



Parish of Arne

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16th JANUARY 2014 AT THE STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL, WEST LANE, STOBOROUGH COMMENCING 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs TH Heritage, R Scragg, V Ward, B Kenward

Chair: Cllr C Macleod

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also Present: 5 members of the public, County Cllr M Lovell

1. Declarations of Interest

14/121 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

14/122 Apologies had been received from Cllr A Pellegrini (holiday)

3. To confirm Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th December 2013.

14/123 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 Heritage and agreed unanimously. The Chairman signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from the minutes - for report only

14/124 Nothing to raise that is not already covered by the agenda.

5. Public Participation Period

14/125 Traveller sites – The consultation paper has gone through its cycle. The councils have all had their meetings and it would appear that DCC have agreed that the Purbecks will have 33 new pitches – somewhere. We will look into this further and find out how far the paper has gone and where the proposed sites are.

Blocked drains – The Clerk reminded all present that any blocked drains or damages should be included on the PEM system via www.dorsetforyou.co.uk Once reported, the work must be carried out within 28 days.

6. County Councillor's Report

14/126 Bus Services - The No.40 bus will no longer be running in the evenings or early mornings once the new services come on line. We will not know exactly what the bus company is going to do until February. Cllr Lovell has begun discussions with the Park and Ride with a view to getting a local service going. He has also attended a meeting regarding the railways but it will be about 2015 before the 50 day trial goes ahead and they are looking to have an evening service in time.

Budgets - The budget is still being worked on and £50million saving has to be found over the next 3 years.

Children and Families Services – These are being reviewed with a view to identifying problems and dealing with them before they arise. Cllr Macleod reported that there is a suggestion about the lack of communication between the various agencies and perhaps a software system could be set up whereby, should a name appear on two or more databases, it is flagged. Cllr Lovell said that such a system has already been set up. Cllr Heritage reported that in the past he had attended various meetings regarding this sort of issue and the problem constantly arose that no particular case could be discussed due to confidentiality.

County Hall - Continuing to downsize County Hall and making it more open plan. This has enabled County to sell off some of its properties in Dorchester and create further savings. It is hoped that front end services will not be touched.

Wareham Middle School – Cllr Lovell had no knowledge of what is going to be happening to the building. Apparently Purbeck School have written to all the parents saying they will not be using the Middle School anymore.

Drains - The problem of the water has been cured outside of no. 41 but is now collecting outside the school. Cllr Lovell will also look at the over-flowing manhole cover outside no. 51.

Thanks are extended to Cllr Ward for all the work she has done regarding the flooding issues that have arisen.

7. District Councillor's Report

14/127 Cllr Cake – not available.

7. To consider items for discussion/report

14/128 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 reported that there will be a 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.

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

Agreed

Approved *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.*

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

Agreed

Approved *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.*

14/129 Reports from Representatives

Stoborough Village Hall – Cllr Heritage reported that although there has not been a meeting since the last Parish Council meeting, he has been looking at getting the notice board sorted out.

Furzebrook Village Hall – Nothing to report.

Ridge Residents – Meeting to be held next Monday. Mr Ricks asked what was happening regarding the grit bin. The present bins are proving unsuitable and the Parish Council will look at replacing them over a period of time. Cllr Kenward reported that the dumpy bag of salt has arrived and is stored at Tanglewood. If anyone needs any salt, please contact her in the first instance to organise a suitable time.

Stoborough Meadow Residents Association – Nothing to report.

14/130 Meetings attended by Councillors

Cllr Ward – PDC Planning training
Cllr Scragg – PDC Planning training
Cllr Kenward – PDC Planning, Corn Exchange meeting regarding minerals.
Cllr Macleod – PDC Planning training

14/131 To consider any actions required

A further letter will be sent to Spencer Flower once Mr Ricks sends through the contact names regarding the flight path consultation.

14/132 Web site update

The site is now running smoothly and the information on the site has been tidied up. Any additional input will be welcomed. Cllr Kenward and Cllr Scragg have talked about raising money by asking various local businesses if they would like to advertise on the site and she asked the permission of the Parish Council to approach a local hotel. This was given and Cllr Scragg will organise putting the advert on the web site once confirmed. No fixed advertising fee will be set as rates will vary between commercial businesses and charitable causes.

ACTION: CLLR KENWARD/SCRAGG

14/133 Training Programme for the month ahead

The next PDC training will be on Tuesday 4th February, 10am to 12.30 pm and will cover speaking at planning board meetings. Anyone wishing to attend should inform the Clerk. If you are booked onto one of the sessions, but find you are unable to attend, please let the Clerk know as soon as possible. Members of the planning board will be in attendance in order to allow some role play.

8. To consider any Planning Application received

**14/134 *Non- Delegated* – None
*Delegated***

6/2014/0002 Syldata, Arne Road – removal of condition 3 of PP312518 (1967) to allow unrestricted occupation

Approved

No objections

6/2014/0025 Middlebere Farm – installing secondary double glazing to the Bake House

Approved

No objection.

9. Correspondence/items for action and resolution

14/135 CLERK'S REPORT

A copy had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

14/136 DISPENSATIONS

None had been received.

14/137 To consider the next step for the Neighbourhood Plan

Robert Kenward, Michael Frenchman, Ian Jenkins (Stoborough Meadow) will all be invited to attend. Monday 10th February 6.30pm – Evershot.

