

Arne Parish Council

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARNE PARISH COUNCIL
held in Stoborough Village Hall, West Lane, Stoborough
on Thursday, the 20th December 2012 at 7.00 pm**

Present: Mrs CA Macleod Chairman
Mr NI Barnes
Mr M Frenchman
Mrs BJ Kenward to arrive later
Mrs V Ward

Also present was District Councillor N Cake
Minutes were taken by the Clerk, Miss M D Weller

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

12/193 Chairman to ask councillors for any Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on items contained in the Agenda applicable to themselves or spouses/partners.

2. APOLOGIES

12/194 There were apologies for absence from Mr R Scragg (family) and Mr TH Heritage (illness).

3. MINUTES

12/195 Mrs V Ward proposed and Mr M Frenchman seconded the motion *it was* **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council Minutes of the last meeting held on 15th November 2012, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

12/196 Mr P Love of Stoborough Green reported the hedge outside 50/52 Stoborough Green had not been cut back yet despite Synergy Housing admitting it is their responsibility. Clerk agreed to follow this up.

12/197 Mr N Neville-Jones of Stoborough Meadow advised the bushes along the boundary wall by FP11 needed cutting back and the Clerk advised the contractor would be dealing with them in the near future. He then mentioned the willows needed coppicing and the Chairman said they would be cut to fence level.

12/198 PCSO S Hann asked for further feedback on the parking in Corfe Road; the police had received positive comments and people were supportive of their efforts. They visit and monitor as often as duties allow and had noted people walking along West Lane due to the cars parked either side and the problems when an HGV and trailer tried to drive

down the lane. Motorists have been advised if their vehicles were causing an obstruction. He was hoping somebody would take up the position of School Crossing Lady soon.

Chairman thanked the public for taking part in the discussions.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

12/199 County Councillor M Lovell was not present.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

12/200 District Councillor N Cake reported the Council was looking at 4 options of operation and 2 being discussed was a cabinet system similar to County Council or the present system of a Scrutiny and Policy Committee making recommendations to the full Council meeting for final decisions. Under the Localism Act, government will not allow the present system so members are looking at adapting it by having several committees to make decisions and the full Council would deal with the financial side of business. Committee meetings are open to the public and can see the Council in action.

Councillor Cake will be attending a Flood Plan Strategy meeting that covers the area between Durlston Head and Bournemouth, including Poole Harbour, concerning flood defences. Member of public advised one option at Ridge was to hole dykes down river for flooding areas and he asked Councillor Cake to find out the locations of the breaches as it would affect Ridge. Councillor Cake advised there would be consultation of the strategy after the seminar.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

12/201 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Plan No.

6/2006/0666 - Floodplain east of Holme Bridge to railway line, East Holme
Installation of 8 water level control structures and 4 clay bunds on floodplain ditches, creation of shallow scrapes and grips.

AGREED *Parish Council objects to this application*
No decision

6/2010/0685/686 Doreys Pit, East Stoke
Variation of conditions in both applications
AGREED *Parish Council objects to both applications*
No decision

6/2012/0365-367 – Old Post Office site, Corfe Road, Stoborough, Wareham
Demolish outbuildings to rear 39 and 41 Corfe Road, demolish outbuilding rear 41 Corfe Road and erect detached dwelling
AGREED *Parish Council objects to all applications*
366 and 367 Approved – 365 No Decision

6/2012/0466 Slepe Farm, Arne
Construct replacement dwelling and employment use at Slepe Farm
AGREED *Parish Council objects to this application*
Withdrawn

