



Parish of Arne

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18th JUNE 2015 AT THE STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL, WEST LANE, STOBOROUGH COMMENCING 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs A Wakefield-Sutton, D Hunter, R Scragg, A Pellegrini

Chair: Cllr C Macleod

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also Present: 7 members of the public, District Cllr M Barnes

1. Declaration of Interests

16/23 The Chairman asked councillors for any Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on items contained in the agenda applicable to themselves or their spouse/partner. There were no declarations made or disclosures requested.

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

16/24 Apologies have been received from Cllrs V Ward & R Bessant, and County Cllr M Lovell.

3. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council AGM and the Annual Parish meetings held on 21st May 2015

16/25 A copy of the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting had been issued to all councillors prior to the start of the meeting.

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4. Matters Arising – for report only

16/26 SANG – the dog bins have been covered up and the contract is still in dispute. Cllr Barnes walked the site this afternoon and has been made aware of the current situation. There are a large number of items that have not been completed by the contractors and these are currently being reviewed.

Sunnyside Hedges – still nothing done. A request will be sent to Highways. *Post meeting note: Anvil Grounds Maintenance had been instructed by the Scott Estate to carry out the work which has now been done.*

Newsletters – Cllr Scragg reported that there are still some people who have not received their copy.

4G – Cllr Scragg spoke to the contractor regarding the level of service but they were quite vague and said that the level of service would depend on the amount of usage.

5. Public Participation Period

Nick Cake said that concern had been expressed locally about crossing the by-pass to Old Furzebrook Road. There is no warning to traffic about the crossing and some signage should be provided to make the crossing safe. Cllr Macleod said that this has been brought up in the Neighbourhood Plan. Imerys are going to be upgrading the footpath which will put more pressure on the crossing of this road.

6. County Councillor's Report

16/27 Cllr Lovell has sent his apologies. No report was available.

7. District Councillor's Report

16/28 Cllr Malcolm Barnes was welcomed to the meeting. As previously reported, Cllr Barnes had visited the SANG recently and the situation is still under review. The fences have not been completed so the farmer is unable to use the field. Cllr Barnes will give a fuller report at the July meeting but said that Health & Safety on the site is not sufficient. Cllr Macleod said that, when we first considered the site, the Parish Council did ask who was going to be in charge of the maintenance. Cllr Barnes replied that the contractors were supposed to do all the work required by the PDC Section 106 agreement, after which the maintenance of the site goes back to the Scott Estate who now need to either deal with the outstanding work or get someone else to deal with it. Nick Cake expressed concern that Bloor Homes have been able to occupy the homes before the SANG was in place and working correctly. This is in direct breach of the Section 106 agreement. Cllr Barnes was asked to take back to PDC our concerns. He reported that, when permission was granted, he was under the impression that the SANG was purely for the people who lived at Westgate. He has now learnt that it is available for anybody to use.

8. To Consider Items for Discussion/Report

16/29 Results of planning applications submitted to County/District Council

All members had received a list of on-going planning applications prior to the start of the meeting.

16/30 Representatives' Reports on meetings attended since the last meeting

Stoborough Village Hall – No meetings have been held since the last Parish Council meeting. They are still waiting to hear from Viridor regarding the grant application. Viridor next meet in July.

Furzebrook Village Hall – AGM has been held and the improvements have carried on. There is now a speaker system in the hall and a number lock on the door. The initial teething problems are being sorted out.

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – No further meetings have been held.

Ridge Residents' Association – The next outing will be to Brownsea Castle on 11th September. This trip has proved very popular and is already fully booked and there is a waiting list of a further 20 people so another trip may be organised later in the year. Cllr Hunter reported that, at the last meeting, the committee members were quite outspoken about the potential danger of the crossroads where Nutcrack Lane, New Road and Arne Road meet. There was an accident there a few weeks ago and concern was expressed that the increased traffic flow will add to the accident potential of the site. The verges need cutting back and there is a strong opinion that the give way signs should be replaced with stop signs. The number of commercial vehicles parked in front of a property in Arne Road also raised concern. Cllr Macleod suggested a friendly chat to the local Police Officer. The residents' concern is that it is a residential area and it has commercial vehicles parked there at all times. Mrs Scragg said that there was a lot of noise at all hours and it was suggested that she keep a diary of the noise times and dates and report to the Environment Agency. The Clerk reminded members that everyone is able to report overgrown verges and hedges via the DorsetforYou web site. Cllr Barnes reported that there is a facility on the web site that sets out the extent to which hedges should be cut back.

