



# Parish of Arne

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015 AT THE STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL, WEST LANE, STOBOROUGH COMMENCING 7.00pm

- Present:** Cllrs A Pellegrini, A Wakefield-Sutton, D Hunter, R Scragg, R Bessant, V Ward
- Chair:** Cllr C Macleod
- Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker
- Also Present:** 8 members of the public, District Cllr B Kenward, County Cllr M Lovell, PC Claire Jephcott

### **1. Declaration of Interests**

- 15/151 The Chairman asked councillors for any Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on items contained in the agenda applicable to themselves or spouse/partner. There were none declared.

Members of the public were asked if anyone had any intention of filming or recording the meeting. There were no intentions expressed.

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

- 15/152 There were no apologies received.

### **3. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

- 15/153 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all councillors prior to the start of the meeting.

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton proposed them to be a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Scragg and agreed unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

### **4. Matters Arising – for report only**

- 15/154 Ditch at Arne Road is in danger of over-flowing. The Clerk will contact Highways and copy in Natural England.

Concrete path at the Hayricks – Steve Syrett has been asked to take a look and report back.

Letter has been sent to the Joint Burial Board regarding Cllr Bessant's appointment.

## **5. Public Participation Period**

15/155 PC Jephcott reported that 2 dwelling burglaries had taken place in the Ridge area. This is a very rare occurrence for this area. Both were forced entry through windows and residents are asked to review their home security. Also consider keeping your doors locked when you are in the house. 400ltrs of diesel was stolen overnight from a farm in December. Please report anything suspicious – vehicles or people, especially at night – the Police are carrying out a campaign against poaching at the moment. If you see lights in rural areas, telephone the 999 number.

Charlotte Riches asked if it would be possible to have a skate park at the Hayricks. There are a lot of young teenagers living in the parish and there is nothing for them to do. Charlotte offered to help organise events and do some fund raising if this would assist. She also asked if there has been any mention of a pedestrian crossing on Corfe Road between Stoborough Green and the Hayricks. This has come up under the Neighbourhood Plan and will continue to be progressed.

Ms Hourigan asked if anything was being done following her request relating to the surface water flooding at Stoborough Meadows as she has received nothing to date. Cllr Hunter reported that he had reviewed all the documentation relating to the matter and would be in touch to arrange a site meeting in the very near future.

Tom Greenslade asked about putting some double yellow lines at the junction in Stoborough Green in front of the dropped kerb. Cars continue to park within 10m of the junction. This will be put on the February agenda.

Phil Lovell – raised the point of the white line at the dropped kerb. The Clerk reported that DCC had been chased. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton reported that there had been discussion about finding somewhere else for people to park – possibly the grass verge or on the site of the existing garages. Perhaps this sort of provision could be made, together with the white line on the corner or double yellows. A letter will be sent to Synergy for their comments.

ACTION: CLERK

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

15/156 Cllr Lovell – suggested having Steve Mephram out to look at the various problems that constantly rise. He will arrange for a visit and a list of problems will be sent to Cllr Lovell to put to Mr Mephram. Cllr Pellegrini asked what was happening to the Perenco money. They are still sorting out the various agreements that go along with it.

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

15/157 Cllr Kenward – recycling – PDC do not want the recycling centres in Wareham and Swanage to be closed.

2 important documents to draw members' attention to:

The Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review – this is the most important document in planning terms that PDC has had to deal with. The Local Plan has been accepted subject to the housing review. Originally the number of houses to be built was set at 120 per annum. It has now been recommended that this should go up to 201. As at last week it was at 180. The various land allocations cannot be taken into consideration. The document offers sites

where houses in excess of 200 in number could be built. This includes the area at Worgret. Is the by-pass a good boundary? Now is the time to make this point. The closing date for returns is the beginning of March. Cllr Macleod said this would be on the agenda for February. Cllr Scragg reported that he was having trouble responding on-line to the document but the document has recently been updated and this may have resolved the problem.

Cllr Pellegrini reported that he had seen an article in the Mail on Sunday regarding the cost of bin collections and PDC were highlighted as being the most costly across the country. Cllr Kenward said there is a lot of misinformation about the DWP. However, the new system covers a much wider area than just the Purbecks and has worked much better in East Dorset as it is an urban area so the lorries are not having to travel so far. In the rural areas, the large lorries could not fit down the lanes and the money that is an overspend has been used to hire lorries that can fit around the lanes. The system is in a transitional period and still saves money when compared to the original system. Perhaps we could invite DWP back to report on how things are going – may need to leave this a bit longer until the new lorries have been purchased.

Dorset Heathland Planning Framework – also needs to be considered.

