



Parish of Arne

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
2013**

**At Stoborough Village Hall, West Lane, Stoborough
Commencing 7pm**

Present: Cllrs BJ Kenward, NI Barnes, TH Heritage, R Scragg, A Pellegrini

Chair: Cllr C Macleod

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also Present: 6 members of the public, District Cllr N Cake, County Cllr M Lovell

1. Declaration of interests

14/81 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

14/82 Apologies have been received from Cllr V Ward.

3. To confirm Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 17th October 2013.

14/83 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. They were proposed by Cllr Kenward 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. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

14/84 No matters were raised.

19:35 Cllr Lovell arrived.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

14/85 Dorset County Council is currently under-going an internal shake-up and this may be extended to the Highways and road departments. An additional £40mil worth of savings still needs to be made over the coming years.

The bus services – particularly the number 40 – there may not be one after 5.30pm and there will be another meeting to discuss future services on the 4th December. It should be noted that the No. 40 service was never subsidised so it is treated as a commercial route and the bus company is able to do as they please. Should the service be reduced it will mean youngsters will not be able to get out of the villages during evenings and weekends

and people will not be able to get home from work. The service will remain as it is until April 2014.

The Chairman asked Cllr Lovell about the money being paid by Perenco and asked him to raise the possibility of a footpath from Ridge to Stoborough being paid for out of that money. Cllr Lovell suggested that the Parish Council send a letter to the Environment Directorate but we should leave it a month as the final details have not been signed off. It was agreed that the Parish Council will send a letter now and a reminder in a month's time. Cllr Kenward suggested we also ask for the money to be used to purchase a mini bus for use in the evening. Cllr Macleod suggested talking to Nordcat or County Travel regarding this.

Phil Love felt that, without a bus service, members of the public would be tempted to walk between Corfe and Wareham. Not only is this quite a fast road, with no footpaths, it is unlit and this could easily result in accidents happening.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

14/86 Cllr Cake reported the proposed partnership with Christchurch and East Dorset has been put on hold until after the General Elections in May 2015. This will mean, whoever gets into power will be able to reconsider the proposal. As Central Government is talking about partnerships, this may be done by going into partnership on individual topics.

Waste Partnership comes into effect in March 2014 and the first of the garden collections has taken place. There is a possibility that the calendars will no longer be issued but will be available on the web site.

The present system of reviewing planning applications is going to be reviewed.

Cllr Scragg asked what the £1.7million from Perenco is going to be used for. Cllr Cake reported that it is payable to DCC by way of compensation for the natural environment but it is not yet known how the money is going to be spent. At the Tuesday meeting with Suzie Bavistock from Imerys it was implied that the money was to be spent on the area around the well site. Cllr Macleod said she was hoping some of the money could be used to create a path around Arne. Cllr Cake said some of the money was due to be used for putting in cattle grids around Arne. He would like this to include repairs to the drainage along Soldiers Road. We need to approach DCC and ask what is happening with the money and saying the parish would like some of it. Contact Cllr Lovell so he can direct it to the appropriate officer.

7. To consider items for discussion/report

14/87 To consider the results of planning applications submitted to County / District Council

6/2012/0571 – 0609 Wytch Farm & Wareham Oilfields

Extension of operational life of oilfield development by variation of condition

Agreed

Parish Council has no objections

Approved

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

6/13/0332 – Wayside, Arne Road

Ground floor extension & addition of first floor accommodation within new roof.

Agreed *The Parish Council has no objection.*

Refused

This application subsequently went to appeal and was rejected.

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.

6/2013/0504 SITA UK, Binnegar Environmental Park, Puddletown Road – Modification of conditions to allow 24 hour operation of materials recycling facility

Approved

Although not in our parish, it is relevant to Arne Parish. This will result in an increase in the number of lorries. 24 hour movement of heavy traffic is not desirable in a residential area. This will result in a considerable increase in traffic noise and dust and reversing alarms from the vehicles. Object. Cllr Lovell said they were talking about the plant operating 24 hours a day but not lorry movements. We wish to be reassured that this will not result in an increase in noise and lorry movement.