6/2012/0520 Toy Museum, Arne

Change of use to visitor centre for RSPB

AGREED*Parish Council has no objections*

No decision

6/2012/0541 Stoborough First School, Corfe Road, Stoborough

Erection of outdoor learning classroom, school sign, double doors

AGREED*Parish Council has no objections*

Approved

6/2012/0561 Pippins, Barnhill Road, Ridge, Wareham

Erect garden shed, workshop/garage/store, woodstore, widen entrance

AGREED*Parish Council has no objections*

Approved

6/2012/0571-0609 Wytch Farm and Wareham Oilfields

Extension of operational life of oilfield development by variation of condition

AGREED*Parish Council has no objections*

No decision

6/2012/0614 Chalkhill Lodge, 34 Stoborough Meadow, Wareham

Install photovoltaic solar panels on south facing roof

AGREED*Parish Council has no objections*

Approved

6/2012/0617 32 Cherry Bank, Furzebrook Road, Wareham

2-storey extensions, detached garage and conservatory

AGREED*Parish Council has no objections*

Refused

6/2012/0619 Stoborough Roundabout and Worgret Roundabout

Erect signs for sponsorship

AGREED*Parish Council has no objections*

Approved

6/2012/0656 31 Stoborough Meadows, Wareham

Replace existing conservatory with single storey extension

AGREED*Parish Council has no objections*

Approved

12/202 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

(1) Mr S Widmer agreed to email the minutes of the last Stoborough Village Hall Committee meeting to the Clerk. All trustees in place and operating better as a group. The car park overcrowding is a problem as cars are damaging the surface. School claims it will be for a short while during building and then only teachers will park there. The Committee did ask for a contribution but this was not acceptable to the school. The Kings Arms pub is helping out but once building is completed, the manager intends putting in gates on his car park.

(2) Nothing to report on Furzebrook Hall.

(3) Nothing to report from the Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association but they will send the AGM minutes to the Clerk.

(4) Mr M Frenchman advised there was nothing to report from Ridge Residents' Association.

(5) Mr M Frenchman reported Wareham & District Development Trust (WDDT) now had funding to resurface the towpath FP20 but were not able to use the recommended material as it is recycled material and County Council was uncertain on the effect of leachate. The footpath will be closed at both ends during work; waiting for written approval from the Environment Agency about the Flood Consent; a wildlife survey completed by 2 Ridge residents suggested there were no signs of endangered species in the area. Mr S Widmer advised otters had been sighted and Mr Frenchman said there had been no signs of them along the towpath.

Mrs B Kenward arrived at this point in the meeting.

(6) Mrs V Ward attended the Wareham Burial Joint Committee and the Clerk reported that duties previously carried out by the Sexton had now been delegated to others and there is a landscape gardener helping with the work. A new contract had been agreed for collection of general waste from the cemeteries with a firm that has a small vehicle capable of driving down the narrow lanes to empty the bins; this has been the greatest issue to resolve. At Hill View a wildflower area is being created to designate the boundary between the Children's Area and Teenager's Area; celebratory tree is being planted this year for the Coronation Anniversary as the Millennium Yew has died. More colourful planting is expected to enhance the field cemetery.

(7) Mrs V Ward noted that during the recent flooding of the Causeway, some residents had water coming in and she would be talking to them. A film is being made and the producer wanted information on the river and its history so she recommended speaking to Nigel Barnes. Mrs Ward tried to build a stock of sandbags up but this was not allowed unless flooding occurring at the time. She has road signs for flooding and road closure.

(8) Mr N Barnes reported he looked at the work completed by Anvil Grounds Maintenance on behalf of the Scott Estate at the allotments and the hedge had been cut back increasing visibility at the access points. Clerk advised Anvil had returned and widened the access and flattened the ground inside for vehicles to park.

(9) Clerk attended the Clerks' Seminar at District Council where David Fairbairn introduced himself as the new Monitoring Officer and Solicitor for District Council. He advised copies of dispensations of pecuniary interest should always be sent to him. A presentation on how the Council will counteract the deficit in funding inflicted by the government was ingenious and hopefully effective in bringing empty properties back onto the market for sale, rent or use by removing the subsidies in tax. The planning workshops are proving successful but not all parish councils have signed up for them. Local Plan has been found sound and to be adopted at the next full Council meeting but there will be partial reviews on specific topics that need to be updated, eg housing. The Dorset wide plan for finding Gypsy and Traveller sites resulted in 8,000 responses but as the original assessment is an old document, it has been agreed each district/unitary/county council had to update the needs assessment due to changes in legislation. Purbeck has agreed this and waits for other councils to confirm they will carry out an update also.

(10) Clerk and Chairman attended the Executive Committee meeting of the Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils (DAPTC) where officer elections took place; report on the replacement of John Parker by Cynthia Starkey was given; the Code and Dispensation issues being clarified; Dorset AONB has funding for new or repairs to finger posts and a pack will be sent to clerks; information given on the Community Safety Partnership and reports from each of the area meetings.

