



**MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL AGM**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018 AT**  
**STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL FOLLOWING THE**  
**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Present:** Cllrs P Love, A Wakefield-Sutton, R Bessant, V Ward, A Pellegrini.

**Chair:** Cllr D Hunter

**Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker

**Also Present:** 5 members of the public, District Cllr Malcolm Barnes and County Cllr B Ezzard.

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.

**1. Declaration of Interests**

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

**2. To receive apologies for absence**

19.02 Apologies had been received from Cllr Shelley Cranshaw.

**3. To Elect a Chairman**

19.03 Cllr Wakefield-Sutton nominated Cllr Love for the role. This was seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously. Cllr Love accepted and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the presence of the meeting.

Cllr Love thanked Cllr Hunter for his work as Chair over the last two years.

**4. To Elect a Vice Chairman**

19.04 Cllr Pellegrini nominated Cllr Wakefield-Sutton for the role. This was seconded by Cllr Bessant and agreed unanimously. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton accepted.

**5. To Elect Representatives to the various bodies and groups within the Parish**

19.05 It was agreed that this would be deferred until the June meeting.

**6. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

19.06 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Hunter proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Wakefield-Sutton and agreed unanimously. The Chair signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

## **7. Matters arising – for report only**

19.07 Hayricks – The Clerk will be meeting a representative from Wicksteed on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May to discuss a way forward with regard to the play equipment.

## **8. County Councillor’s Report**

19.08 A copy of Cllr Ezzard’s report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Pellegrini asked what chances there are for the Wareham level crossing being passed. Cllr Ezzard responded saying there was a site meeting a few months ago and it is a very emotive issue with over 3,000 local residents signing a petition against it. There are other solutions possible and it is believed that these have not been fully explored.

Hugh Ricks asked if the Moors Project has been discussed by the County Council and are they aware of the Ridge residents’ objections. The County Councillors have not received a briefing on the project, but the District Councillors have, as has Richard Drax MP and there are workshops that have taken place. County officers have been involved. Mr Ricks reported that the County Council web site gives the impression that this is already a done deal. The Chair asked if Cllr Ezzard would look into this and she agreed to do so.

## **9. District Councillor’s Report**

19.09 Cllr Barnes reported that he had heard a rumour about the Moors project being discussed at County and was also given the impression that this was a done deal.

Cllr Pellegrini asked if DCC have a public participation session at the start of their meetings? Yes, but they only meet quarterly, and the next meeting does not take place until July. He suggested that Peter Sibthorp attend the next full Council meeting to put across the concerns of residents. There is a drop-in session on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May at Stoborough Village Hall between 2.30pm and 6pm to discuss the findings of the Environment Agency’s Ridge drainage investigations.

## **10. To confirm the payment of accounts and consider the bank reconciliation & position against budget**

19.10 To confirm the Payment of Accounts

The following payments had been requested:

Anvil	Stoborough April 2018	BACS002	616.26
V Ward	Equipment for flood container	200572	15.54
DC Pension	April & May contribution	BACS003	287.74
R Scragg	Publication software 30/3/18-30/3/19	200573	83.40
DAPTC	GDRP training – V Ward	BACS004	25.00
Scott Estate	Allotment rent 25/3-24/9/18	BACS005	60.00
Mrs A Crocker	May wages + expenses	BACS006	422.28
HMRC	April & May PAYE	BACS007	197.60
R Yates	Internal audit	200574	80.00

The total amount requested from the Precept is £1787.82. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Hunter and agreed unanimously. The cheques were signed by two councillors in the presence of the meeting.

**ACTION: CLERK**

19.11 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.

**11. Parish Reports**

19.12 Councillors' Reports on meetings attended

Cllr Bessant – PTAG meeting 25/4 – raised the issue of wanting a SID. Speed limit on Arne Road and the meeting agreed to send a letter to the RSPB. Joint Burial Board Finance meeting 9/5; EA meeting re Ridge 10/5

Cllr Ward – Joint Burial Board Finance meeting 9/5; EA meeting re Ridge 10/5

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – EA meeting re Ridge 10/5

Cllr Love – EA meeting 10/5; allotments.

Cllr Hunter – EA meeting 10/5; RSPB regarding the roads in Arne: allotments

Cllr Pellegrini – EA meeting 10/5.

19.13 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

19.13.1 Hayricks – nothing to report.

19.13.2 Allotments – Cllr Love had checked the allotments prior to the meeting and no further action had been taken by the three holders that had been contacted regarding the state of their allotments.

