintenance – the bigger the bank the more maintenance. Because they are reducing the size of the bank, it means the volume of the bank could be shrunk, which will, in turn, reduce the amount of material that will have to be brought in. They should get a figure for this towards the middle/end of 2019. They will not be in a position to go for planning until late 2019.

Ian Alexander said he would be happy to keep attending the Parish Council meetings to answer any questions residents may have. They have not been consulting with Wareham Town Council as they do not believe that the project will have any impact on the town. The models do not appear to show that there will be any silting of the river channel.

Mr Hugh Ricks felt that they have not provided answers to the question about flooding. The consultant showed that the surface water will run away from the village, but residents do not believe this to be the case.

Ian Alexander responded saying they are prepared to go to planning with a convincing case about flooding. Residents are perfectly able to bring alternatives to their attention. Surface water drainage does go in two directions in Ridge – one north west towards Redcliffe Farm and Halletts Sluice which will not be affected at all. The other direction runs east and does connect to the project, but the discharge area is several meters higher than the project site.

Cllr Hunter asked Cllr Ezzard who will be the planning authority likely to consider the application in light of the Unitary reorganisation. For the first year commencing March 2019, the planning situation that currently exists will remain. The authorities will be

rationalised after the first year. However, a project of this size would normally go to the Regulatory Committee at County rather than District. A presentation of the project was given to County Councillors this week and Cllr Ezzard felt that everything that has been done so far is pretty comprehensive but there is still a lot more information required.

Mr Ricks reported that his concerns were heightened when the EA refused to put into writing that they would take responsibility should any houses in Ridge flood as a result of the project.

Ian Alexander replied saying that they cannot answer some questions because they do not know what the fresh water storage capacity behind the bank is going to be.

Peter Sibthorpe – the scheme will interfere with the natural flood plain and there are going to be consequences during severe weather events.

Ian Alexander - the whole environment of the harbour has been interfered with over the years and the project will interfere with the environment, but not to the extent that it will cause flooding of the village of Ridge.

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2. Declaration of interests

19.106 No interests were declared at this stage and no requests for dispensation had been received.

Cllr Pellegrini requested clarification on the position of those councillors living in Ridge. The Clerk explained that clarification had been sought from David Fairbairn of PDC and confirmed that councillors living in Ridge, whilst having a pecuniary interest, are only three of over 300 residents. They cannot, therefore, be accused of protecting solely their own interests. They are able to speak at meeting when the project is discussed and will be able to comment on future planning applications, although they will be required to declare an interest at that stage.

3. To receive apologies for absence

19.107 Apologies had been received from District Cllr Malcolm Barnes.

4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th September 2018

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

5. Matters arising – for report only

19.109 Memorial bench – Cllr Cranshaw reported that, through WDDT, she had reminded Wareham Town Council that they had received a bench in 2013 and the Town Clerk is checking the paperwork to see how that bench was put in place. A further update will be given at the November meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

6. County Councillor's Report

19.110 Cllr Ezzard tabled her report.

Cllr Love pointed out that there are an ever-increasing number of deer on the road from Stoborough to Corfe and he asked if it would be possible to have more signs along that stretch of road to warn motorists of the hazard. Cllr Ezzard said she would support any application to put up more signs.

7. District Councillor's Report

19.111 Cllr Barnes was unable to attend the meeting and had previously confirmed that there was nothing to report.

8. To confirm the payment of accounts and consider the bank reconciliation & position against budget

19.112 To confirm the Payment of Accounts

The following payments had been requested:

Anvil	Stoborough Meadow – August & Sept	BACS019	1240.88
DAPTC	Clerks Seminar – 1/3 rd cost	BACS020	25.00
DC Pension	October contribution	BACS021	146.76
HMRC	Sept & Oct submission	BACS022	201.80
Mrs A Crocker	October wages + expenses	BACS023	566.22
V Ward	Stationery	BACS024	22.74

The total amount requested from the Precept is £2,203.40. Cllr Cranshaw proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Bessant and agreed unanimously.

ACTION: CLERK

19.113 To confirm the bank reconciliation and position against budget for the year to date

A copy of both reports had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. No comments were made, or queries raised.

9. Parish Reports

19.114 Councillors' Reports on meetings attended

Cllr Bessant – 10/10 PTAG – brought up the SID. No 40 Breezer winter timetable posters to be put up. PTAG have asked if we could publish the agenda on the web site – ask why as this is not a public meeting. Lorries on Furzebrook Road – a letter will be sent to Imerys. 3/10 – heath fire at Furzebrook that burnt 4 to 5 hectares of the heath.

