



Parish of Arne

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15th MAY 2014 AT THE STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL, WEST LANE, STOBOROUGH COMMENCING 7.00pm

- Present:** Cllrs R Scragg, B Kenward, A Pellegrini, V Ward
- Chair:** Cllr C Macleod
- Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker
- Also Present:** 7 members of the public, District Cllr N Cake, County Cllr M Lovell & Debbie Weller

Guest Speaker: Peter Sills – Swanage Railway Company

Peter gave an interesting speech about the railway – past and present, showing the originally proposed routes and that which was finally laid under the Swanage Railway Act 1881. Construction started in 1883 and by 1885 the line was opened and carrying passengers. Closure of the line finally took place on the 3rd January 1972, with track lifting taking place 6 months later. It took 7 weeks to lift the track between Swanage and Furzebrook. The rest of the track was left to fall into disrepair. The present track was all laid by volunteers and very few grants have been received over the years other than Manpower assistance. 211,000 passengers were carried on the new line last year and the whole railway is managed by a Trust. The railway is divided in 2 – the Heritage Steam Railway (Swanage Railway) and the community line (Purbeck Line). The signal box at Corfe Station has now been rebuilt in the same style as the original and contains enough equipment to be able to connect the line to the main system. It is a living and working steam railway. About 40,000 cars are taken off the road by the park and ride/railway link. The Purbeck Community Rail Partnership put forward a bid to connect the line to the main line and secured £3.2m worth of funding for the main line signalled connection. They were also able to secure a further £1.47m funding for a trial service in 2015 & 2016. A sum of £500,000 was gifted by BP for the Norden level crossing. The initial destination is Wareham and, if this proves viable, there is a possibility of a few other local destinations such as Bournemouth, Poole or Weymouth but people will be able to come from anywhere in the country, change at Wareham and travel by train to Corfe and Swanage. The ultimate aim is to get as many cars off the road as possible. SW Trains have expressed an interest in operating tours from London to Swanage and will be running 5 days of this service this year. Swanage Railway brings about £14m into the local economy.

Cllr Macleod suggested Peter return at a later date to give an update on how things are going. Cllr Scragg asked if a link to the historical information on the Swanage Railway web site from the parish council web site could be set up. This will be looked into by both parties.

1. Declaration of Interests

15/1 The Chairman asked councillors for any Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on items contained in the Agenda applicable to themselves or spouses/partners. There were none declared

2. To receive apologies for absence

15/2 Apologies had been received from Cllrs N Barnes & T Heritage.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th April 2014

15/3 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all councillors prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Kenward proposed them to be a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Pellegrini and agreed unanimously. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

4. Matters arising for report only

15/4 There were no matters arising.

Public Participation Period

No matters were raised.

5. County Councillor's Report

15/5 Nothing to report.

Cllr Pellegrini asked what was happening regarding the Perenco money that was being lodged with DCC. Cllr Lovell reported that no decision had been made as to how the money was likely to be distributed. It is likely to be another few months before they even start thinking about it. A list had been drawn up as part of the planning conditions as to how the money is going to be spent but this is not yet in the public domain. Cllr Lovell will speak to the planning manager and ask if he can have a copy of the list and if the Parish Council would be allowed to see a copy.

6. District Councillor's Report

15/6 Everyone is busy with the elections. Cllr Cake said it has been a pleasure to be a District Councillor and, prior to that, to serve on the Parish Council. He informed members that he had been working on Wytch Farm when oil was first discovered there back in 1957. He took over as District Councillor when Mrs Bond retired about 15 years ago. The Chairman thanked him for all his help over the years.

7. To consider items for discussion/report

15/7 Results of planning applications submitted to County / District Council

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.*

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.