19.13.3 SANG - Nothing further to report.

19.14 Arne Moors Project update

Covered in the Annual Parish meeting.

19.15 Engine Shed Update

Richard Brown had provided the following update:

‘The Scott Estate secured vacant possession at the beginning of this month and Savills showed various interested people the interior last weekend. A few of us turned up to ensure the visitors and Savills appreciated the implications and liabilities of it being a listed building. Savills have told me today that there is interest and they are receiving bids close to the asking price. They say those interested “see it as a bit of fun and somewhere to store things” even though they appreciate the liabilities. I reiterated to Savills my proposal that,

given its local historic significance, the Mining and Mineral Museum should be able to acquire the engine shed and associated land at a modest price. I have asked Savills to kindly keep me up to date as they move to accept final bids.’

19.16 Neighbourhood Plan Update

There will be a meeting between Cllr Hunter, our consultant, Jo Witherdon, and Stephen Boyt (PDC) on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, after which a Steering Group meeting will be arranged.

19.17 Newsletter Update

Ray Scragg is continuing with the production of this and will contact councillors in due course.

**12. To consider Planning Applications received**

19.18 6/2018/0187 RSPB Work Centre – demolish existing hide on Combe Heath. Construction of hide at an adjacent part of the reserve on undesignated land

6/2018/0244 30 Corfe Road, Stoborough – single storey rear extension

No objections were raised to either of the above two applications.

**13. Correspondence and items for action and resolution**

19.19 To agree the Annual Governance Statement

A copy of the Statement had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Each statement was reviewed and individually acknowledged. Cllr Hunter then proposed that the Annual Governance Statement is accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Bessant and agreed unanimously. The Statement was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk in the presence of the meeting.

19.20 To agree the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

A copy of the full set of accounts had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Pellegrini proposed the accounts are accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously. The Accounting Statement was signed by the Chairman and RFO in the presence of the meeting.

19.21 To consider the report from the Internal Auditor

A copy of the report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. The following points were noted:

- The Clerk’s salary increase is included within the budget preparation. This should be noted separately within the minutes.
- The question of the reserves held was raised and the Clerk explained that 77% of the reserves was earmarked for various projects such as the Hayricks monies, neighbourhood plan, replacement bins, benches and

notice boards. It also includes £5,246 of SSE grant that is to be used for flood mitigation.

- Other issues included; cheque stubs not being initialled, the numbering sequence of the minutes was distorted in June.
- The Asset registered still needs consideration as the Wicksteed equipment provided in 2003 only showed a valuation and not a cost. This had been amended last year but was not included on the copy provided to the auditor. A revised copy has now been issued to the auditor.

19.22 To consider a response to the DAPTC survey on LDR matters

A copy of the report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. We are still awaiting the structural order from central government before things can move forward. It would not, therefore, be appropriate to undertake this survey at this stage. The Shadow Authority will be formed in June 2018 and will run until the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. The District Council have said parish and town councils can take over certain assets should they wish to do so.

19.23 To confirm the insurance for the coming year

The Clerk reported that the 3-year long term agreement has now expired. The premium for the coming year will be £846.73 or £806.90 should we wish to enter into another 3-year LTA. Members unanimously agreed that another LTA should be entered into.

19.24 To confirm the Standing Order and Financial Regulations

A copy of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton proposed they are accepted without amendment. This was seconded by Cllr Hunter and agreed unanimously.

19.25 To review and confirm the Risk Assessment

A copy of the Assessment had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Ward proposed the Risk Assessment is accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Hunter and agreed unanimously.

19.26 To review and confirm the Asset Register

A copy of the current Register had been issued to all members at the start of the meeting. The reason for the amendment has already been discussed under the Internal Auditor comments, item 19.21.

19.27 To consider items raised by the public

Cllr Pellegrini expressed concern over the local council reorganisation and the effect this will have on parish councils. He would like to request that someone is invited to address the meeting to explain what is likely to be expected of parish councils.

**14. To consider any defects for passing on to the Lengthsman**

19.28 - long grass along road sides. Highways will continue to cut the safety areas

- weeds growing through pavements and kerbs. A list to be produced and passed on to the Lengthsman for action.

<b>ACTION: CLERK</b>
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**15. Additional items considered urgent by the Chairman for discussion only**

19.29 Nothing further to add.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.45pm