



MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2018 AT
STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING 7PM

Present: Cllrs A Wakefield-Sutton, V Ward, S Cranshaw, R Bessant, A Pellegrini, R Bessant, D Hunter

Chair: Cllr P Love

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also Present: 3 members of the public, Ian Alexander (NE), Catherine Farrugia (EA), Dante Munns (RSPB) 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. Public Participation

19.130 Steve Widmer raised the issue of irresponsible dog owners using the Hayricks. Residents have said they would like additional signage in the area, reminding owners to clear up after their dogs. Dog owners frequently allow their dogs off the lead and to run around the site. Whilst this is not forbidden, it is preventing some of the older residents from using the area for exercise as they are not comfortable with loose dogs. The Clerk will arrange for some additional signage asking members of the public to keep their dogs under control and clear up after their animals.

ACTION: CLERK

2. Declaration of interests

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

3. To receive apologies for absence

19.132 Apologies had been received from Cllr Ian Church and District Cllr Malcolm Barnes.

4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th October 2018

19.133 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

19.134 Memorial bench at Priory Meadows – no further news at this stage.

6. County Councillor’s Report

19.135 Cllr Ezzard reported that the next Shadow meeting will be on the 26th November. It was agreed at the DCC full Council meeting on the 8th November that 3 refugee children a year for 10 years will be welcomed so long as the project is funded by Central Government. The Chief Exec, Debbie Ward, has taken voluntary retirement and Mike Harries has taken the role until the end of March.

The local Boundary Commission recommendations have now been issued. They will come into effect on the 2nd May 2019. The parish boundaries for Arne have not been changed.

The Wareham Health Hub – the project partners are all working to develop a proposal for the site, consisting of 24 module, temporary homes. The hub will be positioned on the current parking area of the old middle school and the nursery school will remain. Vehicular access will only be from Worgret Road with pedestrian access available from Stretch Road.

Wareham Hospital – this was closed, despite assurances, prior to alternative arrangements being put in place. The patients were moved to either Poole or Swanage with little prior notice. The ruling from the Secretary of State regarding the CCG proposal is expected in January or February 2019. In the meantime, the day therapies are still in place.

The brown signs for the RSPB centre are now in place and Highways have assessed the Arne Road for appropriate repairs.

A resident had reported to Cllr Ezzard that the fires on the allotments are getting out of control and that there are fires nearly every day and they are being left unattended. However, both the Parish Council and Steve Widmer disputed this as no complaints have been received. If there was smoke, it may not necessarily have come from the allotments. A copy of the Allotment Agreement will be sent to Cllr Ezzard for information.

ACTION: CLERK

7. District Councillor’s Report

19.136 Cllr Barnes was not available to attend the meeting and no report was available.

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

19.137 To confirm the Payment of Accounts

The following payments had been requested:

Scott Estate	Allotment rent 25/9 – 24/3/19	BACS025	60.00
DC Pension Fund	November contribution	BACS026	146.80
R Bessant	Stationery	BACS027	13.96
Mrs A Crocker	November wages + expenses	BACS028	470.62
HMRC	November PAYE	BACS029	100.80

The total amount requested from the Precept is £792.18. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Cranshaw and agreed unanimously. The cheques were signed by two councillors in the presence of the meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

19.138 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

19.139 Councillors' Reports on meetings attended

Cllr Bessant – 30/10 Arne Moors Stakeholders meeting.

Cllr Ward – nothing to report

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – 5/11 Wareham Relief in Sickness charity - the Will is to be read at St Mary's Church later in the month. 12/11 Village Hall AGM – read out a statement regarding a request to the trustees for the village hall to become an emergency hub.

Cllr Pellegrini – 9/11 Standards Committee; 10/11 DAPTC AGM – all the 6 motions were passed, and a talk was given by Rebecca Knox and Gill Haynes.

Cllr Hunter – nothing to report

Cllr Cranshaw – nothing to report.

Cllr Love – nothing to report.

19.140 Report from Outside Bodies

Stoborough Village Hall – AGM held on the 12th November

Furzebrook Village Hall – nothing to report.

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – AGM was held on the 2nd November. Issues raised have already been discussed in the Public Participation section.

Ridge Residents' Association – Cheese & Wine event on 10th November Saturday – well supported. The next event will be Carols on the Green in December.

Stoborough Primary School – a report has been received from the school and issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

19.141 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – The Clerk met with the loss adjustor who commented that there is no case to answer and the Parish Council has been operating due diligence.

Allotments – The Clerk reported that all bar one of the allotments has now been rented.

SANG – Cllr Pellegrini reported that the bins were being used effectively and emptied. There was some firework rubbish in the north west corner of the car park by the boundary

fence but no other major litter to report. It was noted that the picnic bench originally on the site has disappeared.

19.142 To receive a report on the Imerys Environmental Undertaking

Nothing to report at this stage.

