



# Parish of Arne

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2016 AT  
THE STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL, WEST LANE, STOBOROUGH,  
COMMENCING 7.00PM

**Present:** Cllrs R Bessant, A Wakefield-Sutton, A Pellegrini

**Chair:** Cllr D Hunter

**Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker

**Also present:** 7 members of the public, District Cllr Malcolm Barnes

Chairman asked members of the public if they had any intention of filming or recording the meeting. No intentions were expressed.

## **1. Public Participation Period**

16/269 Mr Huskinson reminded members of the points he raised at the last meeting with regard to the allotments. Cllr Hunter responded saying that the Tenancy Agreement and Allotments Policy have been revised in the light of the issues raised by allotment holders. The amendments included: bonfires will be permitted from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> March; the composting of household waste will be permitted; the selling of excess stock is permitted. It was explained that the intention of the “management committee” was to keep an eye on the process of running the allotments on a day to day basis, enabling the Parish Council to take a ‘light touch’ approach. A new Agreement will be issued immediately. Cllr Pellegrini felt this was an excellent example of public participation leading to the Parish Council taking on board the concerns of residents and amending policy accordingly.

Mrs Rispin brought members attention to the fence that was erected at the back of her allotment last year and a notice attached to it saying a camera is in operation on the site. She did not like the idea of a camera filming her whilst on the allotment. Cllr Hunter explained that the camera only covered the fence line and not the allotments. Mr Dante Munns said that, by removing the willows and clearing the bank of vegetation, the resident had created a flooding problem on his allotment. The removal of the bigger trees has reduced the evaporation and more water is being held in the ditch and not running away. Mr Munns feels that he has lost about a meter of his allotment as a result of the ditch being moved but the bigger problem is that the whole area is very wet and cannot be walked on. Mr Steve Widmer explained that, when the house was built alongside the allotments, a pipe was put in but was positioned too high so cannot drain the ditch. The pipe may also be blocked somewhere. Mr Huskinson explained that even his allotment is very wet and he is on the higher ground.

Mr Phil Love – did the hole at the back of the allotments ever get sorted out? The Clerk explained the possibility of using the pile of waste in the area to fill the hole and level the area between the allotments and the neighbouring property. Mr Wilkinson, the allotment holder that backs on to the area has been informed and is in agreement with the course of action.

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

16/270 The Chairman closed the Public Participation Period and opened the Parish Council meeting, asking councillors for any Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on items contained in the Agenda applicable to themselves or spouse/partner and to consider any written dispensation requests received. No interests were declared and no dispensations has been requested.

## **3. To receive apologies for absence**

16/271 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Scragg (meeting), Ward (work) and Macleod (holiday).

## **4. To confirm Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

16/272 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Bessant and agreed unanimously. The Chairman signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

## **5. Matters arising from the minutes - for report only**

16/273 Stoborough Meadows parking - The Clerk explained that if the 'H' is to go in front of a private driveway, the owner would be required to pay. The cost would be in the region of £175. Mr Widmer reported that the resident was not willing to do this and it was not certain that such action would solve the parking problem anyway. The Residents Committee will be meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and will be discussing this. In the meantime, the situation will continue to be monitored.

Flooding on Arne Road – Cllr Hunter suggested that, rather than writing letters, he would arrange a meeting with all the relevant parties and report back.

**ACTION: CLLR HUNTER**

## **6. County Councillor's Report**

16/274 Cllr Lovell was not in attendance and no report was available.

## **7. District Councillor's Report**

16/275 Cllr Barnes reminded the Parish Council that, if members are happy with the proposals set out as the preferred sites within the Local Plan, they should attend the next council meeting and let their feelings be know.

## **8. Parish Reports**

16/276 Councillors' reports on meetings attended

Cllr Pellegrini – met with two representatives from Wareham Town Council to establish a liaison between the two Neighbourhood Plan Steering Groups. Met with a consultant re our Neighbourhood Plan. NP Steering Group on 6<sup>th</sup> April. PDC Council meeting in support of Cllr Wakefield-Sutton on the 19<sup>th</sup> April. PRAG at PDC on the 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Cllr Bessant – NP Steering Group on 6<sup>th</sup> April.

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – NP Steering Group on 6<sup>th</sup> April. PDC Council meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> April and spoke regarding the SANG. The letter was received quite well but the response was as expected and disappointing. 17<sup>th</sup> April - Hayricks inspection. 21<sup>st</sup> April PRAG meeting at PDC.

Cllr Hunter – NP Steering Group meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> April. Meeting with the representatives of Wareham Town Council with Cllr Pellegrini. WDDT committee. NHS forum on the future of health services in Dorset. Alzheimer's Society conference on making Wareham Dementia Friendly. Addressed the PRAG meeting at PDC.

16/277 Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

16/278 Reports from Other Groups

Stoborough Village Hall – As requested, the Clerk sent a letter of support regarding the Viridor application for a grant to cover the cost of the internal works. Steve Widmer reported that all the responses have been submitted.