**6/13/0500 Springfield Country Hotel
Erection of a reception link**

Agreed No objection
Approved

**6/13/0511 Slepe Farm, Arne
Alterations & additions including partial replacement of existing group of buildings comprising B1, B2, B8 & C3 uses.**

Agreed No objection
Approved

**6/13/0513 Lookout Holiday Park, Stoborough
Install 2 more “pods” in the A field Touring Park**

Agreed No objections
Approved

**6/13/0528 76 Heath View House, Furzebrook Road
Demolition existing rear conservatory & erect single storey extension**

Agreed The Parish Council had no objection.
Approved

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

Agreed No objections
Not Determined

**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

Not Determined

The Clerk reported that, as requested, the Parish Council now receives the decision report from PDC. It is helpful but in that it gives the outcome of each application but it would be more useful to know why certain decisions have been made, especially those that are in conflict to the Parish Council's decisions.

ACTION: CLERK

14/88 Reports From Representatives

Stoborough Village Hall – There will be a meeting in the week commencing 25th November.

Furzebrook Village Hall – everything is running smoothly.

Ridge Residents – nothing to report

14/89 Meetings attended by Councillors

Cllrs Heritage, Scragg, Ward and Macleod met Suzi Bavestock of Perenco on 19th November at Bank Cottages. It was a useful opportunity to sound out the concerns expressed by Ridge residents regarding vehicle noise. The 100m has been surfaced and the residents in the cottages have received new fences. Behind this site, there is an oil field dating back to the 60s/70s that has not been in use for some time and Perenco have opened up 3 of the 4 wells. They are also looking at the Wareham fields. There is not the amount of traffic going in there as has been alleged. The traffic is mainly due to the commissioning of the site so will die back now that the site is opened but will increase in March when work starts on the next well. Once the 6 weeks taken to re-open the well site is over, only maintenance vehicles will be accessing the site. Everyone was very impressed by the quietness of the site. The bend in New Road was brought to Suzi's attention and she will bring this, once again, to the attention of the drivers at their morning safety briefing. The openness and transparency of the relationship with Perenco is encouraging.

Cllrs Scragg, Kenward and Macleod attended the PDC planning training. The session was generally thought to be somewhat long winded but very useful. A request for some additional copies of the manual that was handed out at the meeting will be made.

ACTION: CLERK

Cllrs Scragg & Kenward attended the Neighbourhood Plan training at Blandford on the 4th November. Both felt that the session was not very useful and quite badly presented. However, the message taken from the session was that it is important for a Neighbourhood Plan to be drawn up.

Cllrs Scragg and Ward attended a Lyco meeting. The particular areas of interest are the coastal change aspect. A lot of work will be carried out to the north bank of the river over the next few years. This will take the form of planning in 2014 and implementing in 2015. A more detailed report should be received in the next week or two.

Cllr Scragg reported that a grant of £4,200 had been received from Viridor for the three interpretation boards along the towpath being organised by the WDDT. A further £200 had been received from Imerys.

Cllr Kenward attended the Imerys liaison meeting. A new traffic plan has been tabled. There will be a new entrance on to Grange Road on the other side of the railway line, the clay track will be upgraded and the sand and gravel lorries will come out of the Grange Road turning and go straight down the road. There will be no lorries carrying aggregates going down Holm Lane if this application is accepted by DCC.

Cllr Pellegrini attended the DCA meeting on the 13th November at Harman's Cross Village Hall. Presentations were given by Reach Out Dorset, Purbeck Good Neighbours and Christians Against Poverty, amongst others.

Cllr Pellegrini attended the Standards Board. One of the items looked at was the code of practice on gifts accepted by councillors. He found the meeting very useful and informative. The next meeting is in 3 months' time.

14/90 To consider any actions required

No further actions were required.

14/91 Web site update

Cllr Scragg reported that the site has now been updated with the Perenco information.

