

ORCHESTON

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD ON 20th APRIL 2024

AT ORCHESTON VILLAGE HALL

Meeting opened 10.48

1. The Chairman welcomed 19 members of the public (including Councillors) to the meeting. [The Chairman had received apologies from Bryan Wright, Maureen Harnett]. He advised that in order to assist our speakers he would be amending the order of the agenda previously published.
2. David Holroyd from Wiltshire Fisheries presented a talk about the River Till and why the Orcheston Winterbourne section of this river is so unique.
3. David Holroyd answered questions, and was warmly appreciated by the meeting. The Chairman thanked him for a giving up his time to deliver a fascinating talk.
4. The Chairman read the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22nd April 2023. These were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.
5. The Chairman then gave his report for the Parish Council for the year 2023-2024 (see appendix A)
6. Members of the public were then invited to raise issues.
7. A member of the public would like the Parish Council to consider some form of memorial for Nicola Trahan. Suggestions were a plaque about her life and what she achieved, planting bluebells or other bulbs throughout the village, planting a tree, a stained-glass window in the church. Cllr Pugh suggested a working group to take this forward and several members of the public volunteered, they will work on ideas and bring them back to present them to the Parish Council.
8. A member of the public raised the 20mph speed limit, asking do we really need it. Cllrs answered that it has already been voted on after a survey with residents and we are currently waiting for Wiltshire Council to action.
9. A member of the public raised the issues with sewage being pumped into our Winterbourne. In light of this should the parish consider forming a working group to keep an eye on development and the water situation. Cllr Pugh says that she is a water guardian with Wiltshire Wildlife and there is no limit to the number of villagers who can take part so she would encourage anyone interested to sign up as well as encouraging all parishioners to pay attention to the water, keeping an eye on the situation and speaking out if they feel there are issues. It has been suggested that the Parish Council write collectively to Wessex Water about the problems, the clerk will add to the next agenda. Wiltshire Wildlife are looking into volunteer sampling, but it is not yet off the ground. Shrewton experience the same issues, is it worth teaming up with them to try and get results.
10. A resident raised the campsite appeal. Are there any steps we can take now. The Chairman responded that his advice would be to be observant. If a parishioner sees something going on that they don't think is allowed, please get in touch with the relevant authorities and a Parish Councillor who can also report the issue. As a parish we need to be observant and reactive.

11. The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance. He thanked Jenny Pugh for organising the meeting and for arranging the speaker. All at the meeting agreed that holding the Annual Parish Meeting on a Saturday morning was better than a weekday evening.

Meeting closed 12.43

Signed _____ S Shepherd, Chairman

Date _____

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