



Parish of Arne

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19th DECEMBER 2013 AT THE STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL, WEST LANE, STOBOROUGH COMMENCING 7.00pm

- Present:** Cllrs TH Heritage, R Scragg, A Pellegrini, V Ward
- Chair:** Cllr C Macleod
- Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker
- Also Present:** 4 members of the public, District Cllr N Cake, County Cllr M Lovell

1. Declarations of Interest

14/98 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

14/99 Apologies had been received from Cllr N Barnes (holiday) and Cllr B Kenward (work).

3. To confirm Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th November 2013.

14/100 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. They were proposed by Cllr Scragg to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Pellegrini and agreed unanimously. The Chairman signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from the minutes - for report only

14/101 Copies of the manual given out at the last PDC planning training session had been received and were made available to councillors at the meeting.

No further news on the purchase of the domain name to date.

5. Public Participation Period

14/102 Mr Ricks – referred to GPS system of open sky policy mentioned in the October meeting. It is understood that Exeter and Birmingham airports have already implemented the open sky policy even though the consultation does not finish until January. Cllr Lovell suggested contacting Debbie Ward, Chief Exec of County although it was pointed out that, as our representative, perhaps Cllr Lovell could do this. The Clerk has written to Spencer Flower, DCC Leader of Council, but no reply has been received to date. Cllr Lovell will take this up and see what he can find out. Cllr Heritage

reported that passenger carrying aircraft are under the total control of National Air Traffic Control and we may be worrying unnecessarily.

6. County Councillor's Report

14/103 Cllr Lovell – not much to report as everyone is busy with the budgets. DCC have been told they have to find another £48million between now and 2016. They are now trying to work out how things can be done differently in order to save money.

7. District Councillor's Report

14/104 Cllr Cake – preparing budgets and still looking at the small print of the settlement from Central Government. Planning meeting in November was cancelled as there were no applications and the December meeting only had one application. In January there is a development working party being set up to review how the delegations are being dealt with as far too much is being delegated to officers when it should go to the Planning Board.

7. To consider items for discussion/report

14/105 Results of planning applications submitted to County / District Council

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

6/13/0347 – 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 request for a reduction in the speed limit.

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.

6/12/0571-0609 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.*

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 in due course.

**6/13/0533 7 Tuckers Close, Stoborough
Erect new garage/workshop**

Agreed *No objections*
Approved

**6/13/0456 California Quarry
Temporary planning permission for the construction of a wellsite and associated cabins and storage facilities**

Agreed *Although we are not in possession of sufficient knowledge to respond in detail, concern was expressed regarding the possible results of such exploration. Purbeck is renowned for its natural springs and boreholes and there seems insufficient explanation as to what effect horizontal drilling is going to have on the substrata of the area and how it will affect the aquifers. The application is for 4kms of horizontal drilling under an area of natural sensitivity and, for this reason, we feel we must adopt a precautionary approach and object until more detailed reassurances can be provided.*

**6/13/0551 113 Corfe Road, Stoborough
Erect replacement garage on existing hardstanding base**

As this is replacing a garage and the base is already in existence the Parish Council has no objections

Agreed
Approved

14/106 Reports from Representatives

Stoborough Village Hall – see Cllr Heritage’s notes below.

Furzebrook Village Hall – still doing well.

Ridge Residents – Mr Ricks reported that the street lights are now switched off at night. Nothing further to report.

Stoborough Meadow Residents Association – No developments since the last meeting in October.

14/107 Meetings attended by Councillors

Cllr Heritage – Village Hall Trustee meeting. Young Farmers have done some work around the grounds. Mr Burgess managed to get a £20 rebate from Wessex Water and is in discussion with Alan Davis to make the village hall higher profile. There was discussion about the need for clarity and transparency within the finance. The Risk Assessment has been carried out and requirements are being worked through. A working party cleaned out under the stage and the disabled sign is now in. The parking sign is on order. The notice board needs to be moved from its present position as it prevents the windows from being opened in the ladies toilets. New tables have been ordered and have now arrived. The Committee is now thinking of insulating the cavity wall or possibly putting in a false ceiling to aid heat loss in the main hall. There was also discussion about making the meetings more frequent. 22nd December – Carols on the Green 5pm. Cllr Pellegrini reported that it was a positive meeting and progress is being made. Cllr Scragg asked if the notice board belongs to the village hall. Cllr Heritage reported that it belongs to the Parish Council and, once it is moved, Cllr Pellegrini will take over responsible for putting up the notices.

Cllr Scragg – Transport Action Group meeting with Cllr Macleod.

Cllr Ward – Neighbourhood Planning meeting and meeting with Steve Mephram, DCC.

Cllr Heritage – Regularly walks up New Road which has been dry all year but after one day’s rain it turned into quite a torrent and is nearly over the barricade. The pipe under the road has been cleared by DCC.

Cllr Pellegrini – PDC planning and Stoborough Green meeting.

Cllr Macleod reported that the Neighbourhood Planning meeting was quite useful and the officer dealing, Keith Childs, suggested that the Parish Council approach anyone who was involved with the Parish Plan should be invited to join the Neighbourhood Planning Group. The next meeting will not take place until after the 4th February 2014. It is intended that representatives from each area of the parish should be represented on the Steering Group.

