

## Northmoor Parish Council

**Parish Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 10 May 2023**

**Parish Council Members taking part: -**

Dr G Shelton - Chairman  
 Mrs C Berry  
 Mrs V Ryan

Mr M Ryan (Clerk)

**Councillor and Public who joined the meeting.** District Councillor Charlie Maynard, and Chris Isaacs

**Apologies.** Parish Councillors Neil Reeves and Maureen Seers, County Councillor Dan Levy and District Councillor Lysette Nicholls

**Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest.

### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 12 April 2023 had been previously circulated to Parish Councillors. The Minutes were accepted as a true record.

**Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising not covered in the Agenda.

### **Reports from Councillors and matters Parishioners wish to raise.**

County Councillor Dan Levy provided a written report. Included within that report was that work on potholes was progressing due to the better weather, Monies available are always in short supply.

Botley Road closure has commenced and will remain closed until October.

Planning for the A40 Shores Green junction has been deferred.

District Councillor Charlie Maynard reported that the District Council is making good progress in their discussions with Thames Water in relation to sewage treatment and disposal. Charlie reported Thames Water: -

1. accepted many of our arguments about how they calculate the capacities of their sewage treatment works. This will result in larger capacity increases when they upgrade works.
2. just released additional data on their sewage map (<https://www.thameswater.co.uk/edm-map>) giving more visibility of what works they are planning in which location. Some of their planned expansions such as Witney and Bourton-on-the-Water look an appropriate size to accommodate future growth out to at least 2030, many don't and / or require more information. We will stay on the case.
3. accelerated the roll-out of their smart meters. They are stating that they will complete this roll-out by December 2024, two years faster than they have previously indicated.

4. Launching soon a “fix my sewer” equivalent to “fix my street”. This should stop residents wasting hours of their time reporting problems over the phone (thanks Lucy & Colin)
5. They are weighing up whether to change their rules about insisting on visiting sites, even in the cases of repeat problems where it makes no sense to do so (thanks again, Lucy & Colin)
6. Agreed to work on their responsiveness to planning applications. Despite months of working on this, the response is still too often “no problem” when there are obvious problems that they should be reporting.

Charlie also spoke about the Brook, having spoken to Mr Gascoigne’s Agent that day. The Agent accepted the need to keep the Brook running, but that was dependent upon other landowners also being onside.

Parish Councillor Carrie Berry reported that the celebration of the Coronation of King Charles on the Sunday had been a great success, with the mugs selling well. Carrie expected the Village Survey was expected to go live on w/c 29 May.

#### **Item 6. Finance.**

The first payment of the Precept for 2023 of £2400 had been received.

Councillors agreed to remaining with BHIB for insurance at £457.16.

Councillors approved the following payments: -

B&S Chains Ltd for infant swing seat £229

Scott Gillam for grass cutting. £435

#### **Item 7. Planning.**

**23/00953/LBC** Mr H Knobel, the Dun Cow. Replacement of window and door. There were no objections.

**23/00916/HHD.** Mr & Mrs Lewis-Ripington, 13 Park Farm Place. Single storey rear extension. There were no objections.

#### **Item 8. Correspondence and Any Other Business.**

There were no matters not previously covered by the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Signed..... Date ...14 June 2023