

Arne Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER, 2013 At Stoborough Village Hall, West Lane, Stoborough, Commencing 7pm

Present: Cllrs BJ Kenward, NI Barnes, TH Heritage, R Scragg, V Ward, A Pellegrini

Chair: Cllr C Macleod

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also Present: 15 members of the public, District Cllr N Cake

1. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

14/59 The Chairman asked councillors for any Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) on items contained in the Agenda applicable to themselves or spouses/partners. None were declared.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

14/60 Cllr Heritage is attending a meeting of the PACT group this evening

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th July and the 1st August 2013

14/60/1 18th July 2013 – A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. It was PROPOSED by Cllr Kenward, SECONDED by Cllr Pellegrini and AGREED unanimously that the minutes were a true and accurate representation meeting.

14/60/2 1st August 2013 - A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. It was PROPOSED by Cllr Kenward, SECONDED by Cllr Pellegrini and AGREED unanimously that the minutes were a true and accurate representation of the meeting and they were signed by the Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from the minutes for report only

14/61/1 The CIF form was completed and returned to PDC. The project ideas have been compiled and a draft strategy will be submitted by Monday 7th October. 2 public consultations are taking place on the 18th and 19th September.

5. Public Participation Period

14/62 Mike Chittenden – attended the PCC forum meeting on the 31st July at which the question of speeding on the Corfe Road was raised, together with the Community Speed Watch initiative. Mr Chittenden has since distributed leaflets to all the houses in Stoborough and has received two responses so far.

Phil Love – Aster have been reviewing the garages at Stoborough Green with a view to considering removing them and replacing them with a play area or grassed seating area. The Chairman reported that it had been hoped a representative of Aster would attend the meeting to discuss their proposals but the Clerk had received notification that the company felt it was unnecessary for them to attend at this point in time. However, they have asked for a summary of comments made at the meeting for them to consider. Mr Love said he felt the garages to the rear of the site would be a better location for a play area (19-31), whilst garages 1-11 were more suited to a grassed seating area. It was agreed that we would need a map of the site before we can carry out any real consultation. In the meantime, we need to find out if there is any interest in either a grassed area or a play area and, if so, where would residents like to see them. It was suggested that this is included within a consultation alongside the Neighbourhood Plan. Should an area be turned over to grass – who would be responsible for the maintenance? At present, it is not known if the garages are in use.
Post meeting note: It has since been determined that, should any of the land be transferred to the Parish Council, the Parish Council would be required to pay valuation and legal fees incurred by the Aster Property who would then relinquish all interest, obligations and future maintenance liabilities.

Mr Elliot, Stoborough – referred to the application in respect of the garage and workshop at 24 Stoborough Green. The paperwork refers to a “high hedge” but fails to point out that the house behind has been built on a mound and the gable end of the proposed garage would be highly obtrusive and would be within 7 meters of his property.

Paul Kelly, 4 Oaklands Close – expressed concerns regarding the same application. The footprint would have a detrimental effect on the flooding of the area. The proposed vehicle is 32’ long and has been stuck on the driveway on a number of occasions and has damaged the neighbour’s house.

Grass verge – Japanese Knotweed – reported twice but nothing has happened. The Clerk suggested it is reported again via the PEM system.

6. County Councillor’s Report

14/63 Cllr Lovell – Nothing very much to report as he has been off ill for some time. Cllr Kenward asked if Cllr Lovell could support us regarding the reduction in the speed limit for Grange Road.

7. District Councillor’s Report

14/64/1 East Dorset, Christchurch & Purbeck Partnership – The business plan is still being drawn up. Should this go through, it will assist Purbeck and make issues relating to the

County Council and central government stronger as the councils will be able to speak with one voice.

14/64/2 Worgret Road housing development - The outline permission for the houses will go before the Planning Board next week. This will include a sum of money to go towards the SANG at Upton House. Although this may appear odd, it is due to the Poole Harbour nitrification scheme, the catchment basin for which includes Purbeck, West Dorset and Poole and it has been assessed that there will be a nitrogen release from the houses at Worgret Road.

