



**MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2017 AT STOBOROUGH VILLAGE
HALL, COMMENCING 7PM**

Present: Cllrs A Pellegrini, S Cranshaw, R Scragg, P Love, A Wakefield-Sutton,
V Ward

Chair: Cllr D Hunter

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 5 members of the public, with Jamie Rudge (Parish Lengthsman), County
Cllr B Ezzard

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chairman asked those members of the public present if they had any intention of filming or recording the meeting. No such intention was declared.

1. Public Participation Period

18.68 Mr Hugh Ricks commented on the poor driving from tourists over the summer period along the Arne Road. Their speed along the road seems excessive and the passing places are not being used. He also suggested a white line in the middle of the road from Nutcrack Lane to the crossroads. The local camp and caravan sites could be asked to notify the visitors about the narrow roads and ask they drive with care and attention. The weeds on the pavements were sprayed during the summer by someone on a quadbike but they were travelling too fast to be having any effect. The weeds continue to grow and, although some of the weed killing has been successful, much has not. If the hedges in the area were cut back more frequently, cars may be able to drive better

Mr Nick Cake reported that the Furzebrook Road sign needs reinstating at the roundabout end. The Clerk pointed out that road name signs are the responsibility of Purbeck District Council. They will be contacted in the first instance and, should nothing happen, the Parish Lengthsman will be asked to organise a new sign.

ACTION: CLERK

Mr Cake further reported that the power went off in Furzebrook Road at 1pm on 5th September and a generator was brought out at 11pm. This was connected for almost a fortnight as the electricity company were unable to find the fault. Had the power not be restored by 12 midnight, compensation would have to have been paid.

Mr Terry Wood – culvert on Arne Road – there used to be ditches on both sides of the road but, when the houses were built, the culvert was laid and the ditch filled in. There are about eight road gullies set in the grass verge that drop into the culvert. On the west side of the Meerings, there is another ditch that drains into the culvert and others from properties that also drain into the culvert. During the recent Open Gardens Day, discussion took place about the problems residents were having with flooding. It would appear that the culvert may be completely blocked. PDC and Wessex Water deny all knowledge of the culvert but a workman is coming out every now and then to clear the gullies. Mr Wood reported that he has a catchpit in his garden and is concerned that, should the water back up, their property will be flooded. It is also understood that some newer properties are discharging storm water into the foul water system. This will be taken up with Dorset Highways.

ACTION: CLERK

2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

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

3. To receive apologies for absence

18.70 Apologies had been received from District Cllr M Barnes and Cllr R Bessant.

4. To confirm Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 20th July 2017

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

5. Matters arising from the minutes for report only

18.72 Kill Your Speed Group – The Clerk will lodge the request for the 20mph order.

Cllr Cranshaw has withdrawn as a Trustee of WDDT and Cllr Wakefield-Sutton has withdrawn as a Trustee from Stoborough Village Hall

Emergency contact numbers to be forwarded to the Lengthsman for the Hayricks.

Visibility splays – The Clerk will contact the appropriate authority.

ACTION: CLERK

Scott Estate – A letter is to be sent regarding the drain. Cllr Ward will pass the contact details to the Clerk for follow up.

ACTION: CLLR WARD/CLERK

Hedge outside 50 and 52 Stoborough Green – The Lengthsman is to produce a quote for this work and the Clerk will then contact Aster. In addition, the tree branches are very overgrown and the buses are now having to move out into the road to avoid them. This will be included in the correspondence to Aster.

ACTION: CLERK

Footpath 11 – The oak tree and willow. The trees were viewed by Cllr Wakefield-Sutton. The Lengthsman will apply to the Tree Officer before carrying out the work.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

18.73 A copy of Cllr Ezzard's report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

7. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

18.74 As the District Councillor was not available, this item on the agenda was given to the Lengthsman to allow Councillors the opportunity to ask questions. The Lengthsman reported that the New Road sign is being held up by ivy and the plastic has cracked due to the bad weather. The Clerk will contact PDC in the first instance.

ACTION: CLERK

Cllr Scragg asked if the sign cleaning had taken place. This will take place over the next two weeks.

