



MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 17TH JANUARY 2019 AT
STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING 7PM

Present: Cllrs A Wakefield-Sutton, S Cranshaw, A Pellegrini, D Hunter, I Churchill

Chair: Cllr P Love

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also Present: 10 members of the public, Ian Alexander (NE), Dante Munns (RSPB), Catherine Farrugia (EA) and County Cllr B Ezzard and District Cllr M Barnes.

Prior to starting the meeting, the Chairman asked members of the public if they had any intention of filming or recording the meeting. No-one expressed any intention to do so.

Ian Alexander was invited to give a presentation on the Purbeck Heaths & Arne Grazing Unit. The conservation organisations have been undertaking work on the Purbeck Heath proposed National Nature Reserve. We already have Stoborough Heath and Hartland Moor Nature Reserves, but these are two separate entities. With the agreement of the various owners, it is the intention to do away with the separate units and incorporate them under one heading as Purbeck Heath National Nature Reserve. This will include the existing sites, together with large areas of existing land extending from Studland beach to the Arne Range. This will be one of the biggest reserves in lowland England. More news will be issued towards the summer. The legal part of the initiative is scheduled to happen in July.

The second project, previously held due to lack of finance, involves the extension of the grazing by cattle and ponies of the area. This will involve the input of additional cattle grids at Ridge and Arne Village, and Slepe Copse, amongst others. NE need to apply for permission from the new Unitary Authority and there will be a public consultation. The earliest this can be undertaken will be over the winter of 2019/20 with a view to starting the grazing in the summer of 2020.

There are currently about 100 cattle and 30 equines in the core area and this density will be maintained across the whole area.

There is no intention to replant oak trees but, as the amount of heathland increases, there is less incentive to do away with the existing trees.

The Nature Reserve will have no effect on the proposal for the National Park currently being reviewed for Purbeck.

All the landowners within the area have authority to cull deer but their numbers have come down in recent years to a more manageable level.

1. Public Participation

19.155 Rosemary Hawkins spoke on behalf of Stoborough Nursery. The nursery is in need of help in the form of a Chair to lead the group over the next months to help them achieve their goals. The trustees are very committed, but they need someone who can dedicate time and

drive to help them formulate a path for the future. They have 37 children on their role and serve Stoborough, Arne and Wareham. If anyone would like to know more, they can speak to Pauline Edwards at the Nursery and if anyone knows anyone who can help, please get in touch with a member of the committee. It would need two days a week to assist with setting up a holiday club, they need advice on sorting out the rent, etc. They have tried advertising and have undertaken leaflet drops but, as the role is voluntary, no-one has come forward. The nursery is a charity so do receive some funding from the government, but this no longer covers the cost of the child care.

Andy Critchell spoke on behalf of the residents of Puddletown Road. They would like to look at getting the speed limit reduced as there is an increasing number of lorries using the road. There are now a number of young families living in this vicinity and many walkers, cyclists and horse riders using this stretch of road, which is currently 50mph. The Clerk suggested starting with a traffic survey to gain some information regarding the speed of the traffic. The footpath from the cemetery, alongside the A352 past Worgret Manor is continuing to deteriorate. Would it be possible to get Highways to do anything? Cllr Ezzard will look into this and copy the Clerk into any emails.

Robin Smail spoke on behalf of the Stoborough Kill Your Speed Action Group. They are delighted that the Parish Council have a new SID but are not happy about the location of the three new posts. They feel that there should be one positioned on the road between the Hayricks and the entrance to the school.

Steve Widmer – bonfires at the allotments. One of the residents has complained about bonfires during November and December which have contaminated his AC units with soot. In addition, there is one particular allotment holder bringing in waste to burn on the allotment. A letter will be sent out to all allotment holders reminding them of their responsibilities regarding burning and bonfires.

ACTION: CLERK

Mike Boyd informed the meeting that similar problems regarding lorries driving at inappropriate speeds were being experienced along Furzebrook Road. This is particularly with regard to the heavy plant lorries whose drivers are not local. Many are unsheeted and heavily laden. There is considerable concern over the bridge weight capacity, and the road is becoming badly damaged. The lorries are often parking up over night in the laybys or on the verges and a lot of litter is being left. There are some instances where the drivers are cleaning out the lorries on the road side before entering the Imerys yards. It is understood that Imerys had agreed to close off the layby, but this has never been done and lorries park there over night waiting to go into the tip. Stuart Knott and John Vine of Imerys are aware of this and have promised to take action.

Nick Cake – the Imerys lorries are very good and restrict them to 30mph. The problem is the container lorries as they do not know the area.

Beryl Ezzard said that she was under the impression that the lorries should all be sheeted. They do have the sheets but are not using them. She could also contact Highways to cone off the unofficial laybys.

2. Declaration of interests

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

3. To receive apologies for absence

19.157 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Vivienne Ward and Richard Bessant.

4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th November 2018

19.158 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 Cranshaw and agreed unanimously. The Chair signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

5. Matters arising – for report only

19.159 Signs for the Hayricks – purchased and will be installed over the next week.

Hayricks repairs – Wicksteed’s quote has been accepted and the work should begin shortly. The padlock will be purchased for the children’s play area.