## **8. To Consider Items for Discussion/Report**

### 15/158 Representatives' Reports on meetings attended since the last meeting

Stoborough Village Hall – nothing to report. Cllr Macleod proposed that Cllr Wakefield-Sutton takes over as the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee. This was seconded by Cllr Pellegrini and agreed unanimously. Thanks were extended to Mrs Scragg for the work she had done to date on behalf of the Parish Council.

Furzebrook Village Hall – nothing to report

Stoborough Meadow – there has not been a meeting since the AGM at Christmas. Mr Neville-Jones has resigned as Chairman and the group will be holding another meeting in the next week or so.

Ridge Residents – nothing to report. There will be a meeting next week.

Cllr Pellegrini asked if Stoborough School could be added to the list. He read out an e-mail received from the Head Teacher regarding further links with the local community. She has guaranteed that the facilities will be provided to the Parish Council free of charge when we need them for larger meetings. Purbeck School's recent Ofsted Report gave them "Good" in all areas.

### Meetings Attended by Councillors

Cllr Pellegrini – none attended.

Cllr Scragg – updated programme from the Environment Agency about the River Frome works. This will be put on the web site and included in future newsletters. The report takes into account the repairs to the Turners Cove sluice and the left bank of the River Frome at Bestwall/Priory. The Arne Moors Managed Realignment scheme is due to take place over the next 5 years. There has been more worked carried out on the Redclyffe

path. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton expressed concern over the loss of the water voles as they are a rapidly decreasing species. Cllr Kenward said that she had water voles on her property and would be happy to welcome more.

Cllrs Wakefield-Sutton – none attended.

Cllr Bessant – none attended.

Cllr Ward – attended DCC today where they are trialling a new system for reporting flooding issues on-line. Stoborough Green ditch is due to be cleared on the 6<sup>th</sup> February and New Road flooding is now being reviewed but there is so much water, it cannot drain away fast enough.

Cllr Hunter – none attended.

Cllr Macleod – none attended.

15/159 To consider if actions are required

There were no actions required.

15/160 Web site update

A link has been put in so that the agenda will appear on the home page.

15/161 Training in December/January

PDC – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Dealing with Planning Constraints – with the exception of Cllrs Macleod and Ward, all councillors are booked in.

PDC – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 6.30pm. Planning appeals and planning enforcement.

PDC - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 6.30pm. Speaking at planning board.

The DAPTC calendar is now complete and the AGM will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton questioned the £50 cost. Cllr Macleod will be attending but asked if either Cllrs Scragg or Pellegrini would like to attend. The Clerk will send the agenda to both.

February 10<sup>th</sup> – workshop for the Partial Review at PDC offices – 2-5.pm and 6 – 9pm Cllr Scragg 2, Hunter 2 , Ward 2, Wakefield-Sutton 6, Macleod 2, Bessant 6, Pellegrini 2.

**9. To consider any PLANNING APPLICATIONS received**

15/162 Non- Delegated - none

Delegated:

- **6/2014/0678 Pound Stables**

**Minor amendments to 6/2014/0408**

No objections

- **6/2014/0702 7 Weighbridge Cottages, Corfe Road**  
**Demolish wall & fence, erect new gates, drop kerb, off-road parking space**  
Good to get some parking off the road. No objections
- **TWA/2014/0231 5 Gover Close, Ridge**  
**T1 oak, remove lowers branch, crown reduce 1-2m**  
No objection
- **TWA/2015/0002 Ashley Cottage, Arne Road**  
**T1 fir - fell**  
No objection

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

### 15/163 Clerk's Report

A copy had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. There were no additional comments to be made.

Cllr Macleod reminded all present that we are still looking for volunteers to sit on the Flood Resilience and Mitigation Group. This would also include reporting flood risks. Cllr Pellegrini said that Hugh Ricks would be interested in sitting on the Group and Cllr Wakefield-Sutton offered to assist on behalf of Stoborough Green. A meeting has been arranged for 2pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> February at Cllr Ward's.

Phil Love asked what work would be done to the ditch on the 6<sup>th</sup> February and Cllr Ward reported that it would be the full length. Phil responded saying that a culvert was put in between Stoborough Green and Scott Close – would this be cleared out? This should be cleared otherwise this will only be moving the problem further along.

### 15/164 Dispensations

No requests had been received.

### 15/165 To discuss the 400m heathland zone in general

This will be discussed at the February meeting.

### 15/166 To consider a response to the Dorset Heathlands Planning Framework 2015-2020 consultation

Cllr Scragg has produced some notes, having gone through the report:

Point 1: "No net increase in urban pressure." Cllr Hunter noted that there would be a constant increase in urban pressure. The current position is that heathland must be protected. The statement should be clarified so it is unambiguous and perfectly clear. We would agree with the sentiment in principle but would like to clarify each development on its own merit.