Melancholy Lane finger post will be taken down in the next week and replaced.

Cllr Cranshaw – The broken and splintered piece of wood in Hayricks was collected by Cllr Ward but does not seem to belong to any of the existing play equipment.

Cllr Scragg – Soldiers Road finger post also needs to be replaced.

Cllr Ezzard left the meeting 20:02

8. To confirm the payment of accounts and consider the bank reconciliation and position against budget for the year to date

18.75 To confirm the payment of accounts

The following payment had been requested:

N Barnes	Tow path cuts	BACS001	360.00
DAPTC	Annual subscription	BACS002	445.93
Anvil Grounds	Stoborough Meadow – June 2017	BACS003	602.36
DC Pension Fund	August contribution	BACS004	143.87
Mrs A Crocker	August wages + expenses	BACS005	531.48
HMRC	August PAYE	200556	98.80
Anvil Grounds	Stoborough Meadow – July 2017	BACS003	602.36
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HMRC	September PAYE	BACS006	99.00
DC Pension Fund	September contribution	BACS007	143.87
Mrs A Crocker	September wages + expenses	BACS008	417.51
JSR Tree Care	Lengthsman – September 2017	BACS009	183.75

The total amount requested from the Precept is £4,231.29.

Cllr Cranshaw proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously.

ACTION: CLERK

18.76 To consider the bank reconciliation and position against budget

A copy of the reports had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. No comments were made or questions asked.

A draft budget for the year 2018/19 will be issued to all members prior to the next meeting for discussion and confirmation at the October meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

9. Parish Reports

18.78 Councillors’ reports on meetings attended

Cllr Cranshaw – formal opening of the Wareham Library Garden on the 19th September and the opening ribbon was cut by Lady St Mary primary school children.

Cllr Ward – Hayricks inspections; Resilience strategy meeting in August – useful contacts created and some training is available. 12/9 Steering Group meeting.

Cllr Scragg – 12/9 Steering Group meeting; 21/9 Toll Bar Stream meeting – seeking monies for environmental projects. Any thoughts should be emailed to Cllr Scragg by the

end of September.

Cllr Love – 12/9 Steering Group meeting.

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – 12/9 Steering Group meeting; Hayricks inspections; Housing Forum.

Cllr Pellegrini – 27/7 Meeting with Anna lee and Steve Boyt, PDC; 12/9 Steering Group meeting. 18/9 Meeting with Richard and Sandra Brown regarding the National Park initiative.

Cllr Hunter – 27/7 Meeting with Anna Lee and Steve Boyt, PDC; 8/8 Meeting with David Evans regarding the Wareham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group followed by a site visit to the proposed Worgret site with AECOM. 11/9 Meeting with Dante Munns; 12/9 Steering Group meeting; 18/9 Meeting with Richard and Sandra Brown.

18.79 Clerk's report

The issue of dog bins had been raised at the recent Clerks' Seminar. Dorset Waste Partnership are intending to remove the small red dog bins and replace them with wheelie bins, chained to a post. At present, the Parish Council owns the dog bins, although they are emptied by DWP. As the bins need replacing, members will need to decide on what to replace them with – another red bin, a wheelie bin or a bin that will take both litter and dog waste.

18.80 Reports from outside bodies

Stoborough Village Hall - The floor has now been replaced in the small meeting room. The curtains have been replaced on the stage and the planning for the storeroom has been approved. This will mean there will be no need to keep the stacked chairs in the main rooms. The small meeting room will be redecorated in due course.

Furzebrook Hall – nothing to report.

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – Met on Monday 18th September 2017. Purbeck Film Festival will open on the 13th October. 'The Viceroy' will be shown at Stoborough Village Hall on the 14th October.

Ridge Residents' Association – Open Gardens Day held 26th August – six gardens were open and the event was very successful.

Stoborough Primary School – The school has undergone its Strategic Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) and was found to be Outstanding.

18.81 To receive reports in respect of The Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – The Boules pitch was in need of weeding. As it has not been used for such a long time, it is in a poor state of repair. Cllr Hunter asked if the Corfe Road hedge could be landscaped and thinned out. Cllr Ward reported that the area around the hedge was very wet and thinning it may encourage children to go through it rather than use the designated entrance. If the hedge were thinned, it would require a lot of maintenance afterwards. Sign at the entrance – move slightly further in, it may be more visible. The Clerk will speak to the Lengthsman.