Furzebrook Hall – The AGM was held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Cllr Pellegrini was unable to attend and has since submitted his apologies. Cllr Bessant reported that he was also unable to attend but, as a trustee, he has received a copy of their accounts which are very healthy.

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association - Nothing to report

Ridge Residents' Association – Cllr Scragg had forwarded a copy of the new Residents' Newsletter listing functions scheduled for the coming year.

Stoborough Primary School – Cllr Pellegrini has written to the Head to ask how they are progressing with the speed limit petition and the bridge. No reply has been received as yet. The Clerk has since forwarded an e-mail received from Steve Mephram, DC Highways, saying a reduced speed limit is highly unlikely but suggesting the school might like to engage with the Police who are happy to send officers to the school for a day to talk to the children.

16/279 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – Cllr Wakefield-Sutton carried out her regular inspection. It was noted that Phil Love had reported a problem with the zip wire but the problem could not be found and more information is required.

Allotments – This was largely covered in the Public Participation period. All councillors had been issued with revised Allotment Policy and Tenancy Agreements.

Holme Lane SANG – Cllr Hunter, Bridget Kenward, District Cllr Barnes and the Clerk walked the site, took notes, and a letter was subsequently sent to PDC and Dorset Police. Cllr Pellegrini reported that the opportunity to read out the letter to the full Council gave the District Councillor the opportunity to address the Council on the issue. Cllr Barnes – the fact that two parish councillors turned up and spoke meant all the councillors were made aware of the issue. Cllr Hunter suggested that we continue to point out issues and

problems with the SANG until they are resolved. Cllr Barnes suggested we get a copy of the Management Plan between PDC and the Scott Estate so we know who is responsible for what. He suggested replying to David Fairbairn with our concerns regarding the rubbish and the trees and request a copy of the Plan at the same time. The Clerk will draw up the appropriate letter.

**ACTION: CLERK**

16/280 Neighbourhood Plan update

Cllr Pellegrini reported that we have agreed to employ a consultant - Jo Witherden – on a short term basis to review the NP policies. There are some issues following the Purbeck Advisory Group meeting in as much as the Worgret (West of Wareham) aspect of the preferred options may affect our NP. There is some strong opposition in the District Council to the 3,000 houses being imposed by Central Government on Purbeck. This will be discussed at the next NP Steering Group.

Cllr Barnes – The increased number of houses is being imposed on the District. If PDC do not respond with a plan of their own, we will have development imposed on the District by ‘Appeal-lead planning’. Although not in favour, he cannot see a way around it.

It was noted that affordable housing for local residents is a non-negotiable policy for our NP.

Cllr Barnes – His main objection to the Local Plan is the fact that the group is looking at huge housing estates. 40% will be affordable but they will only be affordable if residents can afford to buy them. They are looking for about five sites in Purbeck to fulfil the requirement, whilst the villages are crying out for affordable housing. We might not get what we want because of the District Council’s desire to build the larger developments.

16/281 Web site update

Nothing to report.

16/282 Flood Resilience update

Although not able to attend, Cllr Ward had sent in a report which was read out by the Clerk.

New Road Stream – Works are now complete at the New Road bridge. The bank has been sandbagged and the channel widened. This will require regular clearance of twigs, debris, etc. to keep it free flowing. Grass and meadow flower seed has been scattered and, hopefully, this will grow.

Arne Road – Natural England have cleared the ditch the length of Arne Road at Ridge. Further down towards Arne, after the Soldiers Road turning, the National Trust have erected warning poles at the edge of the road to prevent further vehicles from being damaged by the eroded road surface. As the large area of flooding has disappeared, hopefully there was a culvert beneath the road that has now been cleared.

Environment Agency – Following a recent attempt to contact Nick Reed at the Environment Agency, it appears that he no longer works there. So far, there has been little success in finding anyone who will fulfil his role, so there is currently no point of contact.

Meeting with Ernie Henley – Neighbourhood Inspector – Following a meeting on site at the Causeway, Inspector Henley has been provided with a copy of the road closure procedure from DC Highways, in the event of flooding. He also has APC contact numbers, should there be any problems. He has confirmed that, should there be a delay in the DCC workforce attending on site to close the road, the Police have powers to do so and will gladly provide assistance.

16/283 Finger posts update

Cllr Scragg has informed the Clerk that there was no news from Roger Bond regarding the installation of the repaired crossroads signpost. He will contact Roger to arrange an installation date in order to ensure that the fingers are aligned to be most visible.

**ACTION: CLLR SCRAGG**

**9. To consider planning applications received**

16/284 **6/2016/0035 Syldata, access road to Arne  
Demolish existing building & erect a replacement**

No objections.