Point 4: It should be made clearer that the document is referring to the area between 400m and 5km. Cllr Kenward – the mitigation does not necessarily mitigate what you might wish to be doing. At the moment there is a healthy tourist industry. The document says, amongst other things, that there will only be the B & B's that

Natural England want. They are making it very difficult for student accommodation and for accommodation for the elderly. At a recent meeting, NE said that if PDC pushed for a 400msq as the necessary allowance, they would oppose it. The heathland document consultation is because PDC want individual cases to be studies in consultation with NE so strategy plans are not passed that will cause all sorts of issues at a later date. There is a problem finding areas for affordable homes in the Purbecks and if carte blanche is given to the document, this will become even more difficult. PDC cannot pass plans that NE or the EA object to. The more power given to them, the fewer options we will have to put our views across for planning decisions.

Cllr Pellegrini – avoidance mitigation measures can allow development within the 400m to 5km zone.

Cllr Hunter asked how this would affect the Neighbourhood Plan and should we be taking the two into account together.

Members will pick this up on the 5<sup>th</sup> February when they meet again. The Steering Group will be put back to a later date and Cllr Pellegrini will contact the Clerk with an alternative date.

15/167 To consider giving Cllr Ward the remit to act on behalf of the Parish Council in matters relating to flooding and flood mitigation

The amount of work relating to this role has become much broader than was originally anticipated. Cllr Ward asked the resolution to be amended to read “the Flood Warden” rather than referring to a specific councillor.

The Flood Warden should be given the remit by this council to make decisions on behalf of the Parish Council during times of emergency e.g. when there are specific incidences of flooding expected, and to be the one to make the telephone calls to DCC and the Police. This remit would not cover anything to do with funding. It refers to an instance response situation. Once the Flood committee is up and running this will assist with the role. Cllr Pellegrini proposed the remit should be given. This was seconded by Cllr Wakefield-Sutton and agreed unanimously.

15/168 To discuss a funding request for the purchase of a trailer for the flood barriers and, once purchased, where it can be kept

Cllr Ward reported that we had hoped to acquire some funding for a trailer but this had not transpired. That said, where would we keep the trailer once we acquired one? Discussions have taken place with Perenco for keeping the trailer at Furzebrook but this would mean calling someone out at night to unlock the compound. It was suggested that, when it is known bad weather is likely, the trailer could be moved from the Furzebrook site and held on a driveway in readiness. Phil asked what size the trailer would be. Box-trailer size – would it fit in a garage? Possibly. He suggested asking Synergy if we could use one of the empty garages at Stoborough. An alternative suggestion was to leave the trailer in the village hall car park but it was felt that this would not secure enough. Cllr Ward suggested it would cost about £1000 for a second hand trailer. Cllr Kenward said she knew of a horse box that had not been used for several years and would be happy to ask if it would be available. Cllr Lovell will also investigate the possibility of a trailer that may be useable.

Perenco could be approached to see if they would be willing to put some money forward towards the cost of the trailer.

Wessex Watermark and the Co-op could be approached to see if they would be willing to put up some funding.

**ACTION: CLERK**

15/169 Neighbourhood Plan update

A rescheduled meeting of the steering group will be communicated in due course.

15/170 To consider action regarding the surface water flooding at Stoborough Meadows

A letter was issued to the relevant residents and the Chair read the letter out to the meeting. The letter suggested a site meeting. Ms Hourigan said that she had not received the letter but said that she needed a resolution and that having approached various other bodies, she felt it was now down to Arne Parish Council to get this resolved. She feels that this is still a serious problem and her garden is getting flooded and the properties are suffering subsidence. Cllr Macleod invited Ms Hourigan to come up with a date that would be convenient and contact the Clerk.

15/171 To consider correspondence received since the Agenda was set for discussion and possibly placing on the agenda for the next meeting

An e-mail had been received regarding over-grown hedges on Furzebrook Road. Cllr Kenward offered to deal with this personally.

15/172 To consider items raised by the public during the Participation Period for discussion and placing on the next agenda

Stoborough Meadow surface water flooding.

**11. To consider payments of accounts**

15/173 The following payments had been requested:

Anvil	Stoborough Meadow – December	200484	314.70
Mrs A Crocker	January wages & expenses	200485	416.87
HMRC	January PAYE	200486	97.00

The total requested is £828.57

Cllr Ward proposed the payments are made and this was seconded by Cllr Bessant and agreed unanimously. The cheques were signed in the presence of the meeting.

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

There were no additional items.

Cllr Ward asked if a letter could be sent to Philip Stuckey of the National Trust regarding the area between Arne Road and Soldiers Road. The turning for Corfe Castle is flooded again with water running off the heath and the ditch is full.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:18pm

Planning Committee meeting will be on 5<sup>th</sup> February if there are any plans to discuss

The next meeting will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.00pm, Stoborough Village Hall