The Clerk informed members that attempts had been made to regain the arneparishcouncil.org.uk domain name. On the last attempt, it was found that the name could be put on back order at a cost of £60. This would be in addition to the hosting fee – normally about £20 a year. Members were asked for their permission to go ahead and order the domain name. It was proposed by Cllr Pellegrini and seconded by Cllr Heritage that the Clerk request the domain name.

ACTION: CLERK

14/92 Training Programme for the month ahead

The next PDC planning training will be on Wednesday 4th December and will cover dealing with planning constraints.

8. To consider any PLANNING APPLICATIONS received

14/93 *Non- Delegated* – **None**

Delegated

- **6/2013/0556 Rosemary Cottage, New Road
Conservatory to rear corner of property**

Agreed *In principle no objection but would like Mark Goater of PDC to check the application, paying particular regard to the flooding issues in this area.*

- **6/13/0557 & 558 24 Stoborough Green
Erect Garage, side & front extension & covered area on rear extension**

Agreed *The Parish Council objects to this application. The proposal breaks the building line of other properties in the vicinity. Locally the area is known to have an issue with flooding and to increase the size of the property will exacerbate that problem. This application, combined with that already submitted for the garage within the grounds appear too large for the plot and is not in keeping with surrounding properties.*

- **6/2013/0567 Middlebere Farm
Install secondary glazing to all windows**

Agreed *No objections*

- **6/2013/0568 9 Stoborough Meadow
Install 16kw outdoor heat pump to rear of garage**

Cllr Pellegrini expressed an interest as worked with the applicant in the past. He did not take any part in discussions.

Agreed *Although we do not object to the application in principle, concern was expressed over potential noise from the pump. MCSO 20 recommends such a pump should be situated 1m away from a neighbour's window or doorway and sound should not be more than 45db but the specs on the application records sound levels of 55db. The application is not clear as to where the pump is going to be situated but would appear to be alongside the neighbour's fence. Although heat pumps are felt to be a good idea we would like to have the pump relocated further from the boundary fence.*

The applicant was present and was asked to comment regarding the noise and possible vibration that may be caused. It may be possible to relocate it but it was the installation company that suggested the present location as it meant the least amount of work and disruption.

Cllr Scragg gave the reference number to the applicant so they could look it up on the internet.

- **6/2013/0569 23 Stoborough Meadow
Conservatory to rear elevation**

Agreed *The addition of a conservatory is in keeping with the surrounding properties. No objections.*

- **6/2013/0597 Rivendell, Barnhill Road, Ridge
Non-material amendment to alter garage doors to plain timber**

Agreed *It was generally felt that this application would constitute an improvement and no objections were raised.*

- **6/2013/0347 Doreys Ball Clay Quarry, Holme Lane
Southerly Extension to develop land for winning and working
of ball clay**

Agreed *The main problem with this application was the possible additional volume of traffic which has since been solved as much as possible. The company have cut back on the amount of sand and gravel that will be moving and they have maintained control of the vehicle movements in the first instance although it is likely this will be sold to a contractor at a later stage. We continue to object to the amount of sand and gravel being transported and would like a condition of planning to include the sound bunding along the boundaries and side entrance in Grange Road. We would like continued monitoring of the traffic situation and the use of the quieter reversing systems on the lorries. The tonnage of the lorries is also concerning and we would like reassurance that 35tonne lorries only are used were it is not possible to use the smaller lorries. There should be requirement of Imerys to resurfacing Furzebrook road and verges in particular and secondly Grange Road when necessary.*

9. Correspondence/items for action and resolution

14/94/1 **CLERK'S REPORT**

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

14/94/2 **DISPENSATIONS**

None had been received.

14/94/3 **To consider the results of the Traffic Monitoring Survey carried out in October**

The Clerk reported that the results of the monitoring scheme had been received. During the period covered, Wednesday 9th October to Tuesday 15th October, 3436 vehicles had been registered as using the stretch of road between Scott Close and Stoborough Meadow. Of that number 495, or 14%, were recorded as travelling at 35mph or over – 1 achieving between 55 and 90mph between 6am and 7am. A

further 1370 were travelling between 30 and 35mph, bringing the percentage exceeding the speed limit to 54% or 1,865 vehicles.

