



**MINUTES OF THE ARNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018 AT STOBOROUGH VILLAGE  
HALL, COMMENCING 7PM**

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

**Chair:** Cllr D Hunter

**Clerk:** Mrs A Crocker

**Also present:** Richard Drax MP, County Cllr B Ezzard, District Cllr M Barnes and 17 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked those members of the public present if they have any intention of filming or recording the meeting. No-one declared any such intention.

**1. Public Participation Period**

18.214 Andy Hill apologised for any inconvenience being caused by the building work being undertaken at his property on the corner of Melancholy Lane. The work was due for completion some time ago but, due to circumstances beyond his control, it was taking longer than expected but should be completed within the next two or three weeks.

Richard Brown – south bank of the Frome – the EA have said they intend to raise the banks on the south side of the river, starting by Redcliffe. An Environmental Impact Assessment will need to be carried out in the first instance. Cllr Scragg asked the extent of the south bank works – they will be focused on the Redcliffe area and, once completed, the EA will then consider what to do future steps. With regard to the engine shed – when he looked at the English Heritage position, it was clear that a building can only be placed on the ‘at risk’ register if it is listed Grade I or II\*, but the engine shed is standard Grade II and, as such, is not eligible. Ben Buxton – will raise the matter at the meeting to be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Peter Sibthorp – question for the Moors project team – over the last few months, the area has experienced the highest ground water levels for the last 15 or 20 years following the extreme wet conditions from January to March. This may be as a result of the wedging open of two tidal flaps at Ridge Wharf. The EA have previously stated that such information will be fed into their database. Where is the consultation information for this project and how can the computer modelling be trusted? There already appears to be detrimental effects based on the work that is being done. The team had previously stated that they would stop the project if detrimental effects were being experienced. EA – really needs to have the question in writing so they are able to fully respond. Ian Alexander (Natural England) – the monitoring and bore holes are in place so it is useful to have experienced such heavy rainfall at this time. From this they will be able to provide scenarios of the likely impact of the project. Nobody has wedged open any tidal flaps – when was this done and by whom? It is not unsurprising that the moors have standing water on the fields but this is not indicative of the flaps having been wedged open – the area is low-lying and frequently lies wet. With regard to Mr Sibthorp’s query relating to other schemes and the modelling strategy – the issues will be checked, and a response sent to Mr Sibthorp. Multiple consultation events have been held and the EA and NE attend the Parish Council meeting every month and a meeting is to be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May regarding the Ridge drainage investigation. Further consultation events will be held in the

autumn when, it is hoped a preferred option will be put forward. The major points of consultation will come when there is something to consult about. Chair – suggested Mr Sibthorp writes to the Project Team via the web site and they will then respond to the points raised.

Mr Sibthorp said he had written to the Project Team before and is still awaiting responses. The Chair requested that the Project Team do take the time to respond to residents’ questions. They agreed to do so.

Jill Scragg – as a member of WI, they have finished fundraising for a defibrillator and it will shortly be installed outside the Kings Arms. Stoborough WI raised £2,028 and Dorset PoPP contributed £657. Local businesses and Stoborough Primary School Partners all donated significant sums in order to make this possible.

Jill Sibthorp – mitigation of endangered species – NE indicated that the wider benefits of the scheme should not be harmed by the presence of endangered species on the site. There are water voles on the Moors – how they can be mitigated for? Ian Alexander – it is not difficult to create new habitat for water voles – this will be done before the current site is removed. EA – there will be conservation benefits for such species as additional ditchwork will be carried out which will improve their environment.

Richard Drax MP addressed the meeting saying that he has met with both sides of the Arne Moors project and he is quite sceptical about it. He is concerned that it is already a flood plan and should be left as is. Many tonnes of earth would need to be moved to create a bund to go on top of this area. The bund – will it contain sluice gates? Ian Alexander – sluice gates will be built into the bund. Richard Drax – the runoff water from the surrounding area has to go somewhere and if there is a bund, even with sluice gates, there is likely to be a problem. Poole Harbour is a massive habit for birds of all kinds; why is it suddenly necessary to be so specific about such a small area of land – should the law be used as methodically and bullishly as it is. There is a strong view from those who could be affected by the project, and he hoped the team will listen to those concerns. He remains dubious of the location chosen and wondered if anyone other than those institutions involved – RSPB, EA, NE – would be able to do anything on the land. There is not a lack of birds on this site, they are already there. He hoped that the Purbeck councillors will be well informed by both sides, but he feels that the whole project is quite dubious.

