



**MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2016 AT STOBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING 7PM**

**Present:** Cllrs P Love, V Ward, A Pellegrini, A Wakefield-Sutton, R Scragg & R Bessant

**Chair:** Cllr D Hunter

**Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker

**Also Present:** 6 members of the public, District Cllr M 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 Period**

17.104 Hugh Ricks – This year, Nutcrack Lane and the Arne Road have become extremely busy – more so than in previous years, as there have been a lot of people staying in the camp sites. Even at this time of year, when things have normally quietened down, there are a great many ‘strange’ cars driving, seemingly recklessly, along the narrow lanes.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

17.105 No dispensations had been received and no declarations of interest were declared.

**3. To receive apologies for absence**

17.106 Apologies had been received from County Cllr Lovell.

**4. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

17.106 A copy of the minutes had been sent to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Some minor amendments were made. With these made, Cllr Pellegrini proposed them to be a true representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Scragg and agreed unanimously.

**5. Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda - for report only**

17.107 Cllr Pellegrini to speak to the Stoborough School Governors – he will be meeting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November regarding traffic issues and will speak to the Head then.

Allotment committee has now been organised and will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2016.

Cllr Scragg asked if any mention had been made regarding adding a sign to the RSPB centre on the Ridge crossroads sign. Cllr Hunter will be speaking to Dante Munns on the 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2016 and will mention this.

Item 17.100 – Play area list of works has still be drawn up. The order for the 2017 inspection has been sent.

17.101 – Purchase of the dog bin – Natural England are not happy to pay for this so the Parish Council will pay for the bin and the National Trust have offered to install it for us.

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

### **17.107 County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Lovell was not present at the meeting but did ask all members to ensure they responded to the Reshaping your Future consultation.

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

17.108 Cllr Barnes reported that there will be a meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2016 for the Partial Review consultation at Purbeck School. The meeting is expected to be well attended.

## **8. To confirm the payment of accounts and consider the bank reconciliation and position against budget for the year to date**

### **17.109 To confirm the payment of accounts**

The following payments were requested:

BDO	External audit fee	100967	240.00
A King	Clearing allotments	100968	420.00
Dorset Planning	NP assistance	100969	681.25
Caloo Ltd	Zip wire seat, chain & hose	100971	176.40
Wareham Burial			
Joint Committee	50% of annual fee	100972	1658.00
Anvil Ground	Stoborough Meadow	100973	428.38
DAPTC	Clerk's Seminar	100974	13.50
Mrs A Crocker	October wages + expenses	100975	455.62
HMRC	October PAYE	100976	103.60

The total amount requested from the Precept is £4,176.75. Cllr Ward proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Bessant and agreed unanimously. The cheques were signed by two councillors in the presence of the meeting.

### **17.110 To confirm the bank reconciliation and position against budget for the year to date**

A copy of the reports has been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. No comments were made or questions raised.

## **9. Parish Reports**

### **17.111 Councillors' reports on meetings attended**

Cllr Pellegrini – 5/10 NP Steering Group; Dante Munns and the secretary of the Ridge Residents Association to discuss Autumn Watch and the traffic on the road whilst the

programme is being broadcast. There will be a meeting of local residents at 6.30pm on the 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2016 at Furzebrook Village Hall.

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – 5/10 NP Steering Group; 20/9 meeting with Aster, followed by a meeting of the Wareham Charities and then the DAPTC workshop at Blandford. 20/10 Bournemouth Churches Housing Association.

Cllr Scragg – 5/10 NP Steering Group.

Cllr Love- 20/9 Aster re ditch and fencing - there was a date set at four weeks to start the work which was up on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Love now sought the permission of the Parish Council to follow this up and find out when the work is going to start. 26/9 – meeting at Cllr Ward’s with Cllr Scragg and Henry Scott. 5/10 NP Steering Group. 20/10 – Bournemouth Churches re the gate at Scott Close - the intention is now to erect a post and rail fence with a meter wide gate to allow for buggies, etc.

Cllr Ward- 5/10 NP Steering Group. 26/9 Henry Scott. 28/9 Joint Burial Committee – Conigar Lane won gold in the Village in Bloom Awards.

Cllr Bessant – 20/9 reorganisation of local government DAPTC at Blandford. 28/9 Joint Burial Board. 5/10 NP Steering Group. 13/10 PTAG – the Swanage to Wareham train will start on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017 for only five days a week (excluding Monday and Friday).

Cllr Hunter – 5/10 NP Steering Group and the Wareham and District Development Trust; Essential Training for Councillors, run by the DAPTC.

#### 17.112 Clerk’s Report

No report has been issued as, prior to the meeting, there was nothing of significance to pass on. However, the Clerk reported that she has now been told of two cycling sportiffs that would be taking place on the weekend of the 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> November. These are expected to be of considerable size and will cause some disruption on the roads around Purbeck.

#### 17.113 Reports from Other Groups

Stoborough Village Hall - Jill Scragg reported that the painting of the hall is now nearly complete, new doors have been put in and the foyer and kitchen retiled. There are new storage cupboards in the hallway. The floor for the main hall will be resanded and resealed during the week commencing the 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2016. The small hall and kitchen will be redecorated soon.

Furzebrook Village Hall – no report.

Stoborough Meadow Residents’ Association - The AGM will be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.

