

**Minutes of the Northmoor Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 4 June 2024 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall**

Attendees

Mrs Juliet Druce Chair
Mrs Lindsey Brangwin
Miss Stacey Reed
Mr Henry Spielberg

Mr Chris Isaac Clerk

WODC Cllr Steve Cosier

Two members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Mr James Florey, OCC Cllr Dan Levy, WODC Cllr Charlie Maynard,

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Public Participation.

Mike Ryan requested that when the consultation for the proposed speed changes starts that we request that the road from Cow Lane Corner to the village be changed to 30mph over its entire length, as the current national speed limit makes it very dangerous to walk between Park Farm and Northmoor.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 8 May 2024, copies of which had been previously circulated to all members, were agreed as a true record, and were signed by the chair.

5. Reports from Councillors and Clerk

a. WODC Cllr Steve Cosier said there was not much to report from WODC, but he would like to thank Stacey for adding him to the village Facebook page as he can now post any articles that are relevant to the community such as updates on the recent road resurfacing at Standlake. He added that he had asked OCC if they could be more proactive and fill all of the potholes before they dressed the surface, rather than just surface dressing as it will require more work later.

b. The clerk reported on the following points:

i. Highways Engagement Team

The clerk met with Chris Grain from OCC's Highway Engagement Team on Monday. He explained that OCC were aware that the communication between OCC and Parish Councils had been very poor up to now, and that now he would be the Point of Contact for all Highway related matters. He advised that there was a finite amount of funding so not all issues would get resolved, but as the PoC he would be able to give the reasoning behind the decisions made. We then discussed the general state of the roads, drainage, speed limits through the Parish, and the fact that there had been

several crashes at Cow Lane Corner over the winter. He noted that there were many potholes that needed urgent repair (by Wednesday) which he marked with red paint and drains that were totally blocked which would in turn cause more damage due to standing water. He would pass on the concerns that the single-track lanes around the Parish had the national speed limit and would inform the Road Safety team of the Cow Lane Corner crashes.

Post meeting note: The large potholes that had been marked with red paint were repaired on Wednesday 5 June.

ii. **ROSPA Inspection**

The RoSPA inspection for the playpark has been requested for July and we have asked to be added to their automatic schedule for future years.

iii. **OCC Flooding Funding**

The application for the Bablock Hythe (Thameside Court - Flood Protection and Bank Reinforcement) - Bank revetment work has been provisionally approved. The team now need to confirm that the landowner has given permission for the work to be conducted, get at least 3 quotes for the work and potentially arrange for an ecology study and obtain a licence to carry out works from Natural England as there may be water voles in the area. Lysette Nicholls and Stacey Reed will be leading this project, and the clerk will confirm back to OCC that the Parish Council are content to proceed and comply with these requirements.

Stacey added that they had applied for a permit to clear the waterway and if successful they would try to align the two projects. Steve Cosier agreed to speak to Charlie Maynard regarding the progress of the permit.

iv. **Barclays Mandate**

There was a delay in the change of Mandate as Barclays wanted further verification of Graham Shelton's signature. Graham was content to continue to be the second signatory on the account until this issue was fully resolved.

v. **Internal Audit**

The Clerk had spoken to Becky Grant, regarding the Internal Audit, but she was unable to help. The clerk is now going back to the independent auditors who had said they may be able to do it as a last resort if nobody else could be found.

6. **Matters Arising**

- a. There were no matters arising.

7. **Finance**

a. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2023/24 Form 2 Certificate of Exemption, Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statement were all signed by the Chair and Clerk at the meeting. The reference of these minutes will be added to the forms once the councillors provisionally approve the minutes.

b. The councillors unanimously agreed that the invoice for £290 from Scott Gillam Landscapes for the May Grass Cutting should be paid.

8. **Planning Applications**

There were no applications considered at the meeting.

9. **Correspondence and any items to be raised for information.**

- a. The Chair had been contacted by a resident who was concerned that the mud along Church Road had not been cleared up by the farmer. It was believed that this issue had been resolved by the time of the meeting as the road appeared to be clear.
- b. Henry Spilberg asked if there was any news on the future of the Red Lion community pub. As nobody present had any information the Clerk agreed to ask the Red Lion committee to provide an update to the community.
- c. The Clerk had received an email from Age UK regarding the closing down of the analogue phone system in 2025, and the potential issues it could cause elderly and vulnerable people. The poster will be put on the noticeboards and a message will be put on the website and village email lists asking people to pass the information on to their friends and neighbours who may not be aware of this information.
- d. Stacey asked if there had been any updates on the SSE Resilience Funding Plan for this year. The Clerk has not received anything, so will contact SSE, and request an update.
- e. There was a discussion regarding the need to keep the allotments tidy and maintain the hedges surrounding the allotments and the drainage ditch between the allotments and Chapel Lane. The Chair offered to dispose of any bulk rubbish if it was put in a central location as a one off, after which allotment holders would be responsible for disposing of their own rubbish and keeping the plots tidy/well maintained, in line with their tenancy agreement. The Clerk was requested to write to all allotment holders reminding them of their responsibilities and informing them of the offer to dispose of any bulk rubbish.
- f. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 July 2024 at 7:00pm, and as Juliet is unable to attend, James Florey will be asked to act as chair.
- g. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:10pm.

Signed..... Date 2 July 2024.