**6/2016/0191 Westlands, Puddletown Road  
Remove existing summer house & erect detached summer house**

No objections

**TWA/2016/0049 Ridge Cottage, Corfe Road  
Fell Lawson cypress; crown reduce yew tree**

No objection

**10. Correspondence/items for action and resolution**

16/285 To consider taking up the offer of Planning Training from PDC for 2016/17

PDC are intending to run day-long training sessions, rather than two-hour programs as in previous years. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – happy to do this and would feel more comfortable with the one day training. Cllr Bessant – no opinion either way. Cllr Pellegrini – support the initiative as a more cohesive and intensive approach. Cllr Hunter – supports the initiative. The majority of councillors support this in principle and the Clerk will respond to PDC accordingly.

**ACTION: CLERK**

16/286 To consider an amended Tree Warden Scheme

Cllr Pellegrini circulated a revised document for Tree Wardens. The document is currently only in draft and there are some amendments needed, for example, it does not mention anything about the Tree Officer. It will be amended and brought back to the next meeting.

**ACTION: CLLR PELLEGRINI**

16/287 Neighbourhood Plan update

Cllr Pellegrini has requested permission to spend up to £510, if necessary, with the agreement of Cllr Hunter and the Clerk, on matters relating to the Neighbourhood Plan. This, most specifically, refers to any additional meetings required with the consultant that

are not covered by the quote received. Having to gain permission each time at the monthly council meeting could lead to delays. Cllr Bessant proposed that this is taken forward. This was seconded by Cllr Wakefield-Sutton and agreed unanimously.

Cllr Bessant asked about the monies originally allocated to PDC under the Localism Act from Central Government. A letter will be sent to Bridget Downton and copy to Cllr Barnes setting out the issues, with supporting evidence, and requesting

**ACTION: CLERK**

16/288 To agree the revised Allotments Policy and Tenancy Agreement

A copy of the revised agreements had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that these are accepted and issued. The Clerk requested permission to obtain a quote to have the hole at the back of allotment 4BR filled. It was unanimously agreed that the work go ahead. The Clerk will obtain a quote and report back.

**ACTION: CLERK**

16/289 To consider a Traffic Regulation Order for Nutcrack Lane

The Clerk explained that this item had come about following a request at a previous meeting to try to reduce the number of larger vehicles using Nutcrack Lane by asking the StatNav companies to amend their routing information. Advice was sought from Highways who suggested an alternative might be a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). This would involve setting out the details of the measures we are hoping for and the problems these measures should be solving. If, after investigation, Highways believes the request meets the criteria and guidelines, then the Parish Council would need to send a formal request to the TRO team for inclusion on their TRO list – which currently consists of in excess of 50 outstanding requests and the limited TRO budget allows for a small number each year to be processed. Cllr Hunter wondered if there is justification for this measure as it would involve a great deal of work and we are not really aware of a particular or pressing need. The Clerk reported that the only correspondence received to date was objecting to the possibility of a TRO.

Cllr Pellegrini said that he has seen large lorries in Nutcrack Lane. It does not happen often but when it does, it causes problems.

Steve Widmer wondered if the problem had arisen because of the logging lorries which have now finished. These were more likely responsible for the damage to the verges and edges of the road.

Cllr Hunter suggested that, as we do not have enough evidence to start this whole process, we continue to monitor the situation but do nothing to progress it at this time.

16/290 To accept the Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities Practices

A copy of the Practice was issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. It is referred to (and sits alongside) our Financial Regulations and this represents the latest update. It was proposed by Cllr Bessant, seconded by Cllr Pellegrini and agreed unanimously that the Practice is accepted.

16/291 To consider absorbing the cost of cutting the additional stretch of tow path at £10/cut

Cllr Hunter gave a brief history of the site. The contractors, Brighstone cut the Priory Meadow area about six times a year. They have offered to include the extra stretch of path

for an initial cost of £15 to bring it back into line and then £10 for each cut thereafter. The total cost will be about £60. Cllr Hunter proposed the Parish Council covers this cost and receives one annual invoice from WDDT for £60. This was seconded by Cllr Pellegrini and agreed unanimously.

#### **11. To approve the monthly expenditure**

The following cheques have been requested:

DAPTC	Good Councillor Guides	100935	17.50
Dorset Planning Consultant Ltd	NP consultation & advisory meeting	100936	170.00
Mrs A Crocker	April wages + expenses	100937	454.68
HMRC	PAYE – April	100938	99.00

The total amount requested from the Precept is £741.18.

It was proposed by Cllr Wakefield-Sutton, seconded by Cllr Bessant and agreed unanimously that the payments are made.

#### **12. Additional items considered urgent by the Chairman for discussion only**

Engine Shed – The PDC officer will be meeting with representatives of the Scott Estate during the week commencing the 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Governance Review – The letter requesting an additional parish councillor has been submitted and a reply received from David Fairbairn. It is now a matter for the District Council to decide on the terms of reference for the review and publish them as soon as practicable after they have been decided. Subject to carrying out consultation with local electors and other interested persons, the form of the review is largely a matter for the District Council to decide. It has until April 2017 to complete the review. Mr Fairbairn will take a report to the June meeting of the Council so that the terms of reference can be agreed by members.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:37pm.

The next meeting will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May and will be the Parish Council AGM.