

# Arne Parish Council

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNE PARISH COUNCIL  
held in Stoborough Village Hall, West Lane, Stoborough  
on Thursday, the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Mrs CA Macleod Chairman  
Mr NI Barnes  
Mr M Frenchman  
Mr TH Heritage  
Mrs BJ Kenward  
Mr R Scragg  
Mrs V Ward

Also present were District Councillor N Cake and County Councillor M Lovell (arriving late from another meeting)  
Minutes were taken by the Clerk, Miss M D Weller

## **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**12/51** Chairman to ask for any Declarations of Interest on items contained in the Agenda. Any councillor who decides there is a prejudicial interest will be asked to leave the room during discussions but that councillor is welcome to make a submission during Public Participation Period from the floor in accordance with paragraph 12(2) of the Code of Conduct. Declarations of Interest can be made at any time during the meeting.

## **2. APOLOGIES**

**12/52** There were no apologies for absence.

## **3. MINUTES**

**12/53** Mrs B Kenward proposed and Mr M Frenchman seconded the motion *it was* **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2012, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

## **4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

**12/54** A member of the public advised he had witnessed an HGV with a digger on the back driving towards Stoborough along Nutcrack Lane and due to the vehicle being too wide for the lane, had damaged the verge. Mr N Barnes had seen a vehicle trailing a boat do the same type of damage. Mr T Heritage advised there was signage indicating a narrow road. Clerk advised Highways were not willing to put a weight restriction on the road as the width restriction should limit the weight of the vehicles.

- 12/55** Member of public and Mr H Ricks advised the hedge growing from Ridge Cottage property was growing into the road and required cutting back to the wall. Clerk agreed to write to the houseowners asking them to carry this work out.

Chairman thanked the public for giving their comments to members.

## **5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

- 12/56** County Councillor M Lovell was not present at this time.

## **6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

- 12/57** District Councillor N Cake reported an important consultation being considered is the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) replacing transport contributions and the heathland contribution from development. CIL will be based on the square metre area of development (with a minimum free of charges) but that levy will vary from large towns such as Swanage, Dorchester as opposed to villages depending on the local housing value of the area. The disbursement of the fund has not been finalised but central government wants everything to be in place for 2013 implementation.

Mrs B Kenward advised it was an option within legislation, not a requirement. Councillor Cake agreed and stated the District Council has to raise money in some form or it would be in financial difficulties.

Mr T Heritage asked what other councils were following this option and Councillor Cake advised Poole and Bournemouth Unitary Councils do not have CIL but the other district councils do request transport contributions from developments; a major part of this fund will be used for the Swanage railway connection.

Chairman thanked District Councillor N Cake for his report.

## **7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **12/58 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Plan No.

**6/2006/0666 - Floodplain east of Holme Bridge to railway line, East Holme**

Installation of 8 water level control structures and 4 clay bunds on floodplain ditches, creation of shallow scrapes and grips.

**AGREED** *Parish Council objects to this application*

No decision

**6/2010/0685/686 Doreys Pit, East Stoke**

Variation of conditions in both applications

**AGREED** *Parish Council objects to both applications*

No decision

**6/2012/0365-367 – Old Post Office site, Corfe Road, Stoborough, Wareham**

Demolish outbuildings to rear 39 and 41 Corfe Road, demolish outbuilding rear 41 Corfe Road and erect detached dwelling

**AGREED** *Parish Council objects to all applications*

366 and 367 Approved – 365 No Decision

**6/2012/0246 Land at Masters Pit, Puddletown Road, East Stoke**  
 Construction of single turbine 75m to hub 27m blade with infrastructure  
**AGREED** *Parish Council objects to this application*  
 No decision

**6/2012/0289 Worgret Manor Farm, Worgret Road, Wareham**  
 Erect agricultural building.  
**AGREED** *Parish Council has no objections to this application*  
 Approved

**6/2012/0339 4 Stoborough Green, Wareham**  
 Erect 1<sup>st</sup> floor rear extension.  
**AGREED** *Parish Council has no objections to this application.*  
 Approved

## **12/59 CLERK'S REPORT**

### **1. CONSULTATIONS**

The Parish Council has made representations on the following consultations and a copy of the letters will be available at the meeting :

- Electoral Review including Boundary Review of Wards in Purbeck
- Funding arrangements for the localisation of Council Tax Support
- Making Purbeck Healthcare fit for the future
- Navitus Wind Farm – Preliminary Environmental Information

Further consultations to be considered include :

- Bournemouth Dorset and Poole Pre-Submission Draft Minerals Core Strategy
- Purbeck Local Plan Amendments

### **2. THE HAYRICKS**

All is ready to start except for the weather. The Contractor will be meeting a representative of the Parish Council to ensure the track location is right and discuss the starting date.

### **3. ALLOTMENTS**

Clerk wrote to Savills, as land agents, seeking permission and funding towards the vegetation reduction and access opening work and a reply is awaited.