Cllr Kenward informed members that, by giving this additional land, the development would be deemed nitrogen neutral. However, this is somewhat questionable. The question was raised as to why the housing development is being discussed before the SANG receives confirmation, as the SANG is required in order to allow the houses. This would seem to make the SANG at Holme Lane a fete a compli. At present, there is not a proper management structure for the SANG. The notes to the meeting also state that the SANG will remain in private hands which would seem to conflict with information provided elsewhere.

8. To Consider items for discussion/report

14/65 Planning Applications

6/2012/0571 – 0609 Wytch Farm & Wareham Oilfields

Extension of operational life of oilfield development by variation of condition

Agreed *Parish Council has no objections*

No decision

6/13/0273 – Cherry Bank, Furzebrook Road

Demolish outbuildings & erect 2 storey & single storey extension

Agreed

Approved

It is highly appropriate that a house with potential living space within the village should be built without delay. The proposal has no visual impact, is surrounded by woodland and there is no reason to think this will have any adverse effect on the adjacent heathland. If Planning officers are not happy with the application, we would like this to go to Committee.

6/13/0285 – Land off Holme Lane, Wareham

Change of use from agricultural land to woodland & SANG

Agreed *The Parish Council objects to this application.*

No decision

6/13/0332 – Wayside, Arne Road

Ground floor extension & addition of first floor accommodation within new roof.

Agreed *The Parish Council has no objection*

Refused

6/13/0347 – Doreys Ball Clay Quarry – Holme Lane

Southerly extension to develop land to east of New Hall Farm

Agreed

The Parish Council does not object to this application although considerable concerns were raised regarding the effect the increased number of lorries will have on the parish. (For full comment, see July 2013 minutes).

Cllr Kenward reported that everyone is uniformly asking that we push again for a speed limit in Grange Road. Apparently the lorry drivers themselves are asking for a limit. At the very least we should be supporting Church Knowle. It was unanimously agreed that we support the speed limit.

6/13/0359 – Meadow Cottage, 1 Hollow Oak Lane

Non-material amendment to 6/12/0760 to insert 4 new roof lights on conservatory

Agreed

Approved

The Parish Council had no objections.

6/13/0401 – Little Farm, Worgret Road

Erect ground mounted 400 panel photovoltaic array

Agreed

No decision

The Parish Council has no objections and would support forms of alternative energy. However, we would welcome the raised panels in order to allow the land to be used for grazing sheep.

6/13/0410 – 7 Stoborough Meadow

To Install photovoltaic panels on south east facing roof slope

Agreed:

Approved

It has been the Parish Council's policy to support renewable energy in the form of solar panels and no previous applications have been objected to. It is necessary for them to be situated in such a way that they attract the maximum amount of sunlight and, although these will be very visible, no objection is raised.

Reports From Representatives

14/65/1 Representatives Reports

Stoborough Meadows Residents: There will be an AGM on 10th October but nothing to report at present.

Stoborough Village Hall: - Cllr Heritage was unavailable to report back so Cllr Pellegrini responded. The AGM has been held and one of the items raised was the training of trustees. Dorset Community Action will be contacted to organise this. A risk

assessment is to be carried out and should be in place within the next month. There is currently no appetite within the committee for a new village hall and the refurbishment/replacement of the kitchen is not likely. Phil Love was elected as a trustee from Stoborough. The progress, however small, made over the last few meetings is encouraging. Whilst there is a reluctance to drive rapidly forward, everything is looking very positive.

Furzebrook Village Hall – nothing new to report and still running economically.

Ridge Residents – nothing to report. Work around the old engine shed has begun again with tree roots being cleared. Cllr Kenward reported that the gentleman wishing to put TPOs on some of the trees received no response from PDC. In June he was told that PDC were preparing a report. The workers on site have intimated that they are clearing the trees from the overhead cables. The shed is a listed building and this could be enforced as it is falling into a poor state of repair. There is due to be a Residents meeting on the 23rd September.

The Clerk will write to PDC to request an update on the progress of the TPOs as it is understood that even more trees have been cut down since the request was put in.

ACTION: CLERK

14/65/2 Meetings Attended

Cllr Pellegrini – planning training at PDC – as a new councillor he found it very useful.
Meeting with PCC – interesting meeting with Martyn Underhill at the Parish Hall.

Cllr Ward – Burial Committee – discussed the precept for the coming year and the Parish Council will be notified shortly. Parking at Conniger Lane – a white line will be painted and the yellow lines repainted so they show up a bit more.