Ian Alexander – European law sets a requirement that they carry out a project somewhere in this vicinity to offset the loss of habitat elsewhere in Poole Harbour. The wider perspective is that we should not keep nibbling away at the environment every time we wish to build. Should one area be damaged by development, another area in the vicinity must be created. There is work going on in Poole harbour that will clearly be detrimental to the natural habit.

Richard Drax – it was clear to him that they have EU law on their side. The whole of Poole Harbour is a massive nature reserve.

## **2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest**

18.215 There were no interests declared at this stage.

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

18.216 Cllr Pellegrini has submitted his apologies.

#### **4. To confirm Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

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

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

18.218 Kill Your Speed action group - met with Dorset Highways on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. The outcome is unknown to date.

Flooding of by-pass – the Clerk will contact Highways

Sign at Hayricks – the sign has now been cleared.

Scott Estate – sale of land to Savills.

Imerys undertaking – Cllr Scragg reported that there are now three parishes working on their respective part of the river. There is a possibility of match-funding to carry out work on the Arne section of the river. Cllr Bessant – at the last Imerys meeting, they had a map of the area, but it is not known if this covered the whole of the river. Cllr Scragg will contact John Vine. The next stage will be to consult on the ownership of the land on either side.

Allotment ditch – cost of clearing the ditch was going to be £1,100 as an external contractor with a Chapter 8 certificate is required. However, this has now been superseded as we will not be dealing with the road ditches. Members will be meeting in the next two weeks to move this project forward and will report back to the May meeting.

New Road trash screen – this is a constant job and the Lengthsman is keeping on top of it.

Hayricks – the Clerk will write to Wicksteed requesting a meeting.

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

18.219 A copy of Cllr Ezzard's report was issued to all members at the start of the meeting.

The boundary reviews will be consulted upon from 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 until the end of August. There will be two unitary councillors for South Wareham which will include Arne. The parish boundaries will remain as they are.

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

18.220 Cllr Barnes had nothing further to report.

#### **8. Finance**

18.221 To confirm the payment of accounts

The following payments had been requested:

Mrs A Crocker	New laptop, Office package	BACS040	494.98
Furzebrook VH	Hire of hall for NP Steering Group	200568	15.00
DAPTC	Annual conference	200569	70.00
Anvil	Stoborough Feb and March 18	BACS041	1240.88

Stoborough VH	Hall hire Sept'17 to March'18	200571	154.00
DAPTC	New audit regime training	BACS042	5.00
Wareham Town Council	Wareham in Bloom planters	200570	40.00
Mrs A Crocker	April wages + expenses	BACS001	501.39
JSR Treecare	Lengthsman – April hours	BACS002	97.50

Total amount due from the Precept £2,618.75.

Cllr Cranshaw proposed that the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed unanimously.

18.222 To consider the bank reconciliation ad position against budget

A copy of both reports had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. No questions were raised and no comments made.

**9. Parish Reports**

18.223 Councillors' reports on meetings attended

Cllr Scragg – nothing to report.

Cllr Ward - 22/3 RSPB; 26/3 Mark Norris of SSEB looking at the School as the alternative emergency community building; 21/3 burial Board; 26/3 Data protection training.

Cllr Love – 23/3 allotments with Steve Widmer, Colin Johnson, Cllr Pellegrini and the Lengthsman to discuss the ditch.

Cllr Wakefield-Sutton – 27/3 – Wareham Charities meeting.

Cllr Bessant – 21/3 Burial Board,

Cllr Cranshaw – 16/4 Wareham and District Development Trust.

Cllr Hunter – 6/4 RSPB; 9/4 DAPTC Annual Conference; 22/4 RSPB; 23/3 Swanage Railway liaison.

18.224 Reports from Outside Bodies

Stoborough Village Hall – Jill Scragg reported that the Trustees have obtained funding from Viridor towards the cost of a new storeroom. The work should start in the next couple of months.

Furzebrook Village Hall – nothing to report other than they now have the new treatment works installed.