(11) Mrs B Kenward, Chairman and Mr R Scragg attended a heathland meeting to look at the extensive grazing project at Arne. Natural England, RSPB, Dorset AONB and Purbeck District Council were represented and looked at the existing cattle grids, 2 of which will remain and considered the locations of the other 2 cattle grids. Other issues included a large pothole near the cattle grid at Soldiers Lane, difficulty of riding horses along the bridleway at Arne Farm due to drainage ditches and vegetation, BP pipeline across the heath and along Arne Road needs to be located and controlled burns were discussed.

(12) Mr S Widmer added to his report on Stoborough Village Hall by saying the Committee is arranging for the outside to be decorated in the Spring and the downpipes, guttering and doors being painted.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

12/203 6/2012/0796 Slepe Farm, Slepe

Alterations and additions to existing group of buildings comprising class B1, B2, B8 and C3

AGREED Parish Council is very much in favour of bringing employment into the Parish and rural areas but has strong reservations about the extra traffic and size of HGVs that will result from this application. The roads are extremely narrow and not designed for heavy traffic. It is felt more information is required on the industrial storage use, how many employees will be based there and what goods will be involved in storage and distribution as this will relate to the size of vehicles. We therefore have to object to this application. Should however it be approved, please include in the planning conditions a request to build properly designed passing places at various distances along Arne Road. The current ones have been formed by vehicles needing to get off the road due to meeting an HGV from Arne when extraction was taking place.

6/2012/0801 66 Lookout Holiday Park, Stoborough

Erection of vinyl decking

AGREED Parish Council has no objections

9. CORRESPONDENCE/ITEMS RAISED AT MEETING FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

12/204 CLERK'S REPORT – to consider any actions necessary

1. VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

This is the last opportunity to propose a community minded resident who has gone out of their way to benefit the community they live in. All names to be given to the Clerk for consideration at this meeting.

2. THE HAYRICKS

The new cement path has been completed against the odds but the surrounding verges are extremely muddy due to vehicle movements. The contractor will return in the Spring to scarify and seed the area ready for the summer. Also a cement base will be put in front of the seats to keep shoes off the mud. The path has been used by several youngsters on bikes and declared much better.

3. ALLOTMENTS

Scott Estate agreed that the hedging along Corfe Road bordering the allotments should be cut back to increase visibility and this has now been done at their cost.

4. THE GREEN, RIDGE

Owing to the saturated ground conditions, a Dyno Rod van became stuck on the edge of the Green and damaged the grass. Ridge Residents Association is now seeking restitution from the company.

5. HEATH FIRES

A Ridge resident noted several fires along the coastline and smoke drifting towards Studland. Clerk has asked Natural England to contact the various heath managers and ask them to co-operate in not setting fires all at the same time in case the wind changes and brings the smoke into residential areas.

6. RIVER TOWPATH (FP20)

Wareham & District Development Trust continues to seek funding for the resurfacing work required on the footpath and Viridor has agreed to contribute some funding. Other sources are being sought and Dorset County Council has agreed to contribute £5,000.

7. CORFE ROAD

A local resident has again reported problems with water gathering outside her house and the possibility of flooding. Fortunately she has some sand bags but this remedy prevents her from using her front door. Highways are being asked to repair the dropped kerbing that is causing this problem and Councillors N Cake and M Lovell are asked to put pressure on the priority of this project.

8. STOBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school desperately requires people to man the school crossing patrol. It could be one person or a job share position. Should anyone be interested, please contact Rob Camp at r.j.camp@dorsetcc.gov.uk or ring 01305 221000 and ask for Rob.

9. STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Members will consider forming a committee to update both important documents in light of recent legislation in the New Year.

12/205 DISPENSATIONS – Clerk had not received any written requests for dispensations.

12/206 PRECEPT 2012/2014 – Clerk had printed out a draft Precept form showing actual and estimated amounts for the previous 3 years and for next year. There was an increase of just under £2,000 to take into consideration the newly required pension contributions for the Clerk, training for a new Clerk, increase in subscription to DAPTC and contribution towards maintenance of the Wareham cemeteries.

Mrs B Kenward proposed and Mr M Frenchman seconded the motion it was **RESOLVED** Arne Parish Council will request a Precept of £22,701 for 2013/2014.

