



Parish of Arne

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2015 AT THE STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL, WEST LANE, STOBOROUGH COMMENCING 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs A Pellegrini, A Wakefield-Sutton, R Bessant, R Scragg

Chair: Cllr D Hunter

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also Present: 10 members of the public and District Cllr M Barnes

1. Declaration of Interests

16/77 The Chairman asked councillors for any Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on items contained in the agenda, applicable to themselves or their spouse/partner. There were no declarations made or disclosures requested. No interests were declared and no written requests for dispensation were received.

Members of the public were asked if anyone had any intention of filming or recording the meeting. There were no intentions expressed.

2. To receive apologies for absence

16/78 Apologies had been received from Cllrs C Macleod and V Ward and Mrs B Kenward.

3. To confirm Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16th July 2015.

16/79 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

Cllr Scragg proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Bessant and agreed unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from the minutes for report only

16/80 Parish clean-up day – Cllr Hunter reported that no attempt was made to carry out the clean-up day during the summer due to the amount of growth, etc. along the verges. The clean-up will now take place on Sunday 25th October.

16/81 Stoborough Village Hall – Mrs Scragg reported that a grant has been received for approximately £42,000 and the work can now go ahead. The main hall is to be reroofed, the loft and ceiling to be insulated, a new ceiling to be put on the inside, the front gable to

be replaced and the car park to be resurfaced. This will happen over a period of a year and will commence as soon as the grant is registered with Viridor Credits. The main roof will be the first on the list of works but the hall will remain in use.

16/82 Flood Barrier container – The container has still to be installed.

16/83 Hayricks work – A list of work had been sent to Steve Syrett following the July meeting. The signs are in place but the gate to the play area still needs to be looked at. The ground in front of the kick wall has been improved. The dog bins need emptying regularly. The benches have been repainted but the ply on the climbing frame has still not been done. The Clerk will contact Steve and possibly meet with him on site. Cllr Wakefield- Sutton reported that the play area surface in front of the yellow board is damaged and may be a trip hazard.

ACTION: CLERK

16/84 Allotments – Filling in of the lagoon. The Clerk met with the allotment holder in June. No further communication has been received. The Clerk will contact the allotment holder.

ACTION: CLERK

16/85 Welcome to Purbeck sign – Cllr Hunter has been in touch with the two gentlemen and informed them that the Parish Council's preference would be for the emblem of the parish to be the parish pump and not a curlew as they had suggested. No further communication has been received from them.

16/86 Overgrown hedges and verges – The Clerk will follow this up with Highways upon the Officer's return on the 28th September.

ACTION: CLERK

16/87 Stoborough Parking – A letter has been sent following Mr Greenslade's attendance at the July meeting and the reading out of Mrs Greenslade's letter.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

16/88 Mr Cake asked what did the Parish Council consider should be done if a car appears to be abandoned in a side road. The Police do not appear to be concerned and the local authority is not interested as it is not on double yellow lines. Cllr Hunter said the Dorset Police would be the first point of call. The Clerk will contact PC Jephcott and follow this up.

ACTION: CLERK

16/89 Mr Love – In the June meeting, the SANG was mentioned – is it open yet? Cllr Wakefield- Sutton reported that, on the 11th of August, she and Cllr Bessant attended the PDC General meeting to record the Parish Council's dismay at the breach of planning obligations. The PDC solicitor dealt with the matter after it had been raised at this meeting by giving Bloor Homes a detailed list of the work that has not been carried out. As up to 6 dwellings have been occupied at Westgate, the developer is clearly in breach of his planning obligations and they are required not to occupy any further dwellings until all the work has been completed. Cllr Hunter reported that, since then, Bloor Homes have ignored this and PDC are back in negotiations with them and may take legal action to enforce the work.

16/90 The Parish Council were asked if they were of any rumours regarding Savills having submitted a planning application for development at Sunnyside. To date, no formal application has been submitted for development and it is not an area of land that PDC are in favour of building on.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report available.

7. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Barnes was not available at this point.

8. To consider items for discussion/report

16/91 Results of planning applications submitted to County / District Council

All members had received a list of on-going planning applications prior to the start of the meeting. The Clerk read the results of the applications for the benefit of the members of the public present.

16/92 Representatives' Reports on meetings attended since the last meeting

Stoborough Village Hall – Nothing further to add

Furzebrook Village Hall – Cllr Pellegrini reported that the next meeting has yet to be arranged.

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – AGM next month on 21st October.

19:32 Cllr Barnes arrived

Ridge Residents' Association – Members enjoyed a trip to Brownsea Island castle on 17th September which was over-subscribed and another trip will be planned for next year.

School Liaison – Cllr Pellegrini had e-mailed Debbie Corbin on a number of matters but has yet to hear back due to pressure of work.