### **4. ACCOUNTS 2011/2012**

These have now been collated and sent off to the external auditor.

### **5. STOBOROUGH GREEN**

Corfe Road dog bin has now been relocated.

Knightstone Housing has confirmed their tenants do not object to having a red dog bin by the farm gate in Scotts Close and they will pay for it. Clerk has ordered the bin.

SITA have agreed to include both bins in their emptying contract and a litter bin that Synergy Housing has installed.

Synergy has also put up a notice board and agreed that the Council's agenda can go up

### **6. RIVER TOWPATH (FP20)**

Wareham & District Development Trust have agreed to take this project on and will source the funding. All stakeholders have agreed the work and all that this wanted now is the detailed schedule of works so that funding can be applied for.

Clerk has received complaints on the state of the towpath and found Dorset Works Organisation had not cut the vegetation back on the date they had agreed with her. A

local farmer witnessed walkers and cyclists turning back as they could not get through so he cleared the overhanging weeds and bushes.

**AGREED** Clerk to put this item on the agenda to consider payment for the work done. Clerk has now asked Rights of Way to advise how many cuts per year they pay for, how much per cut is paid and if the number of cuts has been cut. No reply has been received.

#### **7. FLOODING**

The Environment Agency has been issuing alerts and our Flood Warden, Mrs Vivienne Ward, has been extremely busy. If you have any problems of flooding, please call her on 07778 611508.

Chairman thanked Mrs Ward for all her hard work in ensuring homeowners at risk knew of the flood warnings and that they had sandbags to prevent water entering properties.

#### **8. OLYMPIC TORCH**

Finally, the Torch goes through Stoborough between 2.15-2.25pm 13<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

### **12/60 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

- (1) FURZEBROOK HALL – Councillor N Cake advised nothing to report.
- (2) STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL –Mr T Heritage had nothing to report.
- (3) STOBOROUGH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION – No report.
- (4) RIDGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION – Nothing to report.
- (5) STOBOROUGH GREEN – Mr P Love advised there was an ongoing problem with grass maintenance on the estate and this will be discussed at the next Synergy meeting. A dropped kerb in the car park off The Drove will be put in and the path to this car park will be considered as it needs resurfacing.
- (6) Mrs B Kenward attended the last Standards Committee meeting under the old rules and a new Committee will be formed. The Clerk sent out the new Code of Conducts to members for consideration before the meeting and Mrs Kenward advised it was most important to note that making pecuniary mistakes can lead to an appearance in the magistrates' court.
- (7) Mr R Scragg has been working on the Arne Parish web site and planning its contents.
- (8) Clerk, Chairman, Mrs V Ward and Mr R Scragg attended the Planning Workshop at Stoborough Hall and found that Purbeck District Council had not sent an officer to help John Parker of the Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils. Mr Tony Gibb volunteered to help and the Clerk distributed the meeting notes to all those who had not attended.
- (9) Clerk had not been able to attend the Purbeck Transport Action Group meeting but would circulate the minutes as there were some detailed transport information contained in them.

### **5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

- 12/61** County Councillor M Lovell had now arrived and the Chairman returned to this item for his report.

Councillor Lovell advised he was in discussion with planning officers on the extension to Povington Quarry for ball clay as it was affecting a Ramsar site. Mrs B Kenward suggested it would be beneficial if Councillor Lovell was invited to the Imereys Liaison Group meetings where he would hear about all of the quarries and concerns from most of the stakeholders, including the AONB. Mrs Kenward and Councillor N Cake would put this suggestion forward.

Councillor Lovell reported the appointment of a new Chief Executive, Mrs Ward, who was originally the Director of Adult Services. Salary scales have been reviewed and will be lowered.

## **8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED**

**12/62** The Planning Committee considered the following :

**6/2012/0313 1 Gover Close, Ridge, Wareham**

Replace existing conservatory with single storey extension

**AGREED**

Parish Council has no objections to this application.

The Parish Council considered the following planning applications :

**6/2012/0390 The Elms, Worgret Road, Worgret, Wareham**

Replace existing dwelling with single unit

**AGREED**

Parish Council has no objections to this application.

**6/2012/0392 Cherry Bank, 32 Furzebrook Road, Wareham**

2 storey extensions and alterations

**AGREED**

Parish Council has no objections to this application.

**6/2012/0408 Pippins, Barnhill Road, Ridge**

Install garden shed, workshop/garage, wood store, site mobile home, widen main access

**AGREED**

Parish Council objects to this application on the basis of the siting of a mobile home being unnecessary, inappropriate development, concerns about drainage. Also the sizes of the garage/workshop and garden shed are very large for the stated purpose and both should have flat roofs, not pitched.

**6/2012/0417 13 Gover Close, Ridge, Wareham**

Remove existing conservatory and erect single storey extension

**AGREED**

Parish Council has no objections to this application.

