



**Minutes of the Arne Annual Parish Meeting held on
Thursday, 18th May 2023, commencing at 7.15pm at Stoborough
Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs: R Bessant, I Church, J. Ives, A Patrick, M Sims

Chair: Cllr S Cranshaw

Clerk: Mr. E. Macknamara

Present: 1 member of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the members of the Parish Council.

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 19th May, 2022 had been previously approved and were available on the Parish Council website.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. I. Duckworth (Parish Council) and Cllrs. B. Ezzard and R. Holloway (Dorset Council)

1. Chairman's Annual Report on Parish Matters

The Chairman gave her report on the year's events for 2022/23. A full copy is attached as Appendix A

She thanked the Members of the Parish Council for their work on behalf of the Parish throughout the past year.

2. Open Forum

The meeting was now open for general discussion:

- 20 mph Speed Limit – Arne Moors Project: A question was raised about the implementation of the 20 mph speed limit to be imposed during the construction phase of the Arne Moors Project. Construction vehicles were already using the approach roads including Nutcrack Lane which should not be used by construction traffic. It was agreed that Dorset Council be asked to advise when the Speed Restrictions would come into force and that the traffic flow be monitored.
- Springwatch RSPB Arne: The BBC had provided the set up details for their Springwatch programme being held at RSPB Arne. They had given an assurance that there would be no conflict with construction traffic for the Arne Moors Project.
Setting up would commence on Friday, 19th May and be completed on Thursday, 25th May, 2023 when the Artists trailer would be delivered.

There being no further business the Annual Parish Meeting closed at 7.26pm.

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The biggest event of the year for the Parish has to be the granting of planning permission for the Moors Project. This has been several years in preparation with many consultation events. We are now on the brink of the construction stage and any day now heavy construction traffic will be rolling down New Road and Arne Road towards the Moors where a large construction site will be created. We are promised a 20mph speed limit attendant on vehicles with really big items, warning signs, lengthened passing places and a Warden standing on the blind bend on New Road. Months of Construction traffic will cause inconvenience, noise and damage to road and vegetation along the route. Please report all difficulties to Arne Parish Council so that we can tell the promoters of the Project. We have a Liaison Officer at Keirs (The Construction Officer). We are told that all damage will ultimately be made good.

Parishioners have raised specific issues as to the safety of the Moors Project. Conditions have been placed on the planning permission and the Parish Council will keep watch on the implementation of these conditions. We are concerned about the construction of the earth embankments and will monitor the management of the surface water outfalls, particularly the mechanics of the operation of the flap at the outfall of the Furzebrook Stream.

A project of this magnitude must carry with it considerable uncertainty and the Parish Council will continue a very active interest over the coming years.

The £500,000 Section 106 money paid to Dorset Council as a result of the granting of the planning permission has already been paid to them. We welcome suggestions as to how this money might be spent in the Parish on biodiversity projects. We would like to see some benefits from the inconvenience we are about to endure. The Moors Stakeholder Group will continue for the time being and will be a forum for these suggestions always bearing in mind that Dorset Council alone has authority for spending the money.

Before leaving this subject of nature and heavy traffic through the Parish, RSPB have just advised us of the operating stages of bringing Springwatch again to Arne. This will commence on Friday 19th May to Thursday, 25th May, 2023.

In the last year Arne Parish Council has been engaged in its own diversity projects which has included hedge planting at the Hayricks as well as planting of daffodils. This spring they have gladdened the heart. We were delighted that the young folk from Stoborough School lent a hand on planting day. Particular thanks to Councillors Ives and Duckworth for all their work in keeping an eye on The Hayricks and implementing changes that keep the area a blessing to the Parish. Also thanks to Councillor Sims for supervising the care and maintenance of the area and the play equipment.

This year the Council asked for tenders for the grounds maintenance contract to look after the green spaces. That contract is now in place and we look forward to seeing our Parish being as tidy and attractive as it deserves.

Planning permission has been granted for new houses in the Rempstone field on West Lane, despite our strong objections. We brace ourselves for a renewed application at Stepping Stones across the road despite the increasing problems of severe weather conditions.

Our efforts to establish a Resilience Hub for the Parish and finding a home for the generators remains a work in progress. Dorset Council wants each Parish within the County to have a plan as to what should be done if there is a major loss of power and would like this sorted in the coming year.

The state of our website also remains on our "to do list".

Recently the Parish celebrated our new Monarch with parties at Ridge, Tuckers Mill Close and Stoborough Meadow. The Hayricks was subject to a down pour on the day of planning for the Parish Event and the only plus resulting from this was that no money was lost as a result of the weather conditions. A replacement is still needed on the Parish Council as Councillor Vivienne Ward has stepped down. She has valiantly carried out the duties of Flood Warden for many years. The role has now been taken on by other members of the Parish Council.

In conclusion thanks were expressed to all of the Councillors for their hard work and good humour throughout the year and also to the Clerk for his support.