

Arne Parish Council

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNE PARISH COUNCIL
held in Stoborough Village Hall, West Lane, Stoborough
on Thursday, the 21st June 2012 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Mrs CA Macleod Chairman
Mr M Frenchman
Mrs BJ Kenward
Mr R Scragg
Mrs V Ward

Also present were District Councillor N Cake and County Councillor M Lovell
Minutes were taken by the Clerk, Miss M D Weller

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

12/24 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

12/25 There were apologies for absence from Mr TH Heritage (holiday) and Mr NI Barnes (holiday).

3. MINUTES

12/26 Mrs B Kenward proposed and Mrs V Ward seconded the motion *it was RESOLVED* that the Notes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 17th May 2012, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

12/27 Mrs B Kenward proposed and Mrs V Ward seconded the motion *it was RESOLVED* that the Parish Council Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17th May 2012, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record. Mr M Frenchman felt minute 12/12 should have more detail on the history of the Hayricks and its creation as some residents had expressed surprise at the amount of money that was involved. Clerk advised the details had been given in her report for the Annual Parish meeting and read the relevant section to the meeting.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Chairman closed the meeting for the public to be able to raise their concerns and invited their comments.

- 12/28** Mr C Weeks of Stoborough advised he often picked rubbish up as he was walking in the area and would leave it in the litter bin outside the school. This has been removed due to 'household' rubbish being put in there but it was in fact street litter. Chairman thanked Mr Weeks for his public spirit and Mrs B Kenward supported his request that the litter bin be returned. District Councillor N Cake was asked to speak to Neil Randall at District Council and intervene on their behalf. Having plastic bags left in places for SITA to pick up was not appropriate for volunteers and Mr Weeks is our current Volunteer of the Year
- 12/29** Question from the floor asked is the money spent on the Hayricks good use of funds when it is not used very much? Mrs B Kenward reported the area was extremely well used; councillors check the play equipment weekly and see for themselves how popular it is. The facilities originated from the Parish Plan surveys and the subsequent Parish Plan Review. There are areas for all ages including Boules for adults but youngsters are encouraged to learn how to play. Mr P Love advised a few years ago there was nothing for the youngsters as development had taken away the playing fields. The only issue is how children can cross the road safely from Stoborough Green to get to the Hayricks. The proposed concrete path will encourage them not to play in the streets but use the recreation area. Mrs B Kenward advised the next project is to provide equipment for adults such as outdoor gym units.
- 12/30** Mr P Love of Stoborough Green asked about the progress of getting a new dog bin and the Clerk advised SITA are happy to have 1 bin moved and 1 new bin supplied for Scott Close, they will be put on their emptying schedule. Encombe Estate do not object to the 2 locations suggested for the bins. Knightstone Housing Association has surveyed their tenants, who have not objected to the provision of a new bin, and so therefore will fund 1 new red dog bin for Scott Close. Clerk to invoice them the net cost and arrange the installation.
- 12/31** Mr C Weeks asked if the lay by opposite the village hall entrance was a car park as a camper van parks there often. Mrs B Kenward advised it is public highway and several of the residents use it to park their vehicles.
- 12/32** The progress of resurfacing the towpath was raised and Mrs B Kenward advised there had been a delay due to personal loss in Mr P Andrews' family. The interested parties (Mr P Andrews, Wareham and District Development Trust, Natural England, Environment Agency and Arne Parish Council) are now getting together to get the information necessary for funding drawn up. The surface will be hoggin as nothing else will be acceptable to the agencies. WDDT will then make application for funding. The current state of the towpath was raised, the vegetation was so overgrown it was making the path impassable. The Clerk advised she had received this report from Mr N Barnes the previous week and contacted Dorset Works Organisation. They had promised to cut back the path Monday this week.