Cllr Scragg – no meetings attended.

Cllr Kenward – planning training at PDC

Cllr Barnes attended the Burial Board meeting

Cllr Macleod – Imrys consultation in August – not particularly helpful but did stress the need for a circular traffic route.
Planning training at PDC.
Purbeck Transport Action Group – the bus service review was a large item on the agenda.
Exec meeting for DAPTC – Debbie Ward, DCC attended and talked about the need for back office cuts and her desire to work closely with DAPTC and those at parish level; to try to maintain as many services as possible and the necessity for us to work with them rather than against them. Andrew Martin, Highways, also attended and said that if any council wants more information about Highways, he or one of his officers will attend a parish council meeting.

Clerk – Clerks Seminar on the 18th September. A range of topics were discussed including insurance requirements, the Dorset Community Fund, Data Protection & Freedom of Information, The Dorset History Centre and the Code of Conduct. Most notable was the section from Highways and the list of works that may well come down to the parish councils to take on. These include; pulling weeds from footways, cutting back minor foliage overhanging footways, cleaning bus shelters, gullies & channels; cleaning the reflector posts, sign cleaning and painting, maintaining the rights of way and removing graffiti. At present this is still under negotiation as there will be a requirement for training as much of the work will require Chapter 8 certificates. There is on-going discussion as to whether or not the parish councils will be charged for the training. More should be known once the pilot schemes have been tested at the end of the year.

It was noted that Highways seem to be putting in “no objections” to some very odd applications. Cllr Kenward proposed that an officer is invited to explain why this is happening and this was seconded by Cllr Scragg.

ACTION: CLERK

14/65/3 To consider any actions required

No further actions were required.

14/65/4 Web Site Update

Nothing to add at the moment.

9. To consider any Planning Applications received

14/66 Non- Delegated – None
Delegated -
Plan No

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.

6/2013/0285 SANG Holme Lane

Amendments to planning application.

Although for information only, the Parish Council have submitted the following comment:

Agreed

The amendments provide a better line for the paths and is less deleterious to wildlife. However, unless the hedge screen is fenced on

both sides, it will be eaten by deer well before the five years is complete and trimming becomes a factor. There is still no clarity regarding the funding of the management plan and we are very concerned that this may fall to the Parish Council, either directly or indirectly, through devices such as infrastructure charges. The constitution of the management body includes Natural England and PDC but still does not include a representative from the Parish Council. It is also noticed that, despite our request, the application is still not going to be put before the Planning Committee.

**6/2013/0451 24 Stoborough Green
Erect garage**

Agreed *We object to the proposal. The garage is oversized, extremely high and visibly intrusive. With dimensions of 11m long and 4.2m high, with a cavity wall construction, not only does the proposal have a footprint almost the size of the existing property, we have to question the ultimate use. A garage would not normally be of this size or construction and we would not wish to set a precedent for the infilling of the back gardens in this area. The whole structure is out of keeping. Flooding in this location represents a serious problem. In order to build something of this size, a hard surface would have to be installed. Given the slope of the garden, this will result in run-off which can only go into the gardens of numbers 21 and 22 which are often under 6" of water in normal circumstances. There is no gully in this stretch of road other than in front of the garage block and this resurfaces in the gardens of 21 and 22.*

Cllr Ward registered an interest – she will be meeting a representative from Synergy on site to discuss the flooding issues.

**6/2013/0460 Little Farm, Worgret Road
A single storey, rear extension**

Agreed *No objections.*

ACTION: CLERK

Navitus Bay – Cllr Lovell – there will be report coming out from County regarding the pros and cons of the consultation and this will be sent to all the parish councils.

Binnegar Quarry, Puddletown Road – Site 24 hour amendment to their movements.

Although outside our parish boundary, this is relevant to Arne Parish. The proposal will result in an increase in the number of lorries going past the residential area. 24 hour movement of heavy traffic is not desirable in a residential area. This will result in a considerable increase in traffic noise and dust and reversing alarms from the vehicles. The Parish Council will object to the application. Cllr Lovell said they were talking about the plant operating 24 hours a day but not lorry movements. We wish to be reassured that this will not result in an increase in noise and lorry movement.

10. Correspondence/items for action and resolution

14/67/1 Clerks Report

The report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

14/67/2 Dispensations – none had been received.