District Councillor's report

16/93 Cllr Barnes reported that he has met with Philip Randall who farms the area of the SANG. He has also met last Friday with Bloor Homes, and walked around the SANG with their representatives. An injunction has been placed on them preventing them from occupying any more homes until the required work has been completed. Tony Bird of Bloor Homes asked if Cllr Barnes would be agreeable to the lifting of the injunction as they had agreed to carry out all the necessary works. He refused. Another meeting will be taking place on the 18th September, 8.30am with Bloor homes and the planning officer and contractor. Cllr Barnes wants the injunction to remain in place until all the works have been completed. Dog bins are on the list of items to be discussed. Once Bloor Homes have done all the work, the site reverts to the management of The Scott Estate.

16/92(reopened)

Cllr Pellegrini – Offered his apologies for not being able to attend the last DAPTC Area Committee meeting but Cllr Scragg had attended and reported that discussion took place on the proposed cycling code.

Cllr Bessant – 23rd July attended PDC Local Plan Workshop. 28th July: Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. 11th August: PDC General Council meeting. Burial Board Committee which included a tour of Lady St Mary's church tower. 7th September: PDC drop in re SHLAAs.

Cllr Scragg – Railway Liaison meeting – the date for the trials to link the line with Wareham is now the 22nd June 2016 but there are still many hurdles to overcome. 28th July: Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting. 7th September: PDC drop in session re SHLAAs. 9th September: DAPTC meeting.

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – 28th July: Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting. 11th August: PDC General Council meeting. 7th September: PDC drop in session re SHLAAs.

Cllr Pellegrini – 28th July: Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting. 7th September: PDC drop in session re SHLAAs. Will be attending the Standards Committee on 14th October.

Cllr Hunter – 28th July: Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting. 7th September; PDC drop in session re SHLAAs.

16/94 To receive reports in respect of The Hayricks and Allotments

Nothing further to report.

16/95 To consider if any actions are required

Cllr Scragg – Himalayan balsam growing along the tow path – it is a very invasive plant but, whilst it is easy to remove, it is not particularly accessible along the river bank. The Clerk will contact the Environment Agency and see what, if anything, can be done about it.

ACTION: CLERK

16/96 Web site and newsletter update

Cllr Scragg asked everyone for their articles for the next newsletter by the beginning of October. There is no action relating to the web site. It was suggested that we could include an article on the Himalayan Balsam.

16/97 Neighbourhood Plan update

A list of parish assets has been sent to Cllr Scragg. Cllr Pellegrini suggested identifying the facilities, buildings and open spaces within the parish that residents would like to protect – perhaps an interact piece on the web site. He has also written an article about the work on the Neighbourhood Plan that has taken place to date. The working parties have created a large number policies which members of the public will have the opportunity to comment on in the future. Robert Kenward will be talking to the various chairs of the working parties in order to get a coherent format for each group. Thanks are extended to all those who have been involved in the work to date. The next steering group meeting will be on Wednesday 14th October at Stoborough Primary School.

16/98 Parish Clean up update

This has already been covered. Cllr Hunter has sent a draft of the exercise to all councillors.

16/99 Training sessions occurring before the next meeting

The next PDC training session will take place on Wednesday 14th October and will cover material planning considerations, planning conditions and contributions. Unfortunately, this clashes with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting.

9. To consider any PLANNING APPLICATIONS received

Non- Delegated – None

Delegated:

16/100 **6/2015/0544 – 6 Old Furzebrook Road**
Amendment to application 6/2015/0501 – amend porch design

No objections.

TWA/2015/0120 – 4 Melancholy Lane
T10 & T11 – oaks; 2m clearance over roof

No objections

TWA/2015/0122 – Driftwood, Old Furzebrook Road
T1 oak - fell

No objections

TWA/2015/0137 – 12 Barndale Drive
3 x oaks – fell

No objections

TWA/2015/0142 – 5 Oaklands Close
T1 oak, T2 oak – crown lifts

No objections

As with all treework applications, whilst we have no objections, we will be guided by the advice of the PDC Tree Officer.

10. Correspondence/items for action and resolution

16/101 Clerk's Report

No report was issued.

16/102 To consider the recommendations of the Parish Remuneration Panel

As a Parish Council, we do not currently pay an allowance to councillors as a matter of course but, where a councillor were to incur considerable out of pocket expenses, they could put in an expense claim. Cllr Pellegrini questioned how this would be monitored and what would be “exceptional” circumstances.

The Clerk informed members that the £115 was, in effect, an honorarium and no members currently wished to claim this. Cllr Pellegrini suggested opening this to the members of the public. Steve Widmer felt that the parish was very fortunate that members were not claiming the honorarium and felt that they should be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses. Cllr Pellegrini proposed the Parish Council does not allow councillors the annual fee of £115 but each member should be allowed to put in a claim for exceptional “out of pocket” expenses. This was seconded by Cllr Wakefield-Sutton and agreed unanimously.

16/103 To consider the Parish Council’s response to the PDC SHLAA review

All members of the Parish Council attended the drop in session on the 7th September. They discussed each of the areas that were potential sites for future development and the officers discussed their views on the merits of the sites, giving the Parish Council the opportunity to comment on each site. There is some land in West Lane that largely met the criteria for some development. The other potential development site is in Worgret.