19.143 Arne Moors Project update

The minutes of the recent liaison group have yet to be received. It is understood that the length of the project has been extended. Dante Munns – the question of visitor access was discussed to try and get the views of different user groups. There was a recognition that this was not a simple issue to resolve. The next public meeting will be on the 28th November at 2pm - 7pm at the Town Hall.

There are still some questions that have not been answered as the investigations are on-going. This is part of the reason why the time scale has been pushed back.

Cllr Cranshaw – has the RSPB alerted their insurance company to the possible risk of flooding in Ridge village as a result of this project. Nothing has been done to date, but Dante will take this away and look into it. The EA self-insure as they are a government body. After a scheme is carried out, the EA do write letters pointing out threshold levels to assist householders approaching their insurers. This cannot be done in advance of having a scheme. As a landowner, the RSPB does have responsibilities, but they are managing the risk by taking advice.

The November meeting is a repeat of the original meeting held in 2017 to show members of the public how far the project has got to date.

Ian Alexander (NE) reported that he had been on site this week discussing the banks – how big they are going to be and how they are going to be maintained. The safety of the operators and how they are going to carry out the maintenance is the key issue here and this will affect the width of the bank. The height will be determined by what is required to maintain the flood defence element. The feed-back from the local community is to minimise the construction traffic and this is going to determine the size of the bank. If the bank can be moved to areas that are high, then the banks can be put on top of that land which will reduce the amount of material required to be brought on to site.

19.144 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Hunter reported that he and Mr Ray Scragg are working on a way to incorporate the relevant maps into the document, together with the keys and explanatory notes. It is hoped that a draft will be produced in the near future which can then be distributed for comment prior to consultation.

19.145 Flood Resilience update

The dirty water pump has been purchased. Two small, portable generators are to be purchased and the Village Hall have been approached regarding putting in the necessary power points. The DCC Officer responsible for Resilience Hubs is being sought with a view to discussing what is required from a Hub. Steve Widmer reported that he would be inviting an electrician to attend the village hall and Cllr Ward requested attending that meeting and

discussing the installation of the switches. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton asked if this would have to be referred back to the trustees – no, this can now be moved forward.

19.146 Newsletter Update

The Clerk reported that most of the articles have now been received, with the exception of the Neighbourhood Plan update and she will begin to bring them together to produce a first draft of the newsletter. This will then be passed to Cllrs Pellegrini and Wakefield-Sutton for checking and proof-reading.

ACTION: CLERK

10. To consider Planning Applications received

19.147 6/2018/0443 16B Barndale Drive, Ridge - convert existing garage into 2 storey annexe

6/2018/0588 Bali Hai, Stoborough Green - replace conservatory with masonry/flat roof

TWA/2018/224 5 Gover Close, Ridge - T1 Oak; crown thin by 15%

Members had no objections to any of the proposal and no comments were made.

11. Correspondence and items for action and resolution

19.148 To consider and confirm the budget for the year 2019/20

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

The following points were highlighted:

- The Clerk's salary has been increased inline with the NALC directive for SCP 21
- £100 has been included for advertising should adverts for new councillors be required
- A donation budget of £1,000 has been added for the first time
- Landscaping and hedging has been increased by £1,000 to allow for known tree works that will be required in the coming year
- The play equipment budget has been increased by £500 to cover the cost of the replacement wetpour required for the multi-play area
- All other costs have been held the same as last year or have been given an inflationary increase of 3%.

Cllr Cranshaw proposed that the Precept is set at £38,567.39 for the year to 31st March 2020. This represents an increase of £3,136.45 for the year. This was seconded by Cllr Wakefield-Sutton and agreed unanimously.

This budget will now be submitted to Purbeck District Council.

ACTION: CLERK

19.149 To consider nominations for the Purbeck Volunteer of the Year Awards

Members discussed a possible nominee. Steve Widmer will write the citation and forward it to the Clerk for submission.

19.150 To consider a proposal of work for the Mens' Shed Team

Defer to the January meeting.

19.151 To consider the expenditure on repairs to the climbing frame floor areas at a cost of £1,841.20

This is work that has been discussed at past meetings and has been highlighted in the RoSPA report. A quotation of £1,841.20 has been received from the manufacturer. Cllr Ward proposed that the work is put in hand. This was seconded by Cllr Wakefield-Sutton and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will proceed to instruct the manufacturer.

ACTION: CLERK

A padlock will be purchased to secure the large gate entrance to the small play area.

19.152 To consider any defects to be passed to the Lengthsman

ACTION: CLERK

A list of works has been sent to the Lengthsman and some of the work has been commenced. No further works were highlighted.

12. Correspondence received since the Agenda was set

19.153 Nothing to add.

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

19.154 Nothing to add.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:41pm

Councillors and residents are reminded that there will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17th January 2019. We would like to thank everyone for their support throughout 2018 and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.