14/67/3 To consider the proposed reduction in bus services for the Parish

A list of the proposed cuts had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. It was felt that the information provided was misleading. The No 40 has queues of young people waiting for the bus at 11.30pm. If it is to be cut, then it should, at the very least, be run at weekends. It is the only service that enables the youths to get to Swanage and, with this removed, will lead to social unrest as they will have been prevented from getting out of the village in the evenings and at weekends. The survey was carried out in January and February and would not, therefore, take into account the tourist trade. It is important that residents also write to the County Council expressing their concerns and saying what buses they use and how the reduction in services will affect them.

The bus companies and County Council are suggesting that the community buses that sit outside day centres all day could be used for the community. In our area the Home Hopper and Nordcat could be utilised.

Individual councils are being asked to carry out surveys for themselves to see what requirement there is.

Cllr Lovell informed members that the No 40 is a commercial service and is full to capacity almost every day. There was a public outcry when the service was reduced to hourly in summer rather than half hourly. As they are now talking about stopping the service at 5.00pm it will mean residents will not be able to get home from work or college.

It was suggested that DCC look more carefully at the service level agreements. Unfortunately, this does not cover the commercial routes and so would not include the No 40.

We must register our concerns and start looking to see how else we can provide transport for those residents who rely on the service. Cllr Kenward suggested a good place to do a survey would be to involve Purbeck School and get them to distribute a questionnaire. The questionnaire could also be put on the web site.

The consultation is due to end on the 21st September but the services will not be altered until January/February 2014.

14/67/4 To consider the Community Speed Watch Scheme and speeding on Corfe Road

Cllr Pellegrini has been in contact with PCSO Iain Lesley of the Swanage safer Neighbourhood Scheme. He read out the requirements of the team.

Phil Love reported that there have been 3 fatalities along the stretch of road alongside Stoborough Green.

Cllr Ward expressed concern that to do this might mean the loss of the present Police presence on the road but it was explained that CSW was designed to enhance any existing presence, not replace it.

The Clerk explained the purpose of the traffic survey on Corfe Road near to the Hayricks. This would enable the Parish Council to build up data reflecting the speed, type and timings of the traffic using the road which, in turn, can be used as backup

when applying for a crossing or traffic calming measures. It was suggested that the survey would be best held in summer to get an idea of the volume of visitor traffic but, as it was too late for this year Cllr Scragg proposed holding one in October this year and then during the summer in 2014. This was seconded by Cllr Pellegrini.

ACTION: CLERK

It was suggested that the new police team are invited to the October meeting, along with PCSO Iain Leslie. In the meantime, Mr Chittenden will continue with his appeal for volunteers and will liaise with Cllr Pellegrini regarding a notice to go on the boards. He will then report back at the October meeting.

14/67/5 To consider the purchase of a new notice board

A new notice board is required at the Outlook. Cllr Barnes proposed it should be similar to that at Sunnyside and this was seconded by Cllr Ward. The Clerk will speak to Steve Syrett and get a quote.

ACTION: CLERK

14/67/6 To consider a review of the finger posts within the parish and any work required

Cllr Scragg has checked the post at Ridge and Soldiers Road. The Clerk is in touch with Dorset AONB regarding finger post repairs as they are currently offering a grant to have the posts restored to their original state.

14/67/7 To reconsider ID badges

Cllr Pellegrini reported that he will look into this.

14/67/8 To consider a response to Dorset AONB Draft Management Plan 2014-2019

Cllr Pellegrini – it is a very long and laborious document with no executive summary. There are many useful sections within the report but it is not saying very much more than we are already dealing with. Dorset AONB is trying to encourage younger people to get involved with the scheme and, in addition, they are offering to get involved with the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Kenward – agreed with Cllr Pellegrini. This is an AONB because the rural community have shaped it so and maintained it as such. We would ask that more attention is giving to the people within the area who have maintained such areas as the water meadows over the years and those who live and work in the area, many of whom have done so for generations. Need to pull together with the local community.

Cllr Scragg – nothing really specific to argue against – the whole report is too vague. The wording prevents a serious focus.

The Clerk will draft a response accordingly.