Cllr Macleod – Neighbourhood Plan, PDC planning and Stoborough Green meeting and Exec Committee on 4th December 2014. It was noted that all agendas should be signed by the Clerk before putting out on notice boards. This will be quite difficult but, as in other parishes, can be overcome by amending the Standing Orders.

14/108 To consider any actions required

No actions required.

14/109 Web site update

Currently suffering from a technical problem but this should be resolved by the New Year.

14/110 Training Programme for the month ahead

The next PDC training will be on Tuesday 14th January 10am to 12.30pm and will cover Planning appeals and planned enforcement.

8. To consider any Planning Application received

Non- Delegated – **None**
Delegated

- **6/2013/0653 3 Stoborough Meadow – install photovoltaic solar panels**

Agreed Reference is to be made to the comments regarding the other photovoltaic panels in Stoborough Meadows. However, as the previous application had been approved, we cannot reasonably object to this one. No objections. Cllr Cake reminded members that if PDC do not pass them, they will go to appeal and will then be passed.

9. Correspondence/items for action and resolution

14/111 CLERK'S REPORT

A copy had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. The Clerk reported that a further response had been received from DCC Highways saying they are planning a further site meeting to consider improving the surface on either side of the hammerhead. Nothing had been received from Synergy.

14/112 DISPENSATIONS

None had been received.

14/113 To consider moving the bus stop in Corfe Road to the layby opposite the school

The school bus stops in West Way so the problem is out of school hours. Cllr Heritage felt that the bus stop was not regularly used and to remark the bay as a bus lay-by would require local legislation. Highways would not be keen to do this due to the lack of funds. Cllr Cake reported that, many years ago, there was a dispute about who owns the layby. Cllr Scragg felt that this might be something that could be discussed in the Neighbourhood Plan.

14/114 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH – to review progress to date

An e-mail was sent to Mike Chittendon thanking him for his work to date. A letter was sent to the PCC and, as a result, PC Jephcott has been in touch with Mr Chittendon but, having lost 5 volunteers, he feels that the project should be put on hold. We will move this to the Neighbourhood Plan for consideration.

14/115 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllrs Kenward, Macleod, Pellegrini and Scragg together with the Clerk met with officers Diane Bemand and Keith Childs on the 17th December to discuss the starting up process for the Neighbourhood Plan. The Housing Needs Survey is due to go out in January and the Clerk will redraft the covering letter and pass it to the councillors for consideration over the weekend. We continue to look for volunteers from the various sections of the community to assist with the Plan. Robert Richmond-Jones lives in Stoborough Green and may be willing to assist – Cllr Pellegrini will speak to him after Christmas.

14/116 To consider correspondence received since the Agenda was set for discussion and possibly placing on the agenda for the next meeting

DCC have issued notification that they are consulting on 2 emerging planning documents for an 8 week period ending on the 13th February 2014. These are:

The Mineral Sites Plan, for which a total of 44 sites nominated to the Mineral Planning Authority have been assessed and

The Waste Plan, for which an Issues Paper has been prepared. This sets out the anticipated needs for waste management facilities up to 2030 and invites views on a range of issues.

The plans can be seen on the Dorset For You web site and exhibitions will be held throughout January, the nearest one being at the Wareham Corn Exchange on Monday 13th January 3pm-7pm.

14/118 To consider items raised by the public during the Participation Period for discussion and placing on the next agenda

BRNS2008 – new air space changes. We will continue to pursue this.

10. Correspondence or items for specific information

14/119 Nothing received.

11. Correspondence for General Information

14/120 Nothing received.

12. Payment of Accounts

14/120/1 The following payments had been requested:

N Clifford	2 path cuts to 17/11/13	120.00	409
Mrs A Crocker	December wages/overtime/expenses	834.05	410
HMRC	PAYE & NIC December	251.28	411

The total amount requested from the Precept is £1205.33.

Cllr Heritage proposed that the payments were made. This was seconded by Cllr Pellegrini and agreed unanimously. The cheques were signed by two councillors in the presence of the meeting.

14/120/2 To consider the proposed Precept for the year 2014/15

Councillors had met and set out a proposed budget for the coming year, a copy of which was then sent to all members prior to the start of the meeting. The proposal is to increase the Precept by 19.41% to £27,106.46. The main reasons for the increase are the inclusion of £1,500 towards the 2014 elections, £2,000 towards the Neighbourhood Plan and the increase in salary to the Clerk allowing for an additional 5 hours per month.

It was proposed by Cllr Pellegrini, seconded by Cllr Scragg and agreed unanimously that the Precept for 2014/15 is set at £27,106.46.

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

Cllr Heritage reported that about 2 years ago, the parish council had a visit to Arne to see the pit that had been closed and was being turned into a bird sanctuary. Perhaps we could write to the RSPB to see if we could arrange a return visit to see how it is going.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.16 pm

Planning Committee meeting on the 2nd January 2014 if there are plans to discuss

The next meeting will be on the 16th January 2014 at 7.00pm, Stoborough Village Hall