School Liaison – nothing to report

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – no visits

Cllr Hunter – PDC training session on the Economic Development Strategy.

Cllr Scragg – attended a WDDT meeting. The flood banks were mentioned in that they intend grassing them over.

Cllr Pellegrini – no meetings attended.

Cllr Macleod – no meetings attended.

16/31 To consider any actions required

The cutting of the hedges at the cross roads - to go on the agenda for July.

16/32 Web site update

Nothing new to report.

9. To consider any PLANNING APPLICATIONS received

16/33 Non- Delegated - none

Delegated:

- **6/2015/0293 Nightjars, Sunnyside, Ridge**

Single storey front and rear extension, raise roof and form rooms in roof space

- **Agreed** No objections

- **6/2015/0303 Littlefield, Arne Road**

2 storey side extension

- **Agreed** No objections

6/2015/0315 Three Barrows Farm, Norden

Demolish existing stables & erect replacement stables

- **Agreed** No objections

6/2015/0334 Worgret Manor Farm, Worgret Road

Construct covered yard area

- **Agreed** No objections

10. Correspondence/items for action and resolution

16/34 Clerk's Report

No report had been issued.

16/35 Dispensations

No requests had been received.

16/36 To consider the Annual accounts and confirm the Governance Statement for the year ended 31st March 2015

A full copy of the accounts had been issued to members prior to the start of the meeting. The Clerk reported that the internal audit had highlighted three occasions when the numbering sequence of the minutes had been incorrect and had also commented on the lack of detail included within the minutes when arriving at the budget figure. The auditor felt there was need for more explanation of any increases. This will be addressed when the 2016/17 budget is set.

It was proposed by Cllr Pellegrini that the accounts are accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Wakefield-Sutton and agreed unanimously. The accounts were signed by the Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

The Clerk drew members' attention to the Governance Statement and asked if members were willing to agree to each of the statements made within it. It was proposed by Cllr Scragg, seconded by Cllr Macleod and agreed unanimously that the Governance Statement

should be accepted. The Statement was signed by the Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

16/37 To consider the inclusion of prayers within the Parish Council meetings

There is no record of prayers having ever been part of the Arne Parish Council meeting. Cllr Pellegrini felt that we were a secular gathering and should respect everyone's views unless for a specific occasion when a minute's silence may be observed. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton felt that, as there has not been a precedent set, the general motion would be to not have prayers at the start of the meeting. Cllr Hunter felt the status quo should be maintained. Cllr Macleod explained that the background to this was the majority of the members attending a particular meeting were not of the Christian faith and felt that to hold prayers was not correct. This has then been discussed by NALC and passed down to the Town and Parish Councils for consideration.

It was proposed by Cllr Pellegrini that prayers will not be held at the start of Parish Council meetings. This was agreed unanimously. The Clerk will check to see if this should now be recorded within the Standing Orders.

ACTION: CLERK

16/38 To report on the progress from the Highways/Synergy walkabout in March 2015

Some of the items have been done. Those that have not will be followed up.

ACTION: CLERK

If there are any problems with any footpaths or drainage ditches in the parish, residents are asked to report them via www.dorsetforyou.com as well as to the Parish Council.

16/39 To consider any further action with regard to parking at Stoborough Green

The drop kerb was felt to be the main issue and this was agreed by the Parish Council. Phil Love reported that parking does appear to be an issue, but only at certain times. The area was built in the 1950s and not a lot of thought would have been given to parking. He suggested a consultation amongst the residents regarding double yellow lines to see what other people think. If the yellow lines are installed, it will be an inconvenience to those who live near the junction and the problem would be moved further along the road. Most of the families in this area know someone who is disabled and there is no facility anywhere along the road for them to park. Could there be a provision for disabled parking? Cllr Pellegrini asked if there was a demand from the residents for a consultation. No, just Mr Love's suggestion. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton reported that the recent level of parking on the right hand side of the road had caused some irritation amongst residents but, in general, people have parked sensibly and she has hardly ever noticed any problem there. Cllr Hunter asked about the garages and whether or not they were empty. Given the problems, if there are garages available and sitting empty, it makes no sense. Could there not be some negotiation whereby some parking could be freed up for the residents. Phil Love – the rent for the garages is about £10 a week, but they are very old and the new, larger, modern cars would not fit into them. Cllr Barnes said there may be asbestos in the material of the garages so Synergy would not want to rent them out.