Chairman thanked the public for giving their comments to members and reopened the meeting.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- 12/33** County Councillor M Lovell reported there is currently a consultation relating to the NHS services in Swanage and Wareham. The suggestion is that polyclinics be provided, hospitals removed and care packages to provide more care at home with a small number of beds being rented from nursing homes when required. The public are asked for their comments on the 2 options presented and they can also put other ideas forward. Both Councillor M Lovell and Mrs B Kenward, who attended a workshop on this consultation, urged everyone to read the literature and make comments as this is very controversial and very important to local residents and their future.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

12/34 District Councillor N Cake reported the District Council is in the final stages of signing off the Core Strategy, now to be known as the Local Plan, with members considering the Inspector's recommendations. There is currently a consultation on the amendments and it is hoped they can be agreed by December 2012. The danger being that if not adopted, developers can submit applications for any type of development and in any location. It is important to have a Local Plan in place. Mrs B Kenward advised the Parish Council will be objecting to one of the amendments relating to SANG proposals in Arne. Councillor M Lovell advised there would be a 3 year review but everyone felt this would be too late when the impact is on local livelihoods.

Councillor N Cake also advised of a Boundary Review consultation taking place. The Boundary Commission has recommended an extra councillor for Swanage, making 25 in total for Purbeck, and some changes within the wards to ensure councillors represent the same number of electorate. However, the Commission does not seem to recognise the area that needs to be travelled by the councillors. For Creech Barrow they have included East Holme. In 2 years time, there will be a Parish Boundary Review. There was some criticism of the District Council not being active in Tyneham as the Commission did not realise no one lives there. Tyneham will probably be annulled into another parish to overcome this anomaly.

Chairman thanked County Councillor M Lovell and District Councillor N Cake for their reports.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

12/35 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

6/2012/0173 - Stoborough First School, Corfe Road, Stoborough

Extension to form new teaching area, hardstanding for playground, formation of new pedestrian access, modification of vehicular access.

AGREED *Parish Council objects to this application*

Approved

6/2012/0216 – Biotrack Ltd, Furzebrook Road, Wareham

Erect extension to existing building to house office and WC

AGREED *Parish Council has no objections to the application*

Approved

6/2012/0219 63 Corfe Road, Stoborough

Remove rotting windows and install replacement windows

AGREED

Parish Council has no objections to this application

Approved

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

No decision

12/36 CLERK'S REPORT**(A) DORSET ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS**

Training schedule has changed slightly so members are asked to choose any workshop they wish to go to and let the Clerk know of their preference. Chairman, Mrs B Kenward, Mr R Scragg and Mrs V Ward advised they wished to go to the Planning Issues on the 10th July at Stoborough Village Hall. Clerk to book their places.

(B) THE HAYRICKS

Viridor Credits will be donating £12,000 towards the Hayricks Track project, Awards for All has agreed a further £6,000 and the Clerk has just received a cheque from Synergy Housing for a further £3,000. This means the project is paid for but until the paperwork is signed and acknowledge, work cannot begin. Since the agenda was compiled, the Clerk has received the necessary approvals and written to the contractor asking him to begin as soon as he can but first a meeting must be arranged to agree the track location.

(C) ALLOTMENTS

Clerk has written to Savills, as land agents, seeking permission and funding towards the vegetation reduction and access opening work but unfortunately that particular officer has left the firm. The letter has been forwarded to another officer and a reply is awaited.

(D) RIDGE

The new dog bin at Sunnyside has been moved back by a volunteer resident so that visibility is clearer.

(E) STOBOROUGH GREEN

Contractors have cut back the hedging between Scott Close and the parking area for the Drove but there is more to be done and they will be asked to cut the rest of the hedge and clear all of the leaves in the area as they are becoming dangerous.

Savills have agreed the Parish Council can put the Corfe Road dog bin by the path leading to the wooded area at the back of the estate and another bin by the farm gate in Scotts Close.

Knightstone Housing is asking its tenants if they are happy to have a dog bin by the farm gate and if agreed, it is hoped they may pay for it.

SITA have agreed to include both bins in their emptying contract.

(F) BOUNDARY REVIEW

The Local Government Boundary Commission has proposed that Purbeck District Council should have 25 councillors instead of 24 and they have made changes in the

size and make up of the local wards. Arne is in the Creech Barrow Ward and the change for this is to include East Holme Parish. Maps and details can be found on www.lgbc.org.uk and comments are to be submitted by the 9th July 2012.

(G) ACCOUNTS 2011/2012

These have now been independently audited and will be brought to the meeting for members to consider approval and completion of the Annual Return. They have to be submitted to BDO LLP by the end of June.

