

Northmoor Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 8 November 2023

Parish Council Members taking part: -

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

Mr M Ryan (Clerk)

Councillor and Public who joined the meeting., Chris Isaac, Stacy Reed, Jules Druce, County Councillor Dan Levy, District Councillor Charlie Maynard, Emma Hare, Robert Florey, Ian Miles, Mr & Mrs Norris, Scott Gillam, and Andrew Grant.

Apologies. District Councillor Lysette Nicholls

Declarations of Interest. Graham Shelton and Carrie Berry declared an interest in the Red Lion planning application as shareholders in the community PH.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 11 October 2023 had been previously circulated to Parish Councillors. The Minutes were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising.

Chairman Graham Shelton had spoken to South Central Ambulance about 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 a written report. He also noted the changes to the road markings at Cow Lane Corner and the road closure notice for the Standlake Road starting on 6 December. The closure starts at 09.30 until 15.30 which is an inconvenience for parents collecting their children from Standlake School at 15.15. Parish Councillor Neil Reeves said he felt the road markings would have been better with a stop double line for traffic leaving

District Councillor Charlie Maynard spoke about the housing target for West Oxfordshire. WODC's adopted Local Plan recently passed its fifth anniversary and because housing policies need updating, the Council is now able to calculate its housing land supply using the Government's alternative **standard method**.

Charlie also spoke about his wish to see better public access to the Thames, and a new public footpath bridge across the Thames at Bablockhythe.

Parish Councillor Maureen Sears reported that with the recent rainfall there was water once again in the Brook along Church Road. It was agreed that it would be useful to check the lasher in Brook Farm to see where all the water was going.

Maureen concluded by giving formal notice to the Council of her resignation from the Council with immediate effect after the meeting.

Parish Councillor Carrie Berry reported that there had been a good response to the Northmoor Community Survey, with positive ideas to carry forward.

Parish Councillor Valerie Ryan also gave formal notice that she wished to resign from the Parish Council after the meeting.

The Clerk reported that the legal process to transfer the ownership of a small field in Moreton Lane was now entering its twelfth month, and the hope to engage the community in developing a space for our community could only be put on hold until all the strings tying the parcel had been untied.

The Clerk also reported that the Parish Council's Planning Policy 2021-23 was now running out of date. It was agreed to extend the policy until May of next year when a new Council could review and update the policy.

Item 7. Finance

The Council confirmed the following payments made: -

Mr P Winder for the purchase of the Domain name and mail addresses	£30.70
Mrs C Berry for the purchase of refreshments for the Village Survey meeting.	£32.89
Mrs R Miles for the purchase of soft drinks for the meeting. £3 (paid out of petty cash)	
Mrs E C Harvey for the supply of wine for the meeting	£42.98

Item 8. Planning Applications.

The following Planning Applications has been received: -

23/02539/HHD. Mr & Mrs A Grant, 15 Griffiths Close. Removal of existing single storey extension. Erection of two storey side and rear extension. Construction of front porch. The application was supported by the Council. *Clerk to write.*

23/02830/FUL The Northmoor Lion Ltd. The red lion Public House. Internal and external alterations including erection of single storey and side extensions, entrance porch, and provision of rear driveway and overspill parking. Graham Shelton and Carrie Berry, as shareholders in the company left the room. The plans were studied and the unanimous agreement of the three remaining councillors was that this application should be strongly supported. *Clerk to write.*

Item 9. Correspondence and Any Other Business

Age UK. Communication asking Councils to support older people this winter.

OCC Lane Rental Scheme. Notice of a consultation on a proposal to replace the current fixed Permit Fee with a daily chare of £2500 when works overrun.

WODC. Invitation to their second annual Waterways Day. The event will give residents the opportunity to learn more about the current state of local watercourses.

Any Other Business.

The resignations of Maureen and Valerie was marked by some kind words from Graham, as Chair of the Council, and a lovely bouquet of flowers to each.

The coming retirement of the Michael on 30 November meant that this was his last meeting as Clerk. Again, many kind words both from the Chair and others present. A most generous gift of a Gift Token for Burford Garden Centre and a bottle of Champagne was presented. Michael thanked everyone for their great support over the many years he had been Clerk. He trusted that such support would continue for Chris Isaac when he took over the role.

The Council confirmed the appointment of Chris Isaac as Clerk, starting on 1 December 2023

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

Date of next meeting 13 December 2023

Signed..... Date. 13 December 2023.