

Northmoor Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 12 April 2023

Parish Council Members taking part

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

Mr M Ryan (Clerk)

Councillor and Public who joined the meeting. District Councillors Lysette Nicholls and Charlie Maynard, , Chris Isaacs, and Jules Druce.

Apologies. 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 8 March 2023 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 Agenda.

Reports from Councillors and matters Parishioners wish to raise.

County Councillor Dan Levy provided a written report. Included within that report was that there are changes to the to the parliamentary boundaries resulting in Northmoor remaining within the Witney boundaries, but Eynsham moving to a Woodstock and Bicester constituency. Other changes for County Council electoral boundaries may follow.

School transport has also been reviewed but for Northmoor there are no changes.

The maintenance of roadside verges is also under further threats in the name of biodiversity and the reduction of carbon emissions.

There are a range of measures to support residents with the cost of living mainly from Central Government but also from the County.

Potholes, too many potholes not enough cash.

The closure of the Botley Road has just started, but buses will continue to run up to St Fridewides.

Finally schemes to promote cycling in preference to car travel is ongoing.

District Councillor Charlie Maynard reported that water was flowing in the Brook rather than just static. Sewage overflows were continuing, and he was meeting with Thames Water the following week.

Parish Councillor Neil Reeves commented that Thames Water were no longer allowing sewage pumped from septic tanks to be emptied locally.

District Councillor Lysette Nichols reported that they were continuing to follow up the success of enforcements at Park Farm and Mount Pleasant but there had been difficulties with WODC's email service that had delayed this.

Parish Councillor Maureen Sears was concerned that the March Minutes named the allotment holder who had written to the Parish Council. The Clerk replied that as the person had made his complaint to a Councillor, it was correct to name the person, he had made no request to be anonymous. Maureen also said the Brook was flowing satisfactorily.

Parish Councillor Valerie Ryan reported that all monies had been received from the allotment holders for the current year.

Parish Councillor and Chairman Graham Shelton reported that there had been an excellent meeting on the Topic of Mental Health in our Rural Community and a separate report on this meeting will be distributed.

Parish Councillor Maureen Sears reported that the owners of the Dun Cow do not own the adjacent field, this still belongs to the Smith Family. It would be advantageous to contact Tom Smith and see whether the reeds that saturate the Brook passing through the field can be cleared.

Parish Councillor Val Ryan reported that Invoices have been raised for allotment holders. An increase averaging 10% has been charged. All allotments are occupied.

Parish Councillor Neil Reeves noticed there was no signage for the playing field, and new residents may be unaware of its existence. Neil also reported that he had recently carried out another litter-pick and there was already a lot of litter that had been discarded.

Parish Councillor Carrie Berry reported there has been no change to the school bus.

Council Chairman Graham Shelton reported that the Northmoor Survey was being printed and should be ready for distribution around mid-May. Some will be distributed online and some in paper form.

.Graham also said that Johnathan Clark of WODC was keen to be involved in our project of Healthy Northmoor.

Lastly further to the recent debacle with the power cut, we should look to have an emergency generator for the Village Hall. SSE may be able to help.

.Item 6. Finance.

Council approved the following payments: -

Clerk's Annual Remuneration for 2022/23 £450

Ubico invoice in respect of emptying dog waste bin on Bablock Road £23.15

Item 7. Planning.

23/00529/LBC Mr & Mrs Adams, Southfield House Partial Window replacement. No objections raised.

APP/D315/W/23/3314206 Appeal by Mr McGovern against refusal by WODC for the erection of a single storey dwelling at Park Farm. This Parish Council had objected to the original planning application, and reiterated to the Planning Inspector that our concerns regarding the loss of access to the pumping station had not been addressed, nor the disposal of sewage.

Item 8. Correspondence and Any Other Business.

There were no matters not previously covered by the meeting

.There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Signed..... Date ...10 May 2023