12/207 ALLOTMENT POLICY – Clerk advised the Parish Council had a policy that covered arrangements for new tenants and during their tenancy but none covering the possibility of a tenant moving out of the Parish. Mrs B Kenward felt the policy had to be sound and cover all eventualities and not depend on historic actions. The allotments were for those living in the Parish as there is such a demand for them. Clerk reported there were 2 local residents on the waiting list.

Mrs B Kenward proposed and Mr M Frenchman seconded the motion it was **RESOLVED** The Arne Parish Allotment Policy to be amended by the inclusion of a clause stating tenants must live in the Parish whilst retaining a plot and relinquish the plot if they move out of the Parish.

12/208 PUMPHOUSE BOLLARDS – Clerk had requested quotations for replacing the bollards from 3 companies but only had 2 responses. There were amendments to the original criteria as it was felt replacement with wooden posts would mean future replacement if

damaged or rotten. Metal posts had been suggested but one contractor offered 4 solid plastic posts as seen outside the Purbeck Sports Centre for an increase of £40 to the original quote. The photograph showed stylish posts for fronting a listed pumphouse. Mrs B Kenward proposed and Mrs V Ward seconded the motion it was **RESOLVED** Arne Parish Council would accept the quotation from Dorset Works Organisation for the plastic posts at a total cost of £502.05 including VAT.

12/209 NEW BENCH FOR ARNE PARISH – A group entitled ‘Growing up in the 70s and 80s Group’ had offered a stone bench in the same design as the recently installed Hemsbach bench as a replacement for the metal seat outside Purbeck School. The Group asked if the Parish Council had any objections to this project.

AGREED Arne Parish Council had no objections to the new bench being sited outside the school but felt the waste bin was too close to the seating arrangement.

TO CONSIDER MATTERS RAISED SINCE AGENDA WAS SET

12/210 BIG LOTTERY LETTER – Mrs B Kenward had received a letter asking for an end of grant report regarding the Hayricks Track. As the work had only just been completed, it was felt the form could be sent off.

AGREED Clerk to complete the requisite forms.

TO CONSIDER MATTERS RAISED FOR ACTION FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

12/211 Stoborough Meadow tree work – Clerk had already arranged for this to be done
School Crossing Patrol – Residents and councillors to ask around for an applicant.

10. CORRESPONDENCE OR ITEMS FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION

12/212 VICTIM SUPPORT – This is part of a national independent charity and Mrs B Kenward advised the Parish Council’s policy of only donating to local groups.

AGREED Parish Council would not be donating towards this charity.

12/213 NAVITUS BAY WIND PARK – As a result of the original consultation, the developers have agreed to reduce the number of turbines, their height and numbers, total area and distance from shore.

AGREED Information noted.

12/214 FRACKING – Mrs B Kenward asked Councillor N Cake to investigate the possibility that the Wessex Basin is a potential fracking area. Some areas have already commissioned surveys to look at the possible effects on the water system and as Purbeck is dependent on aquifers, which are affected by fracking, Mrs Kenward asked if the District Council was going to commission such a survey. Councillor Cake advised there was a meeting in January at which he could raise this question.

11. CORRESPONDENCE FOR GENERAL INFORMATION

12/215 (a) DORSET ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS
- None.

(b) PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL
- None.

(c) DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL
- None.

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

12/216 Authorisation was given for the payment of the following accounts and the cheques were signed:-

Power	Name	Reason	Amount
	Cancelled cheque		
LG (Misc Prov) 1976 s19	KG&EA Turner & Sons	Balance Cement path paid	£2,000.00
LGA 1972 s137	Dorset Air Ambulance	Donation S137	£25.00
LGA 1972 ss112	MD Weller	Clerk's salary	364.87
LGA 1972 ss112	Inland Revenue	Tax and NIC	£91.00
	Total		£2,480.87

13. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

12/217 Mr M Frenchman suggested that the broadband box being installed by BT outside the Arts and Crafts houses in Corfe Road should be moved nearer to the existing box.

12/218 Mrs V Ward had looked at the new investment company information and found the charges to be high and the return not that favourable.

The Chairman thanked all those present for attending and the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

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Chairman

No Planning Meeting for January 2013

Next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 17th January 2013 at 7.00 pm