Cllr Ward – nothing to report.

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – nothing to report

Cllr Pellegrini – nothing to report.

Cllr Cranshaw – 1/10 WDDT – Priory Meadow; this has also become the name of a campsite behind Lady St Mary and this has led to some confusion.

Cllr Hunter – 3/10 publication details for NP; 17/10 RSPB and inspection of Arne Road to prepare a report to go to Highways and specific sites for soft verge signs and dolly posts. There is no plan to build more passing places but there are some informal places that need signage.

Cllr Church – nothing to report but Swanage Railway on 19/10.

Cllr Love – nothing to report.

19.115 Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

19.116 Reports from outside bodies

Stoborough Village Hall – Jill Scragg was unable to attend the meeting but had previously contacted the Clerk saying that the Village Hall AGM will take place on Monday 12th November at 7pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

Furzebrook Village Hall – nothing to report.

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – The minutes of the SMRA committee meeting held on the 27th September had been issued to members prior to the start of the meeting.

Ridge Residents' Association – nothing to report.

Stoborough Primary School – Cllr Pellegrini reported that he contacted the Head but she is very busy and will be writing a report shortly.

19.117 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – The Clerk will be meeting the Insurers on the site on the 25th October.

Allotments - The Clerk reported that all the renewals had now been issued and, to date, 7 had been returned. There are currently 4 empty allotments and notices will be put out on the boards around the parish inviting anyone who would like to take on an allotment to contact the Clerk.

SANG – Cllr Pellegrini had submitted his report to Mr Pettit-Mills saying that the bins are being emptied, there is some litter scattered around the car park and the boardwalks are slippery. He subsequently received an acknowledgement from Mr Pettit-Mills.

19.118 Arne Moors Project update

This has been discussed at length. Cllr Hunter proposed that a letter is sent from the Parish Council to the project partners seeking answers to satisfy the outstanding questions. This was seconded by Cllr Pellegrini and agreed unanimously.

The Ridge Residents Association are taking an interest in the project and have a representative on the stakeholders' group to cover the interests of the Ridge residents. Mr

Ricks asked what the objective of the Ridge Residents member is? To ensure traffic, safety issues, etc. are placed before the project partners.

There was a request that, when the next public meeting takes place, it is carried out at Furzebrook Village Hall as well as at Corn Exchange so a good cross-section of the community are able to submit their views.

19.119 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Hunter reported that he, together with Ray Scragg are currently assembling the final version of the Plan for publication, after which it will be sent out for comment.

19.120 Newsletter Update

Ray Scragg has forwarded all the details he has to the Clerk and Cllr Pellegrini who will now move this project forward.

19.121 To receive a report on the Corfe River Walk – 3rd October (Imerys enforcement undertaking)

Ray Scragg attended this walk on behalf of the Parish Council and, subsequently, submitted a short report which had been issued to all members of the council prior to the start of the meeting. There will be another walkabout arranged for the Arne Parish Section. Thanks are extended to Ray for the report.

10. To consider Planning Applications received

19.122 6/2018/0498 & 0499 Halfway Inn – erect garden room dining area with alterations to landscaping and relocation of boundary picket fence. Also LBC

No objections

TWA/2018/198 2 Oak Trees, New Road, Stoborough – T1 Oak; crown thin

No objections.

11. Correspondence and items for action and resolution

19.123 To review preparations for winter – grit bins

Confirmation has been received from Highways saying that the grit bins should all be in the correct location and will be filled, free of charge, by the end of October.

19.124 To consider a way forward in respect of the Imerys Enforcement undertaking

This has been covered previously under item 9 – 19.121

19.125 To consider the Annual Play Park Inspection

The inspection took place in August and a copy of the report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. No items were shown of greater risk than ‘Low’ and these have been passed to the Lengthsman for attention.

19.126 To consider the DAPTC motions to go before the AGM on the 10th November

Cllr Hunter proposed that we support our representative, Cllr Pellegrini, to agree the motions as set out by DAPTC. This was unanimously agreed.

19.127 To consider any defects to be passed to the Lengthsman

Cllr Hunter suggested giving the Lengthsman the list of defects and pointing out that we have a duty of care to carry out this work.

12. Correspondence received since the Agenda was set

19.128 Nothing to add.

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

19.129 Nothing to add.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:05pm