

Northmoor Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 14 December 2022

Parish Council Members taking part

Mrs V Ryan - Acting Chairperson
Mr N Reeves
Mrs C Berry
Dr M Sears

Mr M Ryan (Clerk)

Councillors and Public who joined the meeting. District Councillor Charlie Maynard and parishioners Fionna Florey and Henry Hereford

Apologies. Parish Councillor Graham Shelton, County Councillor Dan Levy and District Councillor Lysette Nicholls

Declarations of Interest. There were no declarations of interest

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 12 October 2022 had been previously circulated to Parish Councillors. The Minutes were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising. Covered in Finance.

Reports from Councillors.

District Councillor Charlie Maynard reported again on his work understanding the Northmoor Brook and expressed his thanks to Barry Sparrowhawk for his help, and the landowners. Charlie felt a next step would be to organise a group to work in a coordinated way to control the lashers so the flow could be regulated. More work also needs to be done to clear channels that are very overgrown. At Bablockhythe responses are still awaited from the EA before work can start clearing the overgrown watercourse.

Charlie also reported that he, with others, had met with Thames Water regarding the safe and acceptable disposal of sewage. This work is ongoing in the most difficult of circumstances.

Charlie said that he was pleased to report that a volunteer had come forward to be the village road steward, marking and reporting the potholes to the County.

Parish Councillor Carrie Berry reported that the Safari Dinners event had raised some £1200 to fund the publication of the village survey and she was hopeful that a further donation would come from County funds.

Carrie said that the result of the youth competition would be announced at the coming Saturday market.

Questions were also asked about Stonehenge gravel extraction. The Clerk replied that whilst Hanson had indicated that it would not be proceeding with the excavations,

there is still a year before the current consent expires, so it cannot be safely considered to not be progressing until that date.

Councillor Maureen Sears raised the question of Green Energy generation in Northmoor. It was explained that should land be found to install solar panels it would be unlikely that this could be fed directly into parishioners' homes but would need to be fed into the National Grid.

Parishioner Fionna Florey gave an update to Council of the progress being made to refurbish the Play Park. She said that a RoSPA inspection had been booked to ensure that the current play apparatus was safe for children to play on. Fi also said that the group looking into this project felt that it would be preferable to replace most of the apparatus over time and some further fund raising would be required in addition to the \$106 monies from the Park Farm development that currently stood at some £26,000. A consultation will be carried out in due course

Item 6. Finance.

Councillors considered the draft Precept presented by the Clerk in his position as Responsible Finance Officer. The adjustments to the previous year had been modest and showed an increase of 6%. Council approved that the Precept for 2023/24 should be £4800.

Parishioner Henry Hereford attended the meeting on behalf of the PCC to request a donation towards a leaflet. Henry said committee of the Lower Windrush Benefice has produced a welcome leaflet featuring the work of the churches and village activities. Each parish is producing a leaflet describing its own church and village to tuck into the Benefice folder, with a list of useful contacts. The Northmoor leaflet features the church, the Village Hall, and the wider village. It's hoped that the cost of the printed folder will be shared between the PCC and the Parish Council. Council approved a donation of £50.

First and Last Mile CIC. To consider a donation of £350 to First and last Mile CIC. It was agreed that this was an appropriate sum and reflected the donation made by Stanton Harcourt

Councillors approved a payment to Wel Medical for a replacement defibrillator battery. £204

Councillors approved the payments that had been made to: -

Scott Gillam for grass cutting during July, September, and November £435

Scott Gillam for repairs to items within the Play Park, the sand-bag container, and the installation of the Queen's Commemoration bench on the grass area outside the church. £690

Item 7. Planning. There were no planning applications to consider.

Item 8. Correspondence and Any Other Business.

David Rogers. A request to respond to a public consultation on the proposal to build a very large Solar Panel area West of Botley. The Clerk was uncertain whether there would be sufficient time to respond.

Hannah Bourne-Taylor. A request to support a petition to have “swift bricks” in new dwellings. There was a mixed reception to this request that could be summed up by good for swifts a bit messy for homes.

Any other business. Covered earlier in the meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed..... Date ...11 January 2023