Cllr Bessant – biggest concern regarding the Worgret site was with reference to the infrastructure. Would the health centre be able to cope with such a large increase in the number of houses? At the meeting, the piece of land at Ridge was brought up – Sunnyside – and the officer was adamant that they would not be in favour of development on this site because of the pond. Cllr Scragg informed members that the Sunnyside site is within the 400m zone and there are TPO trees on the site. Cllr Pellegrini reported that this has been an excluded site so it is very unlikely that it will be built on.

Traffic would be an issue at the Worgret site. We have consulted within the parish and there is a very clear view that future housing sites should be in the region of 40 houses or less. Some of the points are already included within the draft policies for the Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk will draft a response to include the housing policies and the Parish Council’s original response to the Partial Review Issues & Options consultation in March.

ACTION: CLERK

The Clerk gave a brief outline of the purpose of SHLAAs and explained what included and excluded sites meant.

Cllr Barnes thanked Cllrs Wakefield-Sutton and Bessant for attending the General Meeting and the explained that the PDC solicitor has been working very hard on this. He suggested that, once the work had been finalised and the SANG was in place, it would be appropriate to send a note of thanks to David Fairbairn, the PDC solicitor.

20:21 Cllr Barnes left the meeting.

16/104 To consider repairs to sign posts and road signs within the parish

Cllr Scragg – the Ridge crossroads signpost has been damaged, possibly by a lorry. The Clerk will ask Steve Syrett to repair it.

ACTION: CLERK

The sign post by the Scotland Farm junction with Arne Road also needs repairing.

Mr Ricks suggested asking Cllr Lovell if some of the £5000 grant money could be used to go towards the repairs of the signs.

The Sunnyside sign needs repairing.

The Clerk will get a quotation for the work and speak to Cllr Lovell once we have a costing.

ACTION: CLERK

16/105 To consider any concerns raised in respect of the Weymouth Challenge on Sunday 13th September

40mph signs were put up along the bypass but the existing national speed limit signs were left uncovered and this caused some confusion. As the Wool exit on the Purbeck School roundabout was closed, lorries were travelling part way along the bypass and they trying to turn around as they were unaware of the roundabout further along at Furzebrook Road. Generally, the traffic control boards worked well. The Purbeck roundabout was confusing. Cllr Pellegrini added that it was difficult to turn left into West Lane due to the number of cyclists. Other than these few points, everyone felt that the event was well organised. The Clerk will contact the appropriate body with our comments.

ACTION: CLERK

16/106 To consider an extension to the grass cutting along the tow path

Cllr Scragg reported that part of the edging of the tow path is not included in the current cutting regime. The area in question runs from the bench to Priory Meadow. The Clerk had asked the Bere Regis Lengthsman to look at the area and submit a quote for the work. He had come back with a cost of about £150 to bring the path up to the same standard as the rest of it and, thereafter, £75 each cut. Cllr Bessant asked why the Parish Council should pick up this cost. The WDDT keeps the Priory Meadow maintained by volunteers but their funds are very limited and so they have approached the Parish Council to ask if we would undertake to keep this path cut. Cllr Hunter and the Clerk will meet the Lengthsman on site as it was felt his quote was high and it may be that he is not quoting for the correct area.

ACTION: CLLR HUNTER/CLERK

16/107 To consider correspondence received since the Agenda was set

The Clerk reported that the audit has now been completed and BDO had raised two issues:

The Asset Register – This now needs to be more detailed and must include the date the asset was acquired, the purchase cost and the location held. This is a new approach to asset registers as we are doing nothing different to what we have always done.

Minutes – The minutes submitted for audit were not initialled. We have now worked out how to do this and all future electronic minutes will be issued.

The asset register needs to be updated. Cllr Hunter and the Clerk will look into this.

ACTION: CLLR HUNTER/CLERK

16/108 To consider items raised by the public during the Participation Period for discussion and placing on the next agenda

Nothing to add.

11. To consider payments of accounts

16/109 The following payment had been requested:

Play Inspection Co	Play area inspection report 2015	200251	78.00
Anvil Ground Maint.	Stoborough Meadow – August '15	200252	607.50
Scott Estate	Allotment rent 25/9/15-24/3/16	200253	72.00
Nick Clifford	Redcliffe path – 3 cuts	200254	180.00
Mrs A Crocker	September wages + expenses	200255	429.96
HMRC	September PAYE	200256	99.00
BDO	External audit fee	200257	240.00

The total requested from the Precept is £1,706.46.

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

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

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton raised the Navitus Bay planning application. This had recently been refused by all the District Councils concerned but is most likely to go to appeal.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:46pm

The Planning Working Party will meet on the 1st October 2015 if there are plans to discuss

The next meeting will be on the 15th October 2015 at 7.00pm, Stoborough Village Hall