**6/2012/0418 Dove Cottage, Barnhill Road, Ridge, Wareham**

Remodelling of cottage, attic conversion and extension

**AGREED**

Parish Council objects to this application based on the increase of height as it is out of character for the area with no 2 storey buildings nearby.

**6/2012/0419 Worgret Manor Hotel, Worgret**

Change existing hotel into private residence.

**AGREED**

Parish Council has no objections to this application.

**6/2012/0423 Hazel Lodge, 6 Stoborough Meadows, Wareham**

Install photovoltaic solar panels SW facing rear roof

**AGREED**

Parish Council has no objections to this application.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE/ITEMS RAISED AT MEETING FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**12/63** STANDING ORDERS – Clerk advised their Standing Orders adopted in 2008 required a review, especially in the light of an updated version being made available by DAPTC. **AGREED** that the Clerk should compare the 2 versions and the Chairman to call an Extraordinary Meeting for all to attend and decide on the Standing Orders for adoption.

**12/64** CODE OF CONDUCT – Clerk had circulated the new Code to all members for consideration before the meeting. Originally the District Council wanted Parish Councils to adopt their version but Monitoring Officers had met and agreed the National Association for Local Councils had a more appropriate version for parish and town councils. Mrs B Kenward proposed and Mr M Frenchman seconded the motion it was **RESOLVED** Arne Parish Council members agree to use the NALC Code of Conduct.

TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION RECEIVED SINCE THE AGENDA WAS SET

**12/65** NONE.

TO CONSIDER MATTERS RAISED FOR ACTION FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

**12/66** Hedge at Ridge Cottage – Clerk to write to the owners asking for this to be cut back. Suggestion that Highways should be asked for a sign giving alternative route for HGVs so as to avoid Nutcrack Lane – Clerk to write to Mr S Mephram, Highways.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE OR ITEMS FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

**12/67** COMPLAINT – Clerk advised a resident in Grange Road had written to complain about the apparent support Arne Parish Council was giving to Dorset County Council's promotion of sponsoring roundabouts. Clerk had drafted a reply outlining the history of roundabout issues over the last 2 years and advising the County Council was the authority with responsibility for maintenance of them. Sponsorship was one method of bringing in money to keep the maintenance to a high level, the Parish Council's name was a nod to the Parish in which the roundabout was located.

**12/68** DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL – Dorset Opportunities Programme Launch which seeks to tackle worklessness, support local community projects and engage with employers and other organisations..

**12/69** PURBECK SPORTS CENTRE – Invitation to 14-25 year old people to make use of the free Sportivate activities available at the Sports Centre from 22<sup>nd</sup> July to 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

**12/70** WAREHAM PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – Clerk had been advised that media reports of the permanent closure of the pedestrian level crossing are untrue. There may be a temporary closure in the Autumn in connection with the Poole to Wool re-signalling scheme. County Council is proposing to renew the current 25 year lease of the crossing to run to 2038 and are discussing alternative options for the future as Network Rail has a policy of removing vehicle and pedestrian level crossings nationally where there are satisfactory alternatives. Councillor M Lovell advised Network Rail and South West Trains are meeting with Purbeck District Council to try and agree a solution.

**12/71** CONSULTATION ON DAY CARE AND VOCATIONAL SERVICES – Consultation discussion will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2012 from 7pm to 8.15pm at the Corn Exchange, Wareham.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE FOR GENERAL INFORMATION**

- 12/72 (a) DORSET ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS**  
- None.
- (b) PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
- Standards Committee agenda and minutes.
- (c) DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL**  
- None

**12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**12/73** Authorisation was given for the payment of the following accounts and the cheques were signed:-

<b>Power</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount</b>
LGA 1972 s111, 151	MD Weller	Petty Cash	£25.00
LGA 1972 s111,	DAPTC	2 workshops	£40.00
LGA 1972 s111,	S Syrett	Moving dog bin	£40.00
LGA 1972 s111,	Glasdon UK Ltd	New dog bin	£301.96
LGA 1972 ss112	MD Weller	Clerk's salary	367.32
LGA 1972 ss112	Inland Revenue	Tax and NIC	£91.60
	<b>Total</b>		<b>£865.88</b>

**13. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- 12/74** Chairman suggested meetings might begin at 7pm in future and it was agreed to put this on the next agenda.
- 12/75** Chairman advised the Olympic Torch successfully went through Stoborough Green, Stoborough Meadow and Stoborough village on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2012. Mrs Macleod thanked all the Arne Parish volunteers for carrying out the marshalling duties, all had gone well and the weather held.
- 12/76** Councillor Cake advised the boat company at South Bridge have acquired a steam boat that they are renovating and hope to launch in February 2013.
- 12/77** Clerk reminded members it was the Finance Committee meeting for August and that they had delegated powers to deal with planning matters and payment of cheques.

The Chairman thanked all those present for attending and the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

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Chairman

Planning Meeting will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2012 at 7.00 pm if there are applications to discuss

Next meeting will be Finance Committee meeting and held on the 16<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at 7.30 pm