

Northmoor Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 11 May 2022

Parish Council Members taking part

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

Mr M Ryan (Clerk)

Councillors and Public who joined the meeting., District Councillor Charlie Maynard, County Councillor Dan Levy, Mr & Mrs Hankey, Mr B Sparrowhawk and Mr D Bint.

Apologies. 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 13 April 2022 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 current agenda

Item 4. Reports from Councillors.

County Councillor Dan Levy's written report noted the slowly gathering pace of the A40 project, with a start expected later this year and his concern on the failure to include adequate pedestrian crossings between Eynsham and Salt Cross. Also, his concern that the Shores Green Junction changes will add traffic pressure to villages to the South.

Dan reported that the County were trying to restrict lorry movements to the key main routes, and the progress of 20mph zones through villages, and looked forward to looking at this scheme with our Parish Council.

Moving to other matters Dan reported on a move to increase the number of trees in Oxfordshire by requiring two planted for everyone removed from County Council land.

Lastly Dan forecast that following the recent election a change in the administration of the District Council with an alliance of Liberal Democrats, Labour and Greens.

District Councillor Lysette Nicholls reported that with the arrival of Ukrainian refugees in many parts of West Oxfordshire Lysette was coordinating a group who are hosting guests and invited anyone in Northmoor who would like to join the group to contact her.

Lysette reported that electric charging points in many villages were now working, and the WODC customer services in Welch way was now fully open. Lastly Lysette wrote they continue to put pressure on Thames Water regarding river discharge of raw sewage.

Newly elected District Councillor Charlie Maynard expressed his thanks to those who supported his election to the Council. And he, like Councillor Levy, expected a change in the leadership of the District Council.

Parish Councillor Maureen Sears asked whether events normally held in Northmoor such as the fete, dog show and flower and produce shows were going to be held this year. It was felt. That a meeting should be arranged to see if these were possible.

Parish Councillor Neil Reeves said that he had managed to get some more speeding signs to replace those that had been taken down.

Parish Councillor Valerie Ryan reported that the damaged seat on the horse and cart in the playing field had been made safe, that the equipment in general was in a safe condition but the fencing close to the sand-bag store was broken and needed repair.

Parish Council Chair, Graham Shelton, noted the signs giving numbers of HGVs crossing Newbridge had now been updated and it was worrying that the numbers were increasing rather than decreasing.

The Clerk, Michael Ryan, reported that he had written to Simeon Anderson asking whether he was now living at Park Farm and if this was the case to go back to Planning to request the change of use. Mr Anderson had replied that he and his family continue to only use it as a holiday home.

Other issues included the return of Keble Homes to clear up their mess left when the houses were completed, and that in relation to the absence of water in the Brook Mr Gascoigne had written to say that the moat around Manor Farm was now dry, something that he had not seen in fifty years.

Finally, Michael said he had written to Hanson enquiring about the small field they own in Moreton Lane and whether it was one piece of land they were considering selling off, as we were looking for a piece of land to plant trees and be a place for parishioners to visit for quiet recreation.

Item 5. Update on Issues for consideration and actions

The programme of events to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee have been finalised and published.

WODC propose that a charge will be levied in 2023 for the emptying of the waste bin in the Parish Council owned playing field.

The loss of water in the village brook. Mr Barry Sparrowhawk expressed his concern about the liability of the Windrush to break through its banks in Standlake and this could result in flooding through parts of Northmoor previously not in danger from flooding. Barry also said he believed the problem with the absence of water in the Brook centered on the lashers at Brook Farm. Chairman, Graham Shelton, said he would seek a meeting with Mr Elvin.

Item 6 Open item for Parishioners. This item was covered in the previous item.

Item 7. Finance

The Council confirmed the following payments: -

BHIB invoice for insurance £424.10

The payment for grass cutting awaits an invoice.

Item 8. Planning. There were no Planning Applications to consider.

Item 9 Correspondence There was no additional correspondence to consider

Item 9. Any Other Business.

Annual Parish Meeting. It was decided not to hold a meeting this year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed..... Date ...8 June 2022