Ridge Residents’ Association – There was Fungi Foray at Breechwood Creech last weekend which was very successful. The next event will be the Cheese and Wine on the 12<sup>th</sup> November.

Stoborough Primary School – The proposed change to the school day has been passed by the parents. Two class representatives have been elected to be pupil governors. The school

is looking for help to keep the spiritual garden respectable and for uploading new books into the library system and reading with the children. Bonfire night on the 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.

17.114 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks - Cllr Wakefield-Sutton reported that the site is fine but the zip wire is looking dangerous and perhaps it should be taken out of commission until the new seat arrives. Mr Ricks offered to chain the seat back and a notice will be put up explaining why. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton will produce the note.

Allotments – nothing further to add.

SANG – Cllr Pellegrini reported that the entrance to the car park is very churned up due to the recent rain and there are a lot of cans in the ditch around the car park. The bins are being emptied. Cllr Barnes suggested that the management committee should sort out the car park and requested that they are contacted and he is copied in on any correspondence.

17.115 Neighbourhood Plan update

At the last Steering Group meeting it was determined that there is no suitable building land within the parish for potential development sites. However, we have developed several additional draft policies which are now being put together into the draft plan. This will be submitted to our consultant on the 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2016. Thanks are extended to Cllr Scragg for holding the definitive document which is currently being changed following the great many e-mails being sent back and forth. PDC will also be giving advice on how we distribute this to the local community. Thanks are extended to them for their support.

**10. To consider Planning Applications received**

**17.116 6/2016/0495: Bracken Bank, Barnhill Road, Ridge - Single storey side extension including new rear dormer**

There are two objections from neighbours – the dormer windows are not in keeping with the rest of the area, and concern expressed regarding loss of privacy. However, the buildings in this area are diverse with no one theme being observed so it would not be reasonable to say this application is ‘out of keeping.’ There are already windows in the existing property in the same location as the proposed dormers so, again, it would not be reasonable to state loss of privacy as a concern. It was agreed that the Parish Council would submit a ‘No objections’ response but not the objections.

<b>ACTION: CLERK</b>
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**11. Correspondence and items for action and resolution**

17.117 To consider a joint response to the Reshaping Your Future consultation

Cllr Bessant felt we were being pushed towards the 2B option – i.e. the medium conurbation with Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch as one Unitary and the rest of the county as another. He expressed concern regarding the increase in council tax that will follow if this happens. For Purbeck this will represent an increase of 3.78% in order to provide a harmonisation of council tax across Dorset. Cllr Wakefield-Sutton felt that there was lot of information given but we were not hearing what is genuinely best for the community; we are all concerned about Purbeck.

Signed: .....

There seems to be a great deal of information regarding the proposed options but nothing about what will happen when whichever option decided upon goes ahead. Furthermore, there is nothing about the effect any decision will have on parish councils and how it may affect their workload.

Each councillor is asked to respond individually on line. On behalf of the Parish Council, we will respond raising concerns about the lack of clarity – Cllr Hunter will do this.

**ACTION: CLLR HUNTER**

17.118 To approve the audit for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 and to consider any action required relating to the auditor's comments

The external audit has now been finalised. The Clerk reported that the following comments had been noted:

1. No risk assessment had been carried out during the year
2. The fixed assets had been included at a valuation amount and not at cost
3. The Annual Return was approved before the Annual Governance Statement
4. 'The Joint Burial Committee associated with the smaller authority has not been included in the accounts of the smaller authority.' This is understood to mean that, as a joint committee, one of the authorities involved should take responsibility for all the others and hold the accounts, etc. for all or each body must apportion a share of the transactions, balances and reserves of the joint committee in their yearend books. This is the first year this point has been raised and would not be appropriate for the parish councils. Cllr Ward reported that this has come about as this is the first year the accounts of the Burial Committee had been audited and it had been done in order to be transparent but, for future years, this may be rethought.

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton proposed the audit report and yearend accounts are accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Bessant and agreed unanimously.

17.119 To consider a response to the Local Government Finance Settlement consultation

A copy of the consultation had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. The Clerk drew member's attention to Section 3.3 regarding the question of whether or not larger parish councils should have their precepts capped and, if so, should the referendum principles be extended to all parish councils. After some discussion, it was agreed that this should not be allowed to happen and the Clerk will draft a suitable response.

**ACTION: CLERK**

17.120 To consider the production of a Snow Plan for the parish

A copy of an existing plan had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting to act as a template. Cllr Ward suggested this should be taken on board by the Flood Resilience Committee and a meeting will be arranged for mid-November.

It was noted that some of the grit bins in and around Ridge need to be replaced.

**ACTION: CLERK**

17.121 To consider Worgret and Puddletown Road and to confirm a councillor to represent this area

Correspondence had been received from a resident of this area saying that, following the loss of Cllr Macleod earlier this year, they felt they were being forgotten. Agendas were not being put out and they had no point of contact for any issues that may arise. Cllr Ward very kindly offered to take on this role.

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

No additional correspondence had been received.

**13. Additional items considered urgent by the Chairman**

Cllr Pellegrini – recycling in Dorset – to be put the agenda for November.

Cllr Love – notice board at Stoborough Green – he has asked for it to be moved to the corner by the litter bins, at which time he will ask Aster if the Parish Council minutes can displayed here.

There being no further business, the meeting, 8:26pm