

Northmoor Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 14 June 2023

Parish Council Members taking part: -

Dr G Shelton - Chairman
 Mrs V Ryan
 Dr M Sears
 Mr N Reeves

Mr M Ryan (Clerk)

Councillor and Public who joined the meeting. Chris Isaacs, Ian Miles, Julie Williams, Claire Harvey, Fionna Florey , Alison Waller and Sarah Lowther.

Apologies. Parish Councillors Carrie Berry, County Councillor Dan Levy and District Councillors Lysette Nicholls and Charlie Maynard

Declarations of Interest. There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 10 May 2023 had been previously circulated to Parish Councillors. The Minutes were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising.

Graham Shelton asked how well the sale of Coronation mugs had gone. Fi Florey replied that she only had five left. A great result.

Reports from Councillors, Parishioners and issues Parishioners wish to raise.

County Councillor Dan Levy provided a written report.
 Carterton to Oxford Railway. The County Council commissioned a report on the feasibility of a railway from Carterton to Oxford via Witney and Eynsham. A line would greatly help those of us living to the west of Oxford, and make the A40 more bearable. The report has said that the line would be technically and financially feasible, albeit with a probable cost of £700m to £900m
 Roads and Transport update. Botley Road remains closed at the Railway bridge. Many buses are terminating at Osney, with a pedestrian underpass into the city. Other buses, including the rerouted S1, are going down Woodstock Road
 First and Last Mile, which runs the service from Northmoor to Standlake, Eynsham and Hanborough. is still looking for volunteer drivers.
 Town and Parish charter. OCC is looking at developing a 'Town and Parish Council Charter'. Recognizing the importance of town and parish councils (incl. parish meetings) in local government, the charter would aim to strengthen how OCC works town and parish councils. The charter will be co-created through a process of engagement, kicking off in July.

Parish Councillor Maureen Sears reported that the Brook was no longer flowing and had been dry since May. *Clerk to contact District Councillor Maynard.*

Fionna Florey reported that the play park group had received three quotations for new play equipment. They ranged from £64,000 to £100,000. They were in discussion with the higher quoted company on ways to reduce this figure. The group would now look for funding. There is approximately £26,000 held by WODC from S106 monies that are designated for play apparatus.

Fi also asked whether they could get Scott Gillam and Matt Ellett to dismantle the climbing frame and repair the seesaw for H&S reasons. The Council agreed.

Alison Waller reported that the Village Survey had now gone live, with one per household.

Alison also spoke of the need to get some footpaths cleared to access them.

Item 6. Finance.

The Clerk as responsible Finance Officer presented the 2022/23 Accounts for Parish Council approval. This showed a gross income of £6204 and expenditure of £5590. The total value of cash at the 30 March was £9937. The Council approved the accounts.

Councillors approved the following payments: -

Renewal of Parish Council Insurance through BHIB for the reduced figure of £409.29

Item 7. Planning.

23/1368/HHD Ms E.C. Harvey, the old School House, Church Road. Alterations and refurbishment of existing property to include single storey extension and open framed front entrance porch. There were no objections.

Item 8. Correspondence and Any Other Business.

The Clerk reported that the allotment field had been purchased from Christ Church by Mr and Mrs Hare of Chapel House. The clerk had no further details as no prior notice of this sale had been given by Christ Church.

Graham Shelton asked what was happening about a fete, and the flower and produce show. At this time no fete had been planned. Maureen said the the Flower and Produce show was due to take place on the 3 September. A discussion looked at the possibility of adding a fete in the playing field.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Date of next meeting 12 July 2023

Signed..... Date