6/2014/0062 Purbeck School, Worgrett Road
Refenestration of blocks E and H, demolition & construction of new music block, internal alterations

Approved *No objections*
Not determined

- TWA/2014/0031 9 Stoborough Meadow
Crown reduce oak tree to give up to 2m clearance from house

Approved *No objections*
Approved

TWA/2014/0047 35 Corfe Road
Fell Monterey pine

Agreed *No reason to retain the remaining tree*
Approved

6/2014/0111 Purbeck Motors, Corfe Road
Insert 2 roller shutter doors

Agreed *No objection*
Approved

6/2014/0109 28 Corfe Road
Sever land & erect 3-bed, 2 storey dwelling

Agreed *No objection*
Approved

6/2014/0162 Oaks, Barnhill Drive
Erect first floor extn to side over garage/utility room

Agreed
Approved

Opaque windows are not seen to be an adequate response to not being overlooked. No objection to the extension in principle but would like to see the windows on the gable end removed and concern was expressed regarding the proximity to the nearby trees that carry TPOs. Cllr Macleod will attend the planning board, as well as Cllr Pellegrini. Cllr Kenward felt we should also mention the concern regarding the procedural problems accompanying this application in that the applicant received the incorrect advice from the Planning Officer and are glad to see this application is non-delegated.

Cllr Macleod attended the meeting and reported that the incorrect advice originally given to the applicant by the officer was deemed not to be relevant and was not discussed.

	6/2014/0139	Pound Cottage, Corfe Road Erect single storey extension
<u>Agreed</u> Withdrawn		<i>No objection. The Parish Council would support additional housing in the area.</i>
	6/2014/0151	13 Fieldview, Stoborough Meadow Erect replacement porch
<u>Agreed</u> Approved		<i>No objection.</i>
	6/2014/0154	Ash Lea, Redcliffe, Wareham Erect fencing along southern boundary on top of stone wall to a max height of 1.2m – cert of lawful dev.
<u>Agreed</u> Not Determined		<i>No objection.</i>
	6/2014/0157	100 Furzebrook Road Various work to windows, provide flue, clad rear wall, replace & add roof lights
<u>Agreed</u> Not Determined		<i>No Objection</i>
	6/2014/0164	Little Farm, Worgret Road Minor amendment to 6/2014/0401 to increase the height of the photovoltaic panels
<u>Agreed</u> Not Determined		<i>No objections</i>
	6/2014/0174	Forge Cottage, Puddletown Road Erect balcony & install dormer window in east elevation
<u>Agreed</u> Not Determined		<i>No objection.</i>

Mr Hale reported that the neighbours have no objection to the works. The trees at the bottom of the garden (belonging to a neighbour) have already been pruned hard. This work will be more sympathetic. We will leave this to the Tree Officer to decide.

Agreed

Not Determined

15/8 Reports from Representatives

Stoborough Village Hall – there will be a meeting next week.

Furzebrook Hall – continues to do well.

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – nothing to report.

Ridge Residents' Association – Cllr Scragg reported that there had been a visit to Furzy Island organised by Perenco. The visit was heavily over-subscribed. Hugh Ricks gave a brief report of the day and said Perenco are looking after the island and wildlife to a very high standard. The level of security was very high but everyone had a lovely day. Cllr Scragg will put some pictures of the day on the web site and Cllr Pellegrini will provide a short report of the day.

Neighbourhood Plan – 101 people turned up and working group meetings have been held since. The next meeting in October/November will be held at a larger venue – possibly the school hall. There were some minor administrative points that will be addressed but overall, everything ran smoothly. Subsequently, all of the groups set out 5 or 6 bullet points from the information gathered on the evening. This sheet will be sent to all those who attended the meeting and will be put on notice boards. The sheets will also be on comment boxes that will be placed at strategic points around the parish. Each group is now producing 5 or 6 questions which will be sent to Robert Kenward and the questions for the survey will be finalised for 21st July. Concern was expressed that still no comment has been received from PDC regarding the SLA. Hugh Ricks asked why on the housing board there were a number of documents that depicted suggested housing sites. Cllr Kenward reported that these were SHLAA sites which were the response from landowners to PDC's request for land that could be built on. Cllr Pellegrini said the purpose of the plan was for the local community to take more control over what is happening in the parish.

