

Northmoor Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 11 January 2023

Parish Council Members taking part

Mrs V Ryan - Acting Chairperson

Mr N Reeves

Dr M Sears

Mr M Ryan (Clerk)

Councillors and Public who joined the meeting. Mr Ian Miles

Apologies. Parish Councillor Carrie Berry, County Councillor Dan Levy and 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 14 December 2022 had been previously circulated to Parish Councillors. The Minutes were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising. There were no matters arising.

Reports from Councillors.

County Councillor Dan Levy provided a written report that included that the A40 scheme from Witney towards Oxford, a scheme with debateable benefits, had been paused as projected costs now exceed the funding.

The Botley West Solar farm will be a matter for Central rather than Local Government to assess because of its scale.

Oxford traffic filters is generating in Dan's opinion much disinformation and car journeys can still access those same places as before. The closure of the Botley Road by National Rail has been deferred to an unknown date.

Bus fares have been capped at £2 per journey, and this runs from January until March. Thames water and sewage discharges continue to occupy much discussion without any tangible progress.

There has been a change in the electoral boundaries that moves Eynsham to a new Bicester/Woodstock ward, but Northmoor remains in Witney.

Parish Councillor and Chairman Graham Shelton reported that BOB ICS (Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and Berkshire West Integrated Care System) is now beginning to manage all our healthcare in the region, covering a population of about 2 million people. There was a survey which was running to give people the opportunity to comment on their strategy but that has now closed.

Parish Councillor Maureen Sears reported that following the recent heavy rain the Brook passing through the village now has water but is not flowing.

Maureen also expressed concerns over the safety of the avenue of horse-chestnut trees in Church Road. *Clerk to write to the tree officer James Hammond.*

Parish Councillor Val Ryan reported that she will be sending out invoices to Allotment holders next month for the year ahead.

The Clerk reported that the heater in the defibrillator cabinet at the Red Lion had malfunctioned and a replacement had been sent free of charge.

Item 6. Finance. There were no items of finance to consider.

Item 7. Planning.

22/03417/HHD Proposed single storey rear extension. Mr S. Westbrook, Westview, Bablock Road. Mr Westbrook had been invited to the meeting to explain a further application for Westview but was unable to attend. He explained that this was to address planner's objection to part of the original scheme. The changes were discussed, and no objections were raised.

22/03474/LBC Replacement of defective lintel to first floor window. Mr and Mrs Winand, Rectory Farm, Church Road. There were no objections.

Item 8. Correspondence and Any Other Business.

James Hammond, Tree Officer for OCC. Proposal to plant a tree on a roadside verge in Northmoor. The Council could not suggest a suitable pace for the tree. Questions on who was responsible for the tree were raised. *Clerk to write.*

Community First Oxfordshire. Notice of proposed subscription for 2023. The subscription will remain unchanged for this year.

First and Last Mile. Invitation to a celebration of the first year's running of the community bus service.

Cotswold Riverside Trust. Notice of a scheme to train volunteers as citizen scientists to carry out natural assessments on smaller waterbodies. This needs to be circulated to see whether there is an interest.

Any other business. There was no further business.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed..... Date ...8 February 2023