12/37 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

- (1) FURZEBROOK HALL – Councillor N Cake advised nothing to report.
- (2) STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL – As Mr T Heritage was not present, Chairman asked Mr P Love to report on the recent hall meeting. Mr Love advised there were residents and members of the WI present. Mr Love has volunteered to be a resident Committee member and the WI will be putting forward a representative also. It was clear that the Committee needs people to not only hire the hall but also to help with its maintenance. The AGM will be in September when all members of the Committee will stand down. Mr Love is involved in helping get the exterior decorated and seeking funding. Mrs B Kenward advised Mr P Andrews was keen to help and had provided the material for resurfacing the car park. Mr H Ricks was concerned that the material consisted of dust which would blow away and Mrs B Kenward stated Mr Andrews would not leave an unusable surface. It was agreed the car park is for hall users and up until recently the school had asked parents not to park there but Mrs V Ward had counted 16 cars directly attributable to parents. Mr M Frenchman read out one of the planning approval provisions that stated a detailed Travel Plan had to be submitted and approved before the extension could be used. School has to complete a School Travel Health Check annually to monitor the success of the Travel Plan. Clerk suggested monitoring the situation and wait for the Travel Plan to be submitted.
- (3) STOBOROUGH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION – No report.
- (4) RIDGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION – Mr M Frenchman had received complaints about the state of the towpath but the Clerk had already contacted Dorset Works Organisation and that should now be cleared.
- (5) Mr R Scragg has been in discussion with Dr R Kenward regarding the setting up of a generic web site system for parish councils.
Councillor Mrs B Kenward declared a personal interest in this matter under the Code of Conduct as wife of Dr Kenward but, as it was not a prejudicial interest under paragraphs (9(1) or 9(2) (a)-(e), remained in the meeting during its consideration
Mr Scragg saw a demonstration of the concept and was advised a full working version is planned for August so that data entry can begin. This would include the current minutes and reports but also news and events plus links to local businesses. Different members of the parish council could input but Clerk advised all entries must be approved by the Chair.
AGREED Mr R Scragg be given authority to represent the Parish Council during the deliberations on the new web site and report back to the meetings.
- (6) Mr R Scragg attended 2 training sessions (Making Council Meetings Work and Council Powers and Duties) which he found of great interest.

- (7) Clerk read a report from Mr P Collins who represents the Parish Council on the Wareham Relief in Need and Sickness Charity. A grant was made last year of £164 to a Wareham family for school uniforms; £100 before Christmas for a hamper to a Sandford family; and £31 x £20 to individuals as a Christmas box. The charity asks if anyone knows of a person or family in need of some small help, please contact the Clerk who will pass on the details.
- (8) Mrs V Ward went to the Coastal Management Strategic Plan consultation and found everyone talking in very technical terms. They intend going out to further consultation with their findings in September or October and Mrs Ward suggested they use plain English for people to understand what they are doing. For Wareham and Arne, they have not finalised what defences they will keep and what will be allowed to break down. Some responsibility to landowners has to be agreed. Mrs Ward suggested they incorporate scenarios that people recognise such as very high tides.
- (9) Mrs V Ward and Clerk attended the Wareham Burial Joint Committee meeting which began with a tour of the cemeteries. Various small matters were noted for improvement or repair. Hill View Lodge is looking good and being used. Mrs Ward has been re-elected Chairman of the Committee with Keith Green as Vice Chair.
- (10) Chairman and Mrs V Ward attended the Purbeck Area meeting of DAPTC and the notes will be circulated with the minutes. Mr S Howard from Dorset County Council did a follow up presentation on roundabout sponsorships and their charges. John Morton NHS Director of Commissioning & Partnerships, Dr Christian Verrinder the Clinical Commissioning GP Lead and Jill Wilde, NHS Dorset Project Manager were present to explain the clinically led proposal regarding the reconfiguring of the community hospitals and GP services within the Purbecks for the future. This is being spearheaded by the Clinical Commissioning Group. Mrs C Macleod has been voted on as Chairman for this group. Clerk advised the Stoborough Roundabout has been sponsored by Blue Pool and is only the second roundabout in the County to be sponsored.
- (11) Mr M Frenchman and Mr R Scragg attended the Navitus Bay 'drop in' consultation at the RNLI in Poole. Plans still in flux on number of turbines, positioning and even the size. Considering 200 x 6mW turbines; simulated scenes showed view of them at 153m high from main centres but only in one light condition at each point. Next consultation in October will show more scenes in various light conditions. There was more clarity on cabling arrangements coming ashore in the Christchurch vicinity and continuing underground to Ferndown. The Environmental Impact study is being carried out by Natural England; it is thought little impact on bird migration but severe on butterflies from France due to fly-height.
- (12) Clerk attended the Clerks' Seminar at Purbeck District Council on the 6th June and would circulate the notes with the minutes.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

12/38 The Parish Council considered the following planning applications :

6/2012/0339 4 Stoborough Green, Wareham

Erect 1st floor rear extension.