ACTION: CLERK

14/67/9 To review progress on the Neighbourhood Plan and consider the next step

Volunteers who wish to get involved in the steering group are needed. A direct appeal to the various residents committees would be a good starting point. The various representatives will do so at the next available meeting.

14/67/10 To consider the proposed amendments to the Parish Boundary

The Clerk reported that notification had been received from Wareham Town Council regarding suggested amendments to the Parish boundary. These involved adjustments that would transfer the whole of the Purbeck School into Wareham Town Council and Forge Cottage, Puddletown Road into Arne Parish Council. Papers showing the amendments were tabled. Cllr Scragg proposed that we accept the amendments. This was seconded by Cllr Pellegrini and agreed unanimously.

ACTION: CLERK

14/67/11 To consider the Anvil quote for work require at the Hayricks

As it had taken some time to receive the quote, it was agreed that, for now it was necessary to cut the whole area and pick up on the management scheme next year. The Clerk will contact Anvil accordingly.

ACTION: CLERK

14/67/12 To consider Dorset Volunteer Awards and any nominations received

Cllr Kenward nominated Mr Weeks who collects all the rubbish from around Stoborough. He goes into the fields and picks up the bottles and rubbish thrown out of the cars. He even picked up the dead fireworks from the fields to prevent the cattle eating something they should not.

14/67/13 To consider a grant or letter of support for Wareham Town Council in respect of the public toilets

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Wareham Town Council explaining that they are taking over the public toilets and would like letters of support from the parish councils in the area and, if possible, a small financial donation towards the refurbishment. It was noted that PDC are giving quite a substantial sum to assist with the modernisation of the toilets. We will send a letter of support but explain that we are unable to offer any financial support at this stage, although this might be considered in the future to assist with the maintenance.

ACTION: CLERK

14/67/14 To consider correspondence received since the Agenda was set for discussion and possibly placing on the agenda for the next meeting

Order for supply of salt bags – It was suggested Mr Randall is approached and asked if he would be able to store one undercover. This was proposed by Cllr Pellegrini, seconded by Cllr Scragg and agreed unanimously. Cllr Kenward offered to speak to Mr Randall.

ACTION: CLLR KENWARD

Living with a Changing Coast – offer of support – Lida Pearce had previously given a talk to the Parish Council and has asked if there are any projects that they could help with. It is not clear whether they will offer any funding but would like to meet up between 30/9 and 10/10. Cllr Ward will contact her and report back in October.

ACTION: CLLR WARD

Worgret Road planning application and the connected Holme Land SANG – Cllr Kenward stated that she would like to have the application deferred. Whilst not against the houses, our response to the SANG should be included in the papers that were sent out and they were not. The SANG needs to be sorted out before the housing is considered.

Training in October and November – Cllrs Macleod and Pellegrini will attend the October PDC planning training. Cllr Kenward will attend the November session.

DAPTC training - Councillors should be aware of their need for continual training. The DAPTC offer a range of courses annually and councillors do need to attend them in order to keep up to date with current legislation, as well as taking the opportunity to network with other councillors. Cllr Kenward requested being booked onto the Budget and Precepting course on the 14th October.

ACTION: CLERK

14/67/15 To consider items raised by the public during the Participation Period for discussion and inclusion on the next agenda

Nothing to include.

11. Correspondence or items for specific information

Nothing to report.

12. Correspondence for General Information

Nothing to report.

13. Payment of Accounts

14/68/1 The following payments were requested:

DAPTC	Good Councillors Guide	391	16.00
Steve Syrett	Hayricks play equip. repairs	392	85.00
BDO	Year end audit fee	393	276.00
Mrs A Crocker	Sept wages & expenses	394	470.18
HMRC	PAYE – Sept 2013	395	86.20

The total amount requested is £933.38

The payments were confirmed and the cheques signed by Cllrs Barnes and Kenward in the presence of the meeting.

The Clerk reported that the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2013 have been audited and there were no additional comments made by the auditors.

14. Additional Items for Discussion

Cllr Pellegrini wished to endorse the Wareham food bank and asked all those present to consider donating. Items can be left at 10 Old Furzebrook Road.

Cllr Scragg gave his apologies for the October meeting.

Cllr Barnes reported that the verges along Nutcrack Lane need attention.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:40 pm

Chairman

Planning Committee meeting on the 1st October 2013 if there are plans to discuss