15/9 Meetings attended by Councillors

No meetings had been attended since the last parish council meeting.

15/10 To consider if actions are required

There were no actions required.

15/11 To consider response from DCC Highways regarding flood barrier

Following the meeting on the 17th, an e-mail had been received from Highways saying that DCC do not want to install permanent gates/barriers across the highway at either end of the causeway. They would attend site on having received a call from saying we intended placing the flood barrier on the highway. If given a few hours' notice, they would attend, put out "Road Closed", "No Access", and "Bow Wave" signs plus barriers across the road at either end of the causeway and help with setting up the flood barrier. The barrier would need to be of the "type approved" for use on the highway and DCC would need to see some specification info on this preferably before anything is purchased and lights would be required for the structure. Mention was also made that it may be worth Highways and the EA looking at the track to the north of the properties to see if there is any reason for this run-off to occur that can be remedied by maintenance or improvement. This was disappointing as the meeting had seemed so positive. However, Cllr Ward reported that we will be going back with a risk assessment and get the response of the other services. Things are moving forward but slowly. The fact that Highways are not keen is not really a reason to give up.

ACTION: CLLR WARD

15/12 Training

There will be Councillors Update on the 22nd May but unfortunately this is the same day as the elections.

15/13 Web site update

Cllr Kenward asked about the possible VAT implication if we advertise on the web site. The Clerk will look into this and report back.

ACTION: CLERK

8. To consider any PLANNING APPLICATIONS received

- 15/14** *Non- Delegated* – **None**
Delegated – **6/2014/0186 8 Old Kiln Road**
Car port at side of house, enlarge porch & replace window

No objections

- **6/2014/0208 17 Barndale Drive**
Erect extension on southern elevation

No objections

- TWA/2014/0084 6 Glover Close, Ridge**
2 x oaks- crown lift to 5m & crown reduce northerly aspect to 1-2m

No objections

9. Correspondence/items for action and resolution

15/15 Clerk's Report

A copy had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. There were no additional comments to be made.

15/16 Dispensations

None had been received.

15/17 Purbeck District Council Planning Training

The Clerk reported that PDC had sent through the Planning Training for the year 2014/15. It was proposed by Cllr Kenward and seconded by Cllr Pellegrini that we take part in the scheme once again for the coming year.

ACTION: CLERK

15/18 To consider a grant of £35 to Wareham in Bloom

A letter and invoice had been received from Eric Osmond, Chairman of the Wareham in Bloom committee, for a donation of £35 towards this year's floral displays and, in particular, the Saxon Magic Corner. Cllr Kenward reminded members that we do have 2 planters this side of the bridge. It was proposed by Cllr Ward and seconded by Cllr Scragg that we donate the £35. A cheque will be raised at the next meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

15/19 To receive an update on the Ridge tree

The Clerk read out an e-mail, received today from Mr Chris James. Cllr Scragg reported that 13 people attended the meeting at Ridge and 2 trees were discussed but they would be smaller trees. The location of the power lines would have to be taken into account. It was understood that, if anyone was going to provide a tree(s), it would be Highways. The Parish Council does not have the funds to start providing and maintaining trees. It would be down to the Tree Officer is to find funds to replace and fund the tree (s). This was echoed by Cllr Kenward who added that perhaps someone would like to provide the money for this. Should Ridge Residents wish to plant a tree on this site, they would have to apply to the land owner and then follow this up with Highways. Cllr Pellegrini reminded members that Ridge Residents Association took a very neutral view of this situation and the view expressed in the e-mail is not the only view held. Debbie Weller reminded members that the Woodlands Trust give trees away and may be able to provide one, should the residents wish. *Post meeting note (October 2014) – Following discussions with Mr Chris James, it was agreed to amend this minute to include “Regarding the matter of the willow tree, the Ridge Resident’s Association Committee agreed that it was outside the remit of their Committee to comment on this issue and was a matter that individuals could take up with their Council and the RRA members in general.”*