Cllr Macleod suggested members consider this discussion and come back to the July meeting with a decision of how to move forward. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton reported that the local PCSO attended the site and said that double yellow lines would be a last resort.

16/40 To consider joining the PDC Planning Training Programme for 2015/16

The cost will, once again, be £50. It was unanimously agreed that we join the training programme for the coming year. The Clerk will complete the paperwork and return.

16/41 To receive an update on the Parish Clean Up Day

ACTION: CLERK

Cllr Hunter reported that he has sent a draft of the event to all councillors. If anyone has any additions/comments to make regarding the draft they should contact Cllr Hunter. An e-mail requesting assistance had been sent to Cllr Barnes. He suggested contacting Environmental Services and they would direct us to the correct people. The Clean Up will not now take place on the 28th June but will possibly be sometime in July or August. Do we want to involve the community as widely as possible or do we want each councillor to recruit their own volunteers to form a small team? Cllr Ward has suggested the former and make this a community event, encouraging residents to take ownership of their area. Cllr Barnes suggested contacting PDC before setting the date and getting some information regarding the event as they may have a template for such things. The Clerk will contact PDC to see if they have such a pack. Mrs Scragg said that the village hall has some high viz jackets that they could loan. Mr Widmer suggested that the bags could be stored in the village hall car park until they are collected but this was felt not to be ap

ACTION: CLERK

16/42 Neighbourhood Plan update

Cllr Pellegrini reported that there was nothing further to add that had not been reported at the AGM. The next steering committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th July.

16/43 To consider reports for the Allotments, Hayricks and SANG

Allotments – The work clearing the overgrown hedge alongside The Lodge, New Road has been completed and quite a few compliments had been received. There is still more work that could be done with the large mound of soil near the area being used to fill in the lagoon. The Clerk is arranging a meeting with the occupier of the allotment to see if he would be in favour of this work being carried out. Mr Johnson has also offered to speak to the other allotment holders to see if they have any issues or requests they would like to raise with the Parish Council.

ACTION: CLERK

Hayricks – The sign on the gate has now been installed and the holes in the concrete path repaired. The information signs are on order and Steve Syrett has been asked to see if there is anything that can be done about the play area gate that will not stay closed.

SANG – Still not open.

16/44 To confirm the list of representatives on Outside Bodies

This will be covered at the July meeting.

16/45 To consider correspondence received

Boundary Commission – although the printed map is not very clear, it would seem that Worgret was being moved at of the Parish. *Post meeting note: When viewed on the Boundary Commission web site, it is clear that this is not the case.*

Forward Together – Tuesday 23rd June. All councillors are invited to attend at the Committee Room, County Hall. Cllr Macleod will forward the e-mail to members indicating who they need to contact if they wish to book.

16/46 To consider items raised by the public during the Participation Period for discussion and placing on the next agenda

- Consultation at Stoborough Green re double yellows/parking in general
- Representatives on Outside Bodies

11. To consider payments of accounts

16/47 The following payments had been requested:

Broker Network	Insurance renewal	200505	662.54
Anvil Grounds Maint.	Stoborough Meadow – May 2015	200506	291.90
Richard Yates	Internal Audit y/e 31.03.15	200507	80.00
Mrs A Crocker	June wages + expenses	200508	577.93
HMRC	June PAYE	200509	99.00

The total requested is £1,711.37.

Cllr Hunter proposed the payments are made and this was seconded by Cllr Pellegrini and agreed unanimously. The cheques were signed by two councillors in the presence of the meeting.

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

16/48 There were no additional items to discuss.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:45pm

Planning Working Party will meet on 2nd July 2015 if there are any plans to discuss

The next meeting will be on the 16th July 2015 at 7.00pm, Stoborough Village Hall