

## **Northmoor Parish Council**

**Parish Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 9 August 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, District Councillors Lysette Nicholls and Charlie Maynard, Andrew Grant, Emma and Matthew Hare

**Apologies.** Parish Councillor Carrie Berry, County Councillor Dan Levy

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

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

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 14 June 2023 had been previously circulated to Parish Councillors. The Minutes were accepted as a true record.

### **Matters Arising.**

Councillor Maureen Sears advised the Council that the date for the Flower and Produce show, originally booked for the 3 September had been changed to Saturday 2 September on finding that Standlake had brought their show forward to the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

Parishioners Emma and Matthew Hare had been invited to the meeting in their capacity as new owners of the Allotment field to explain their future plans for this village asset.

Emma said they had no plans to change the allotments. They had completed the work of taking down their tree boundary with the allotments and replacing it with fencing, and they had spoken to individual allotment holders prior to carrying out this work. With regard to the allotments, they would like to see the hedging along the roadside cut into better shape.

Maureen said that there were a couple of allotment holders who were keen to start an Allotment Association, but most were not interested.

District Councillor Lysette Nicholls spoke of the forthcoming Local Plan Consultation that would be running from the end of August for eight weeks. Lysette strongly urged the Parish Council and individual parishioners to respond to the consultation.

Maureen suggested organising a meeting in the Village `Hall with cheese and wine to look at and discuss the Plan.

Chairman Graham Shelton said that Northmoor needed to review its Conservation Status by producing a Neighbourhood Plan to save the green spaces within the village.

District Councillor Charlie Maynard referred to the continuing problem of the absence of water from Northmoor Brook after it leaves Brook Farm. Charlie said the problem appeared to be a silting up of the channel leading towards the village and he was seeking a meeting with the EA to see if this watercourse could be de-mained to allow less red tape in getting permission to clear it.

Councillor Maureen Sears reported that there had been some concern over the new pop-up campsite at Churchill Farm, and she would like more information on the rules governing these campsites.

Councillor Neil Reeves expressed concern over the lack of dog waste / litter bins in the area close to the Rose Revived. Neil said that several footpaths met at this point and the accrual of litter was bad at the start of Moreton Lane.

Graham said the Council would be losing Councillor Valerie Ryan in November and that Maureen had also asked to step down when a replacement could be found. Graham was hoping to co-opt two parishioners, as after 7 November no elections could be held from that date until the May elections in 2024.

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

The Clerk reported that he had received a request from the Paly Park Group for help with their cashflow by being the official purchaser of the equipment to allow the Council to pay the VAT, some twenty thousand pounds, which the Council could reclaim. The Clerk, as the Responsible Finance Officer had advised the Group that this sum was greater than the reserves held by the Council. There were suggestions that WODC could be approached to assist with this cashflow problem.

The Council were asked to confirm the following payments made since the last meeting: -

Scott Gillam for grass-cutting in May and June	£435.00
Wel Medical for defibrillator electrode pads	£287.76

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

**23/01973/NMA Ms E.C. Harvey, the Old School House, Church Road.** Alterations and refurbishment of existing property to include single storey extension and open oak framed front entrance porch (non-material amendment to include two rooflights). There were no objections.

Mr Andrew Grant was present at the meeting to express his despair at getting Planning Officers to approve suggested alterations to his original application that was unsuccessful and asking for help and support from The Parish and District Councillors. A discussion ended with District Councillor Lysette agreeing to make representations to the Planning Officer.

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

**Community First Oxfordshire.** Notice of conference on 15 September entitled - Community-led Stewardship: Shaping Resilient, Sustainable Places. The Council noted this meeting.

**WODC** Notice of forthcoming elections in 2024, and managing vacancies that occur after 7 November.

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

Date of next meeting 13 September 2023

Signed..... Date 13 September 2023