15/20 To consider adopting the new Model Standing Orders

Cllr Kenward suggested that minutes of the parish council meeting should be copied to District Councillors. A copy of the model Standing Orders had been issued to all councillors prior to the start of the meeting with suggested amendments included. Cllr Kenward proposed the Standing Orders are accepted with the amendments and this was seconded by Cllr Pellegrini. The Clerk will issue a completed set of Standing Orders to all members.

ACTION: CLERK

15/21 To consider adopting the Draft Financial Regulations

A copy of the draft Financial Regulations had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting with suggested amendments included. Cllr Kenward proposed the Financial Regulations are adopted with the amendments and this was seconded by Cllr Scragg. The Clerk will issue a completed set of Financial Regulations to all members.

ACTION: CLERK

15/22 To consider the May elections and co-option of 2 candidates

As the election was uncontested, Cllrs Macleod, Pellegrini, Ward and Scragg are duly elected, together with Don Hunter. Some discussion ensued regarding the co-option of 2 residents to fill the vacant seats. It was felt that, although Stoborough Green and Corfe Road were under-represented, they could not be specifically targeted. Cllr Pellegrini suggested that a notice is put on all the notice boards asking for people to put their names forwards. Cllr Macleod felt that this was not sufficient to give everyone the opportunity to come forward as not everyone lived near or read the notice boards. Cllr Scragg suggested a leaflet through everyone's door and offered to draft something.

ACTION: CLLR SCRAGG

15/23 To consider correspondence received since the Agenda was set for discussion and possibly placing on the agenda for the next meeting

The Clerk reported that notification had been received from Navitus Bay regarding the next phase of the consultation process.

15/24 To consider items raised by the public during the Parish Meeting for discussion and placing on the next agenda

No matters were raised.

10. Correspondence or items for specific information

15/25 Nothing received.

11. Correspondence for General Information

15/26 Nothing received.

12. Payment of accounts

15/27 The following payments had been requested:

DAPTC	HMRC Workshop (1/3 rd)	433	10.00
Stoborough WI	Refreshments for NP Info	434	11.80
Mrs A Crocker	May wages & expenses	435	622.17
HMRC	May PAYE	436	97.00

The total amount requested from the Precept is £740.97. The payments were proposed by Cllr Ward, seconded by Cllr Pellegrini and agreed unanimously. The cheques were signed by two Cllrs in the presence of the meeting.

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

Cllr Ward – reminded Cllr Lovell about looking into funding for hedging or ditching. Cllr Lovell said he is currently looking into this but it may be down to the private landowner.

Cllr Scragg – reported that there is still about 8 tonnes of hogging stored at the yacht club. Vehicles are needed to move it further along the path in order to carry out further repairs. Hugh Ricks will ask Anthony Clark at Ridge if he has a quad bike with a box on the back that could be used. Perhaps Rights of Way may be able to offer the services of one of their people and some equipment.

Cllr Kenward – nothing to report.

Cllr Pellegrini – found a pothole on the Norden Road. He reported this via the PEM system and it was filled within a week so he would like to express his thanks to Dorset Highways for a speedy response.

Cllr Macleod said a few words about each of the leaving councillors, thanking them for the work they have done over the years for the parish and made a presentation of a bottle of wine to both Cllr Cake and Cllr Kenward.

Cllr Lovell reported that the County Council is undergoing consultations with local people in June – Ask Dorset. Members have been sent an e-mail regarding this.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 21.12 pm

Planning Committee meeting on the 5th June 2014 if there are any plans to discuss

The next meeting will be on the 19th June 2014 at 7pm, Stoborough Village Hall