AGREED

Parish Council has no objections to this application.

Clerk advised the Marine Management Organisation had granted consent for the erection of a meteorological mast for the Navitus Bay Wind Farm

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

12/39 (a) **ANNUAL RETURN 2011/2012 AND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT** – Clerk then reported the independent auditor was happy with the accounts presented and agreed the figures for the Annual Return. His report had pointed out some errors in the minute numbering.

AGREED that the Chairman could sign the Accounting Statement as approved

(b) Clerk read through the Annual Governance Statement giving examples of how the Committee has adhered to the audit regulations and taken account of possible risks and reviewed the effectiveness of the internal audit control.

AGREED that the Chairman could sign the Annual Governance Statement as approved.

12/40 **RISK ASSESSMENT** – Clerk advised the Assessment had been updated but one item not included was an annual check on assets.

AGREED Parish Council to arrange an annual check on all assets for a report.

TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION RECEIVED SINCE THE AGENDA WAS SET

12/41 **NONE.**

TO CONSIDER MATTERS RAISED FOR ACTION FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

12/42 Litter bin in Stoborough – Councillor N Cake to take this up with Neil Randall Crossing to Hayricks – Members to discuss this with Highways officer during annual tour of Parish. Councillor M Lovell to be invited when date and time specified.

10. CORRESPONDENCE OR ITEMS FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION

12/43 DAPTC – None

12/44 DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL – Temporary closure of the Quay, part South Street and South Causeway on 21st July 2012 6.30am to midnight for the MS Fun Day and music night.

12/45 WAREHAM-HEMSBACH SOCIETY – Invitation to service commemorating 25th anniversary of Twinning Charter and formal presentation of a bench.

12/46 NAVITUS BAY WIND PARK – Letter giving information on the application but CD was missing with the information; this is being sent separately.

12/47 JULIE GIRLING MEP – Request to put up her contact details on notice boards.

AGREED Clerk to photocopy and put on notice boards the flyer for Julie Girling MEP

11. CORRESPONDENCE FOR GENERAL INFORMATION

12/48 (a) **DORSET ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS**
- None.

(b) **PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL**
- None.

(c) DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL

- None

(d) WAREHAM RELIEF IN NEED AND SICKNESS CHARITY

- Trustees Report and unaudited Annual Accounts 31.03.2012

(e) GWYDION'S TREE CONSULTANCY

- Letter of introduction from former Purbeck District Council Tree Officer

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

12/49 Authorisation was given for the payment of the following accounts and the cheques were signed:-

Power	Name	Reason	Amount
LG (Misc Prov) 1976 s19	Viridor Waste Management Ltd	3rd party contribution	£1,222.48
LGA 1972 s111, 151	MD Weller	Petty Cash	£25.00
LGA 1972 s111,	DAPTC	2 workshops	£60.00
LGA 1972 s111,	Richard Yates	Independent auditor	£75.00
LGA 1972 s111,	Purbeck Hedging & Fencing	Fencing village green	£412.08
LGA 1972 s111,	Broker Network Limited	Annual insurance 3yr term	£962.93
LGA 1972 ss112	MD Weller	Clerk's salary	560.09
LGA 1972 ss112	Inland Revenue	Tax and NIC	£108.14
	Total		£3,425.72

13. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

12/50 Mrs V Ward asked for the hedge to be cut back by the bus stop outside Stoborough Meadow as cars leaving the estate had visibility problems.

The Chairman thanked all those present for attending and the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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Chairman

Planning Meeting will be on 5th July 2012 7.00 pm if there are applications to discuss

Next meeting will be held on the 19th July 2012 at 7.30 pm