14/138 To receive a report on flooding issues

Cllr Ward reported that 4 properties on the causeway were flooded. The biggest problem is drivers ignoring the road closure signs on the causeway. Despite signs being put out, people are ignoring them and driving through anyway. The backwash from vehicles flows into the cottages alongside the causeway. One car was reported as it refused to stop. There is a 2.5m high tide warning for the end of the month. The web site is not updated frequently enough to give sufficient warning of the high tides. The usual trouble spots have arisen, i.e. in front of the school where the drain does not actually go anywhere. The jetter has been out but to no effect. The tide is too high for the water from the water meadows to drain away. A report has been sent to the Environment Agency and Cllr Ward has spoken to Lisa Pearce from the LiCO Poole Project who has said they have funding available and may be able to help. Cllr Ward has asked for a hedger and ditcher. Cllr Lovell has been trying to get the ditches looked at without much success. The County Council is trying to become more pro-active regarding clearing the ditches. One of the main problems is the ditch in Grange Road by the railway bridge.

Following the WDDT plea for help in repairing the flood bank between Wareham South bridge and Redcliffe, Cllr Kenward was able to arrange for 16 tonnes of hogging to be delivered to Redcliffe in order to carry out the emergency repairs.

Thanks extended to both Cllr Kenward and Cllr Ward for all the work they have done.

It was reported that a barrel of used oil has been abandoned by the side of the stream in New Road. It has been reported on 2 occasions but nothing has been done yet.

Cllr Scragg reported there would be a meeting at PDC on the 20th January to discuss the coastal erosion strategy. This excludes anything fluvial and only covers tidal erosion.

Stoborough Green ditches – Cllr Ward spoke to Nick Roberts before Christmas who said they intended doing some work in the New Year which would include clearing the ditch by the car park and cleaning out the drains in the car park.

14/139 To confirm the budget proposal as set out in the December meeting

The budget had been confirmed at £27,106.46 at the December meeting. However, since then, PDC have confirmed the grant they are able to give. For Arne, this amounts to £870 which means the Precept request can be reduced to £26,236.46. It was proposed by Cllr Kenward and seconded by Cllr Heritage that the revised Precept is accepted and this was unanimously agreed. The Clerk will submit the revised budget to PDC. This means the Parish Band D council tax will be £41.36 for the coming year.

ACTION: CLERK

14/140 To authorise repairs to the Hayricks following the RoSPA inspection

Following the RoSPA inspection, the Clerk had given a list of the work required to Steve Syrett. He has quoted £150 to carry out the work but in order to carry out the necessary work on the rainbow unit, he will need the specialist security tools. These will cost £48, including VAT. The Clerk suggested that the Parish Council should purchase the tools as they will be needed in the future should any other work be done and it may not be possible for Mr Syrett to do the work. It was proposed by Cllr Macleod, seconded by Cllr Heritage and agreed unanimously that the Parish Council purchase the tools. The Clerk will arrange this.

ACTION: CLERK

14/141 To consider correspondence received since the Agenda was set for discussion and possibly placing on the agenda for the next meeting

Doreys Pit – Planning committee and site meeting. The Parish Council were not happy about the proposal for the traffic flow. In addition, we wanted conditions included relating to the dust on roads, road speed, bunding etc. The whole site is surrounded by areas of special designation. We endorse the plan for a one way system, using the exit from Grange Road, via Cotness to Furzebrook Road. Cllr Kenward recommended that the Parish Council say the reversion to the use of Holme Lane as in the later sand and gravel application is a retrospective step. If anyone wishes her to add anything else they need to contact her before the 31st January when the site meeting is due to take place. All members agreed Cllr Kenward's comments should be put forward on the 31st January and on the 13th February. *Post meeting note: A full copy of Cllr Kenward's presentation to the Planning Committee is available upon request.*

Minerals review consultation – This was covered under the Doreys Pit item.

WDDT - A request for help had been received following the damage caused to the flood bank between Wareham South Bridge and Redcliffe. Cllr Kenward had been able to acquire 16 tonnes of hogging to be delivered to the Redcliffe car park. It will be down to volunteers to move it to where it is needed.

Flight path amendments – the issue was originally raised in 2008. A letter has been received from Spencer Flower but further investigations are underway.

Navitus Bay – The next round of consultations are now under way.

Change of bank account details – There are currently only 3 signing authorities for the accounts and it had previously been agreed that all councillors and the Clerk should have their names added to the details. The necessary papers were given to each councillor who will need to sign them and take them into the bank with proof of identity.

14/142 To consider items raised by the public during the Participation Period for discussion and placing on the next agenda

Nothing to add.

10. Correspondence or items for specific information

14/143 Nothing received.

11. Correspondence for General Information

14/144 Nothing received.

12. Payment of Accounts

14/145/1 The following payments had been requested:

Mrs A Crocker	January wages/ expenses	446.50	412
HMRC	PAYE January	86.40	413
Nat. Allotment	Affiliation fees	66.00	414

The total amount requested from the Precept is £598.90.

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

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

Cllr Ward reported that the notice board by the school needs repairing. Steve Syrett will be asked to take a look.

Cllr Macleod informed members that there is a Chairman's meeting at the end of March. It takes place at PDC and attendees are allowed to ask any questions of members they wish. If anyone has anything they would like raised, please pass them to the chairman.

It was noted that the blue bags being given out for waste disposal or for waste collection are of a poorer quality to those originally given out.

It was noted that there are currently no trains after 9.35pm going west from Poole until May. This may be due to work being carried out on the signals. Before long the bridge work will be started at Wareham and the line will be closed once again whilst this is happening.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9:05 pm

Planning Committee meeting on the 6th February 2014 if there are plans to discuss

The next meeting will be on the 20th February 2014 at 7.00pm, Stoborough Village Hall