



**MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2019 AT**  
**STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING 7PM**

**Present:** Cllrs A Wakefield-Sutton, S Cranshaw, A Pellegrini, D Hunter, I Church, R Bessant

**Chair:** Cllr P Love

**Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker

**Also Present:** 12 member of the public, Ian Alexander (NE), Catherine Farrugia (EA) and County Cllr B Ezzard and District Councillor Malcolm Barnes.

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**

19.200 It was noted that, about 6 weeks ago, land surveying and percolation testing took place on the field opposite the Steppingstones site. He believed this is likely to lead to a planning application being submitted in the near future.

Copies of the latest National Parks newsletter were issued to all those present.

Purbeck Arts Festival – the tickets go on sale at the end of March.

Cllr Mark Unsworth introduced himself to the meeting. He represents the Wareham St Martin ward and, until the dissolution of Purbeck District Council, sits on the Licensing and Standards Committee.

**2. Declaration of interests**

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

**3. To receive apologies for absence**

19.202 Apologies had been received from Cllr Vivienne Ward.

**4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019 and the Extra-ordinary meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

19.203 Minutes of the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019

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.

19.204 Minutes of the Extra-ordinary meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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**5. Matters arising – for report only**

19.205 No matters arising, not covered by the agenda.

**6. County Councillor’s Report**

19.206 A copy of Cllr Ezzard’s report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Ezzard extended an invite to all those present to attend the special service celebrating and remembering the 45 years of PDC at Lady St Mary Church on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm.

Cllr Ezzard has spoken to Stephen Mephem, Dorset Highways, regarding the footpath along Worgret Road and he has agreed to look into the situation.

**7. District Councillor’s Report**

19.207 Cllr Barnes reported that he has asked Gary Suttle to email the parish councils and tell them what is happening at Purbeck. The offices will be staying open for up to two years following the beginning of the Unity Council to deal with planning issues. Thanks are extended to Cllr Barnes for his help over the years and we wish him well as this will be his last meeting with the Parish Council.

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

19.208 To confirm the Payment of Accounts

The following payments had been requested:

Dorset Planning Consultants	Neighbourhood Plan advice	BACS052	912.00
Dorset County Council	Solar panels for SID poles	BACS053	648.00
DC Pension Fund	March contribution	BACS054	146.80
Parish Online	Online mapping	BACS055	72.00
Mrs A Crocker	March wages + expenses	BACS056	457.74
Anvil	Stoborough maintenance	BACS057	620.44
National Allotment Society	Annual subscription	BACS058	66.00
HMRC	PAYE/NIC March	BACS059	101.00

The total amount requested from the Precept is £3,023.98. Cllr Wakefield- Sutton proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Cranshaw and agreed unanimously.

**ACTION: CLERK**

19.209 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**

19.210 Councillors' Reports on meetings attended

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – 12/3 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Pellegrini – 12/3 Westport House – Arne nomination for Volunteer of the Year. Our nominee was Mr Jon Burgess. There were 17 other citations and an article will be placed in the next newsletter.

Cllr Church – 15/3 Corfe Castle Railway Station - discussed various items including the visit of the Flying Scotsman.

Cllr Cranshaw – nothing to report

Cllr Hunter – 12/3 Neighbourhood Plan working group

Cllr Bessant – 6/3 Burial Board – maintenance report was given at the meeting.

19.211 Report from Outside Bodies

Stoborough Village Hall – Steve Widmer reported regarding the use of the hall as an Emergency Hub. There was a meeting with a representative from the DCC who has arranged for a qualified electrician to attend the site to see how it would impact on the village hall.

Furzebrook Village Hall – a meeting is taking place this evening, unfortunately co-insiding with the Parish Council meeting.

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – signage for the Hayricks – large signs are with the Lengthsman and the Clerk will chase to have the signs put up at the entrances to the site.

**ACTION: CLERK**

Ridge Residents' Association – Cllr Hunter reported the AGM was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> March and was well attended. A new committee was formed, and officers were confirmed. Don Hunter was elected as the new chairman. The 2019/20 programme of events will be published next month.

Stoborough Primary School – on 2/3 there will be a Fair Trade Book and Toy sale. 27/3 Kill your Speed meeting at the school.

19.212 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks – On the 7<sup>th</sup> March, Cllr Church met with Mr Harold Forbes of the Men's Shed Group and agreed they will provide estimates for work they may be able to undertake.

Allotments – thanks to Colin and Peter Johnson for laying the hedge.

SANG – Cllr Pellegrini reported that there had been concern expressed regarding the significant amount of tree felling work that was being undertaken in the area, without any prior notification and the lack of warning signs in place whilst the work was being carried out. He had subsequently contacted Mr Pettit-Mills who reported that the work was the result of a meeting with DCC and Natural England held in 2018, at which the request was made that the woodland is thinned and, as a requirement of the SANG, the rhododendron and laurel that were not removed as part of that project, were finally being removed. Mr Pettit-Mills had not been aware of when the work was going to start and apologised for not keeping the Parish Council in the loop or giving any advance notice. With regard to the lack of signage, he promised to follow this up with the Estate and find out who the contractor was. In a subsequent email, Mr Pettit-Mills reported that the Estate had contracted Upton Tree Services to undertake the work and it had been agreed they would carry out some selective thinning and, more importantly, clear the laurel and rhododendron that had been left during the initial clearing phase. Whilst the work was agreed, a formal start date was not. The Estate and contractor were due to meet to discuss this but, in the meantime, there had been a break in communication between the contractor and their subcontractor who subsequently start work on-site without informing anyone. They have now been told to improve their signage and clear up as soon as possible. Appropriate safety initiatives were put in place later the same day.