Newsletter – completed and sent to every household in the parish.

6. County Councillor’s Report

19.160 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

19.161 Cllr Barnes had nothing to report.

8. To confirm the payment of accounts and consider the bank reconciliation & position against budget

19.162 To confirm the Payment of Accounts

The following payments had been requested:

Wareham Burial Joint Committee	50% of annual fees	BACS030	1658.00
Cheap Printing	Newsletters	BACS031	304.76
Cheap Printing	NP Copies	BACS031	14.00
Cheap Printing	Sign for Hayricks	BACS031	132.00
Kipor UK Ltd	3 x generators	BACS032	3135.00
T Bain	Handheld radios	BACS033	146.37
Mrs A Crocker	December wages	BACS034	561.85
HMRC	December PAYE	BACS035	100.80
DC Pension Fund	December cont’	BACS036	146.80
Anvil Ground Maintenance	Oct, Nov & Dec	BACS037	1861.31
Cheap Printing	NP A3 posters	BACS038	27.60
Dorset Planning Consultants	NP advice	BACS039	1824.00
Stoborough WI	NP refreshments	BACS040	60.00
DC Pension Fund	January contribution	BACS041	146.80
HMRC	January PAYE	BACS042	101.00
Mrs A Crocker	January wages	BACS043	496.58

The total amount requested from the Precept is £10,716.87 of which £3,281.37 will come from the SSE grant monies received. Cllr Hunter proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Wakefield-Sutton and agreed unanimously.

ACTION: CLERK

19.163 To confirm the bank reconciliation and position against budget for the year to date

A copy of both reports had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. No comments were made, or queries raised.

9. Parish Reports

19.164 Councillors' Reports on meetings attended

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – NP drop in 14/1

Cllr Pellegrini – NP drop in 14/1

Cllr Church – NP drop in 14/1

Cllr Hunter – Ridge Residents 2/1; NP drop in 14/1

Cllr Cranshaw – Wareham and District Development Trust 17/1 – the wooden bench will be replaced by three Purbeck stone benches to be set in the exact stretch of path where the old bench stood. The consent of the landowner has been obtained and all costs will be met by the donors as the benches will be family memorials.

Cllr Love – Imerys meeting; NP drop in 14/1

19.165 Report from Outside Bodies

Stoborough Village Hall – the trustees are all in favour of the hall being the Emergency Hub and the Chairman will be meeting with the Flood Resilience Liaison Officer from County.

Furzebrook Village Hall – looking at putting a concrete step to enable easier access to the heathland behind the hall.

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – already covered in Public Participation.

Ridge Residents' Association – 23/2 Annual Charity Supper in Furzebrook Village Hall. 8/3 AGM at the Redcliffe Yacht Club.

Stoborough Primary School – the school has kindly taken the excess newsletters and will distribute them to all the children.

19.166 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – The Clerk reported that signs have been produced and passed the smaller one to Steve Widmer who will arrange for it to be put up at the Hayricks. The larger signs will be positioned on the gates in due course.

Allotments – The Clerk reported that all the allotments are now fully let and will check to ensure the rubbish has been cleared from the ditch at the back of the allotments.

SANG – Cllr Pellegrini reported that the bins are being emptied and the catch on the gate leading to the forested area has been fixed.

19.167 Arne Moors Project update

There is due to be a stakeholders meeting in February.

19.168 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The public consultation took place on Monday 14th January and was attended by 50 residents and councillors. The consultation period will finish on the 25th January at which time the working party will analyse any responses received and amend the Plan as necessary. This will then be passed to PDC for their consideration and comment. They will then undertake a 6-week consultation period, after which an Independent Examiner will be appointed, and the referendum will be held in August/September 2019. Thanks are extended to everyone for their efforts.

10. To consider Planning Applications received

19.169 **6/2018/0608 Arne House, Arne Road** – construction of detached pool house.

This was reviewed by email over the Christmas break and no objections were raised.

6/2018/0615 Owls Nest, Road to Redcliffe Farm – erect extensions and garage.

This was reviewed by email over the Christmas break and no objections were raised. The application has subsequently been approved.

6/2018/0662 4 Furzebrook Road – erect single storey rear extn and convert attic to habitable accommodation including inserting 2 dormer windows

Concern was expressed that the application was not well presented on line and the dormer windows may overlook the neighbours. As there were no objections from the neighbours on line and the Parish Council will not raise an objection. However, the owners of No 2 have expressed a wish to be able to access their property at all times during construction and we will support this.

6/2018/0663 Shop & café, access road to Arne – installation of 25m x 7m educational exhibit/play area

No objections.

6/2018/0698 Ivy Cottage, Worgret Hill – demolish existing outbuildings. Erect garage & workshop. Create new access.

No objections.

11. Correspondence and items for action and resolution

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

Considered as discussed.

19.171 To consider any defects to be passed to the Lengthsman

Ditch at the allotments

Hedge between Hayricks and Melancholy Lane.

Dog bin at Scott Close.

12. Correspondence received since the Agenda was set

19.172 Nothing to add.

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

19.173 Nothing to add.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:48pm