14/94/4 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH – to review progress to date

Cllr Pellegrini reported that the Police paperwork has been received and there are a lot of restrictions that people are finding it difficult to deal with. As result several have dropped out, leaving only 5 volunteers. There is a requirement for the volunteers to purchase the equipment, jackets and public liability which contradicts what has been told to them already. No expenses can be claimed. Enthusiasm is rapidly waning. The Weymouth CSW group is up and running and are going to be asked how they are getting on. Cllr Kenward felt that the Parish Council should not encourage people to sign up to this. Cllr Lovell suggested speaking to the PCC. Cllr Pellegrini offered the Parish Council's thanks to Mike Chittenden for all the work he has put into this. A letter will be sent to the PCC expressing our concern and disappointment.

ACTION: CLERK

14/94/5 To consider traffic movements in general throughout the parish

Already covered.

14/94/6 To consider an update on flooding in Arne

Thanks are extended to Cllr Ward for all the hard work she has put into this on behalf of the Parish Council. The Chairman read out the report of Cllr Ward's behalf. (a copy is attached).

14/94/7 To form a Steering Committee for the Neighbourhood Plan

Some time ago notices were put up on all the notice boards and councillors were asked to approach the various residents' associations. To date, only one person has come forward. In the light of this, Cllr Kenward suggested forming the initial committee amongst from councillors. It was agreed that Cllrs Scragg, Kenward, Macleod, Pellegrini and the Clerk would make up the Steering Group. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with PDC.

ACTION: CLERK

14/94/8 To consider correspondence received since the Agenda was set for discussion and possibly placing on the agenda for the next meeting

Nothing further to add.

14/94/9 To consider items raised by the public during the Participation Period for discussion and placing on the next agenda

10. Correspondence or items for specific information

14/95/1 Nothing to be raised.

11. Correspondence for General Information

14/96/1 Purbeck District Council – Notification has been received saying that the grant will, once again, be paid and we should know the amount of the grant in early December. Once

received this should be seen as income and, as such, should be taken into account before calculating the precept. Estimated precepts need to be received before 27th January 2014. Planning committee meeting on 5th December will be used to discuss the initial budget and will be held at Evershot, 6.30pm. The Clerk will draw up a broad draft of the budget for consideration at that meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

14/96/2 Dorset County Council – The early hours street light switch-off will be introduced across Purbeck over the next few weeks. SSE Contracting will begin converting the lights to switch off around midnight and they will come back on at about 5.30 am if it is still dark. Lights will remain lit on all main roads, within town centres and on roads with any speed humps. It will take around 4 weeks to complete the changes.

12. Payment of Accounts

14/97/1 The following payments were requested:

DCC	Traffic monitoring tubes	282.00	403
DCC	Salt bag	66.00	404
DCC	Grounds maintenance Stoborough	1610.45	405
Mrs D Weller	Wages, mileage & phone expenses	282.16	406
Mrs A Crocker	Wages, mileage & phone expenses – Nov	416.80	407
HMRC	PAYE – November 2013	105.60	408

The total amount requested is £2,763.10

The payments were confirmed and the cheques signed by Cllrs Pellegrini and Kenward in the presence of the meeting.

13. Additional items for discussion

Cllr Heritage informed the meeting that, in March 2014, he will have been with the parish council for 14 years and now wished to pursue his other hobbies. He agreed to remain as a councillor until the elections in May but would not stand for re-election.

Cllr Pellegrini drew members' attention to the Wayside planning application which went to appeal and asked if any response had been received to date. The Clerk reported that nothing had been received.

Cllr Barns asked after the proposal for a footpath along Nutcrack Lane and how such a path was going to be achieved. The Chair responded, saying nothing further has been done as there has never been any money available to do anything. It would be necessary to have a route that is acceptable to the land owners before we start trying to raise money. Cllr Scragg suggested this should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan, together with the crossing at Corfe Road.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:57 pm

Signed:.....

Dated: