

Northmoor Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 8 March 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. County Councillor Dan Levy, Francis Winand, Ray Rylatt, Tracy Reed, Chris Isaacs, and Ian Miles

Apologies. District Councillors Lysette Nicholls and 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 8 February 2023 had been previously circulated to Parish Councillors. The Minutes were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising. It was felt that some detail of the parking arrangements and sleeping arrangements be made known to the Parish Council before the Scouts Annual Camp on fields behind Churchill Farm this summer, which some 1,00 scouts would be attending.

The RoSPA report on the Play Park condemned several pieces of play apparatus. The Council would wish to be kept informed of the Play Group's progress in replacing these items either with similar or alternative apparatus.

The Clerk reported that the trees on Church Road had been inspected and some were found to be in such poor state as to be dangerous. The Avenue has been closed and work to remove two trees is in progress.

Reports from Councillors and matters Parishioners wish to raise.

County Councillor Dan Levy provided a written report. This included that the Budget had been set with an increase of 2.99% plus an additional charge of 2% for adult social care. Within the Budget was a boost of £18.8m for children's services and adult social care, that accounts for approx. half of the OCC budget, saw an increase of £14.4m.

With highways and travel - clearing ditches and cutting through red tape (riparian owners) that prevent action on the ground. the OCC will be investing an additional £1.6m to reduce flooding on roads.

The Botley Road will be closed from 11 April to allow Network Rail to replace the bridge over the road. This will remain closed until October, followed by a further Closure between March and October 2024.

District Councillor Charlie Maynard was unable to attend the meeting but sent a written report.

District councillors met with Thames Water to continue some of the actions the District Council are pursuing This includes sewage treatment works capacities and shortfalls.

On flooding WODC are seeking to have more control over flood control. The current structure requires work permits from the EA, the EA issues very few, and this serves no one.

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 reported that there are a number of cooking oil drums discarded on the verge by the Rose Revived that will need to be collected on the forthcoming litterpick.

Parish Councillor Carrie Berry expressed her thanks to the speakers who came to the Mental Health meeting. Preparation for the survey is going well.

Parishioner Tracey Reed raised the issue of vulnerable people, particularly in light of the recent power cut that resulted in the loss of broadband access at Thameside, and the huge impact this had on our rural community. The discussion centred on the particular difficulty that this loss of power, that started around lunchtime, with SSE saying power was expected to be resumed in approx. two hours, and then went on being advised in two-hour periods until night-time took over and communication became very difficult. Particularly as the village hall was also without power.

Item 6. Finance.

Council approved the following payments: -

OALC Subscription for 2023/24	£156
Christ Church Allotment rent	£39.50

Item 7. Planning.

23/00215/HHD, 23/00216/ LBC. Mr & Mrs Winand, Multiple alterations to Extra Cover, Church Road. Mr Francis Winand was in attendance to explain he and his wife's wish to change the appearance of Extra Cover to better reflect the changes being made to Rectory Farm and its outbuildings. After a short discussion the Council members agreed to raise no objection to this Application.

Item 8. Correspondence and Any Other Business.

Mr Cheney Ketley had objected to a request to reduce his allotment by one half, leaving him with a single plot. The Clerk explained that Mr Ketley was no longer a

resident in the Parish of Northmoor, having moved to Faringdon, but because of his long time holding of an allotment in Northmoor it was fair to allow him to continue, albeit with a slightly small holding. This change would allow a new applicant from Thameside Court, Jo Edwards, to have a half plot. Council agreed that this was fair offer to Mr Ketley.

SAIS Community Engagement. An introduction to the Oxford Health School Aged Immunisation Service. A community engagement Team who reach out to school aged children and young people who are not able to access immunisation in a school setting.

Mineral & Waste Local Plan. In December 2022 OCC decided to progress with a new Minerals & Waste Plan. A consultation on Issues and Options is expected in Summer 2023. Ahead of this consultation there will be a “Call for Site” exercise running from 1 March to 12 April. This letter was to make the Council informed of this process.

OALC Plunkett Foundation. Working with WODC to gain an understanding of local assets at risk. The accompanying questionnaire received on 8 March was received after the closing date of 28 February.

Any other business. There was no further business.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Signed..... Date ...12 April 2023