

## Northmoor Parish Council

### Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 11 October 2023

### Parish Council Members taking part: -

Dr G Shelton - Chairman

Mrs V Ryan

Mrs C Berry

Dr M Sears

Mr M Ryan (Clerk)

**Councillor and Public who joined the meeting.** District Councillor Lysette Nicholls, Chris Issacs, Stacy Reed, Jules Druce, and Emma Hare.

**Apologies.** Parish Councillor Neil Reeves, County Councillor Dan Levy, and District Councillor 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 13 September 2023 had been previously circulated to Parish Councillors. The Minutes were accepted as a true record.

### Matters Arising.

Chairman Graham Shelton was following up the problem of Ambulances going to the wrong side of the Thames at Bablockhythe following an emergency callout.

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

County Councillor Dan Levy sent his written report. He reported that with the Labour group resigning from the administration at County Hall, the Lib Dems and Green had formed a minority administration, and Dan had taken responsibility for finance and property.

On the Botley Road the works had ran into issues with the discovery of an interesting archaeological structure. Making creatin the new bridge more difficult, with the additional extra difficulty due to National Highways working on the A420/A34 junction!

Road works have also closed the Aston to Ducklington road.

Finally, Dan reported that the Electoral Commission is proposing that Aston, Standlake and Yelford move to join Bampton and South Carterton; and Northmoor and Stanton Harcourt will remain with Eynsham and Cassington.

District Councillor Lysette Nicholls reported that WODC were now organising crowdfunding to finance requests for financial support from local charities and groups within the District.

Lysette also said she would be coming to the next Saturday market to encourage residents to respond to the Local Plan Consultation.

District Councillor Charlie Maynard sent his report highlighting the Local Plan Consultation. Charlie, who Chairs the Witney Oxford Transport Group seeking to restore the Carterton-Witney-Eynsham-Oxford railway strongly supports option 8 in the Local Plan.

Charlie also highlighted Community Funding via the Councils crowdfunding platform.

On sewage disposal Charlie is having meetings with Thames Water and is particularly concerned on the Standlake works, about which he has the least information.

Finally, on flooding, Charlie would like to know what natural flood control measures can be taken upstream to lower and slow the flood crest through Witney and beyond.

Parish Councillor Carrie Berry reported that the Northmoor Community Survey public meeting was well supported. Carrie asked that the results of the Survey were published on the Northmoor website. There was plans to have another meeting closer to Christmas to say what was happening in 2024. There was a question on whether Northmoor was looking to have speed limits reduced. The Clerk replied that the Council had made a formal request, but this will not come under consideration until sometime in 2024

Parish Councillor and Chairman, Graham Shelton requested that a presentation be made to the Parish Council, to see what projects the Council would actively support, for example, cycle lanes and footpaths.

Graham also reported that he, with others, had walked from Brook Farm to Bablockhythe, following the Brook. They had found not only problems of silting up at the lasher at Brook Farm, but of significant overgrowth of reed beds on the West side of the Village. This investigation is continuing.

Maureen said she together with Graeme Ogilvie were also proposing to walk the Brook.

The field next to Brook Farm was very overgrown and there was a need to contact the owner of the field, Mr Smith, to see how this can be cleared.

Michael Ryan, Parish Clerk, asked the assistance of Emma Hare to read the water meter at the Allotments. He had made one reading but the meter was submerged in water, and he needed a second reading with the water bailed out. *Emma was pleased to help.* Michael had reported the problem of the water as the meter was above the water table and should not have been submerged

Michael also reported that the defibrillator at the Green Park site had been used and replacement electrode pads had been purchased. Stacey Reed was asked to put the new pads in the defibrillator package so there are again two packs available, should they be required. *Stacey was pleased to help.*

## **Item 7. Finance**

The Council confirmed the following payments made: -

Scott Gillam for grass cutting in August and September	£435
Wel Medical for Defibrillator Pads	£151.02
Community First for their assistance with the Northmoor Survey	£600

**Item 8. Planning Applications.**

The following Planning Application has been responded to for the Council to meet return by date.

**23/02423/LBC.** Mr & Mrs Winand, Rectory Farm, Proposed Greenhouse, relocation of oil tanks and provision of an emergency generator. There were no objections to this application.

**Item 9. Correspondence and Any Other Business**

**The Shield Group.** Offering to empty dog waste / refuse bins for £3 and £4 respectively. This looks an attractive offer compared to Ubico at more than twice this rate. *The Clerk to make some enquiries from Eynsham Parish Council.*

**WODC Planning.** Notice of drop-in public exhibition reference the Local Plan being held at Witney Corn Exchange 4 - 8 pm on 16 October.

Zero Hour UK seeking support for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Climate and Energy Bill.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Date of next meeting 8 November 2023

Signed..... Date. 8 November 2023.