The gate catch is still broken, and the entrance fence is broken. Dog bins need emptying. Since the thinning operation, the wooded area looks a little sad, but it will improve.

#### 19.213 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The working party have finalised the draft plan and the target date was the end of this month to get all this material to PDC for their consideration. Two weeks ago, Cllr Hunter was contacted by PDC saying that, due to a professional oversight, there was another key document that is required prior to our submission. This is required despite, many months ago, we received confirmation that the document was not required. We must now wait for PDC to prepare a Strategic Environmental Assessment and the cost will reside with them. They have given an undertaking that the document will be completed and available by the 26<sup>th</sup> March. The document will then require public consultation prior to the neighbourhood plan moving forward. This will take place for 3 weeks which will take us to the end of April. Providing there are no issues with the SEA, the Plan can be placed with PDC at the beginning of May. We do not know if PDC will have the manpower and capacity to move this forward within their 6-week consultation period. We commend the volunteer labour that has gone into the document to get it to this point. Once the 6-week period for PDC is over, the plan will then go to an independent examiner prior to public referendum.

The Chair extended the thanks of the Parish Council to both Cllrs Pellegrini and Hunter for their work on the Plan. He asked Cllr Hunter if he would be happy to continue seeing the plan through to its conclusion and Cllr Hunter agreed that he would do so.

Cllr Pellegrini felt that, once the process is complete, we should reflect on whether the new Unitary Council wishes to have Neighbourhood Plans as they seem to be constantly slowed down.

19.214 Arne Moors Project update

Cllr Hunter reported that initially the project partners intended to submit their plan to PDC this spring, but it is now two years away.

19.215 Ridge Engine Shed Update

Richard Brown met with the prospective purchaser. There is a legal problem regarding the boundary leaving a 6 foot margin the length of Sunnyside Road. Cllr Ezzard suggested Highways are contacted regarding this as they may have taken over responsibility for this area.

If the purchaser decides he is not interested, then the Mineral and Mining Museum would be interested in taking over the Engine Shed if they are able to obtain it at a favourable rate.

19.216 Broadband update

Cllr Hunter reported that they have been pursuing, on behalf of the residents of Ridge, the provision of superfast broadband. After three years, they are now very close to having access to SFB in Ridge. The pipes are laid and the cabling is being put in at this time. SFB is now within weeks of being available to the residents of Ridge.

**10. To consider Planning Applications received**

**19.217 6/2019/00165 Steppingstone Field, Stoborough - Construction of up to 30 dwellings with associated highways and drainage infrastructure, public open space and landscaping**

The Clerk read out the proposed response and this was confirmed as being the policy of the Parish Council and will be submitted to Purbeck Planning Department.

David – the neighbourhood plan does not deliver any affordable housing on the site, whilst their policy will. They believe the design is appropriate and they have worked with PDC to consider all the issues raised by the Parish Council’s response. The principle for the development is that this is the right site for development and without development, there will be no affordable housing. This scheme provides a suitable development for the village and will bring forward the affordable housing needed in the area. The affordable housing could be tailored for local need.

Mr Evans – Richard Brown, the AONB officer, has written an objection to the scheme. He is very concerned that contractors will focus on a site and endeavour to achieve that site and mitigate any issues in order to achieve their goal. Is the affordable housing need not going to be met by the District Council’s Local Plan?

Robin Smail – thanked the Parish Council for their response to the consultation. The developer has a concern regarding affordable housing – what happened to the scaled down Worgret site.

Cllr Ezzard – the Purbeck Local Plan will go forward, following Unitary, and will stay in place as will the Neighbourhood Plan. This means any affordable housing requirement within those plans will remain in place for the life of those plans. Westgate has 50 % affordable of which 40% is Spectrum.

Richard Brown – funding is available for community land trusts. It is not just the case of putting up market housing in order to get affordable housing. CLTs should be looked at as an alternative.

Mrs Stretch (Oaktree Close) – the additional houses will almost certainly result in extra children, but the school is already full.

Wildlife within the field is of great importance.

**6/2019/0159 SSE - Replacement of electricity poles**

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton proposed no objection to this application. This was seconded by Cllr Cranshaw and agreed unanimously.

**TWA/2019/035 2 Old Kiln Road**

No objections were raised, and we will be led by the advice of the Tree Officer.

**11. Correspondence and items for action and resolution**

19.218 To consider a review of the Housing Needs Assessment for Arne

A full copy of the proposed questionnaire was issued to all members prior to the meeting. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton proposed that the draft is accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Cranshaw and agreed unanimously.

19.219 To consider any defects to be passed to the Lengthsman

- Cllr Cranshaw will contact the Lengthsman regarding the transferring of the SID.

**12. Correspondence received since the Agenda was set**

19.220 Nothing to add.

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

19.221 Members reminded that there is an election taking place on 2nd May which will include the election of Parish Councillors.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:11