ACTION: CLERK

Allotments – Cllr Love has spoken to Colin Johnson, the head of the Allotment Committee, and everything is running smoothly.

SANG – Cllr Pellegrini reported that the catch on the gate leading to the car park has been fixed. There is some litter in the ditches around the car park but they are considerably strengthened in parts with new boarding. The dog bins were relatively empty and the information boards are superb and give comprehensive and interesting information about the site.

18.82 Neighbourhood Plan update

The first iteration was completed and sent to PDC, who have provided a fourth officer, Stephen Boyt, to oversee it. Mr Boyt subsequently proposed various recommendations. The Steering Group met to discuss Mr Boyt's comments and it was agreed to employ Jo Witherden to advise on our response. The report has now been passed to her. Cllrs Hunter, Scragg and Love are looking at all the SHLAAs and Cllr Hunter will produce a report based on their findings. Once Ms Witherden has completed her review, the Review Group will meet, together with the Clerk. There is a pressing need to inform residents of progress and Cllr Pellegrini has produced an article for the newsletter and will draw up an interim report to go on the notice boards.

It was noted that the parish notice boards are full of business information which detracts from any important notices that are being put up. Another notice should go in all the boards setting out a policy on the use of the boards. Cllr Pellegrini will produce the notices.

ACTION: CLLR PELLEGRINI

18.83 Update of meetings with the National Trust, Natural England and RSPB

Cllr Hunter reported that he had met with Dante Munns and Peter Robinson of the RSPB on the 11th September to discuss issues raised by residents living in Ridge and the village of Arne i.e. volume of traffic, speeding, the state of Arne Road. The RSPB have undertaken to advise the residents of Arne village when there are events planned. The RSPB have also pledged their support in an approach to Highways regarding the state of the road and verges, and ensuring passing place signs are where they should be, additional signage is provided warning motorists of pedestrians, horses and cyclists. Whatever we wish to do to ensure the road is safe for all users, they will lend their unequivocal support. A meeting with Highways will be arranged.

18.84 Update on newsletter

This will be reviewed at the October meeting.

10. To consider any PLANNING APPLICATIONS received

18.85 Planning applications

6/2017/0395 Bracken Bank, Barnhill Rd, Ridge - Remove summerhouse & replace with oak gazebo – considered by email over August – no objections.

6/2017/0423 Stoborough Primary School - Replace 3 timber windows & 1 door
No objections

6/2017/0455 Syldata Arne - Non material amendment to 6/2016/0035 for additional

fan lights to windows
No objections

6/2017/0459 43 Corfe Road, Stoborough - New roof comprising thatch covering, new chimney flue liner & garden fences
No objections

6/2017/0477 Dairy Cottage, Melancholy Lane - Side & rear single storey extn, new bay windows to front, new first floor window & new chimney to side
No objections

TWA/2017/134 Pippins, Barnhill Rd - Various tree works – considered by email over August
No objections

TWA/2017/0148 6 Old Kiln Rd, Ridge - T1 & T2 Oaks – remove epicormic growth through crowns
No objections

ACTION: CLERK

11. Correspondence/items for action and resolution

18.86 Letter from Mr Maddox – A letter had been received expressing concern over the width of the pavement from the Kings Arms in Stoborough to the causeway. He was concerned that a child could easily fall into the road and railings should be put in place to prevent this. It was felt that, while the concern was understood, the erection of railings at this point would prevent anyone in a wheelchair or with a pushchair being able to use the path. Cllr Love proposed the Clerk discuss the matter with Highways and report back to the October meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

18.87 To consider any defects to be passed to the Lengthsman

- Crossroads at Ridge by Hearthill Cottages – gully needs clearing.

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton expressed her thanks to Cllr Ward for moving a branch from the road following the Steering Group meeting.

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

18.88 There were no further items to discuss.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:57pm.

The next meeting will be on the 19th October 2017 at 7.00pm, Stoborough Village Hall