Stoborough Meadow Residents' Association – Steve Widmer reported that there will be a committee meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April. There will also be a celebration garden party for Royal wedding.

Ridge Residents' Association – nothing to report.

Stoborough Primary School – Cllr Cranshaw read a short report from Deborah Corbin. A full copy is available from the Clerk, on request. Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June School Sports Day (competitive) – all members of the community are welcome to attend.

18.225 Reports relating to the Hayricks, Allotments and SANG

Hayricks - There has been some vandalism of the climbing frame. The broken boards have been removed.

Allotments – bonfires. Unfortunately, during the two weeks extension on bonfires, it rained. The Parish Council would like to extend the deadline to the end of April. Steve Widmer asked if he could respond on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. He also asked about the change of the tenancy terms and if the Swanage allotment agreement could be looked at when the Parish Council reviewed the current agreement. Subsequently agreed to extend the deadline to the 30<sup>th</sup> April.

SANG – Although unable to attend this meeting, Cllr Pellegrini had submitted a short report prior to the meeting saying that all the dog bins have been emptied and there is very little litter in the carpark. The potholes at the entrance to the car park are no longer filling with water, but are still there. They are still an issue in wet weather.

18.226 Neighbourhood Plan update

Cllr Pellegrini had issued a short report to all members prior to the start of the meeting. A copy of that report is available from the Clerk on request.

18.227 Newsletter update

Cllr Scragg is still waiting for some final pieces of information and members are asked to supply them by the weekend.

18.228 To receive an update on the Flood Resilience Plan

Cllr Ward reported that numerous alerts and one warning have been received since the last meeting. She met with Mike Norris of SSE to see if the school could be used as an emergency centre and this proved to be very positive. The Parish Council had borrowed some radios and, following a trial, the coverage was not particularly good so the radios would be returned and an alternative considered.

18.229 Arne Moors Project update

This has been fully covered. The Parish Council will be meeting with the EA, its partners and consultants on the 10<sup>th</sup> May to discuss the results of the Ridge drainage survey.

18.230 Ridge Engine Shed update

This has been fully covered.

**10. To consider Planning Applications**

18.231 **6/2018/0072 Arne Work Centre, Arne Road - Demolish existing office and erect replacement single storey office**

No objections were raised.

**6/2018/0129          1 Bank Gate Cottages, Arne Rd          -          Rear extension & convert outbuilding as ancillary accommodations to main dwelling**

Concern was expressed regarding the size of the proposal. Members unanimously agreed to **OBJECT** to the proposal due to the increase in the overall square footage and the addition of the building to the rear of the property.

**6/2018/0150          Stoborough Primary School - Replacement sheds & the relocation of an existing summer house**

Members had no objections to the application.

**6/2018/0171          1 Corfe Road, Stoborough          -          Erect ground floor extensions and alterations to accommodate annexe**

Members felt that the PDC Design and Conservation Officer has been actively involved in this application over a period of time. So much has been done by the various departments regarding flooding, etc, and this is a revised plan taking the various advice into account. No objections were raised.

**TWA/2018/075          Arvensis, Barnhill Road, Ridge - G1 Hollies – reduce height, G2 Hollies – reduce height**

Members had no objections to this application.

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

20:16 Cllr Barnes left the meeting.

18.233 Web site – This will be considered at a later date, once further investigation has taken place.

18.234 The RSPB agreed they would pay for signage on the corner of Corfe Road and New Road, directing traffic along New Road to try to avoid Nutcrack Lane. The Parish Council had to be minded to seek the signs to be changed – the other sign to be changed was the sign at the crossroads in Ridge as it currently only says ‘Heathland.’ Dorset highways will carry out the work and the RSPB will pay for it. All members were in favour of this proceeding.

18.235 Defects – notice board repairs all carried out  
turning circle at Stoborough Meadow has been cleaned.  
Ditch work at the allotments – on-going

**12. To consider correspondence received since the agenda was set**

18.236 No additional correspondence had been received.

Cllr Love was asked by a resident at Stoborough Green about speeding along the service road to the carpark at the Drove. The registration number of the vehicle will be obtained, and the Clerk will speak to the community police officer once it has been received.

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

The Chairman drew to members’ attention that this was Cllr Scragg’s last meeting and thanked him most warmly for all his work and time given to the community over the last six years.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.23hrs.