

Northmoor Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 24 May 2018
Northmoor Village Hall

Parishioners Present

There were some seven parishioners present. Graham Shelton, Peter Winder, Maureen Sears, Valerie Ryan, Graeme Ogilvie, Michael Druce and Robert Florey.

Apologies. County Councillor Charles Mathew, District Councillors Hilary Fenton and Steve Good, Parish Councillors Sharon Woolford and Bella Adams, PCSO Helen Keen, Northmoor Lock-keeper Steve Burnet, Henry Herford and Mark Heffernan.

Meeting Chairman

Parish Council Chairman Graham Shelton chaired the meeting. Graham welcomed Parishioners to the meeting.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2017

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2017 had been circulated prior to the meeting and signed as a true record.

Thames Valley Police Report

Community PCSO Helen Keen was unable to attend the meeting. Helen sent a written report. The report recorded that there were 5 non-crime incidents, 1 theft, 1 criminal damage, 1 miscellaneous offence and 2 assaults within the Northmoor Area in the year ending 18 May 2019.

Item 4: Chairman's Report.

The Parish Council has met 11 times in 2017/18 and Parish Councillors attendance has averaged 76%.

Parishioners in attendance have been as low as one on one occasion and as high as 11, an average attendance of 5 per meeting.

We have also had County Councillor Charles Mathew present for 10 of the eleven meetings, and District Councillors Hilary Fenton and Steve Good together attending four.

Among matters considered

Planning: There have been 5 Planning Applications. There are still currently consents for 30 dwellings, Park Farm Place now completed (almost), Bints Yard Mr & Mrs Sparrowhawk and Mr & Mrs Florey's started.

Gravel: The Gravel Liaison Group has met twice since the last Annual Parish Meeting. The date for commencement of commercial quarrying for sand and gravel at Stonehenge has moved back again, now to August/September.

Roads: The state of the roads is regularly reported to OCC. Potholes continue to be a problem particularly where traffic is crossing grass verges damaging the road edges, and the problem is getting worse.

Precept: The Parish Precept this year was reduced to £3850.

Allotments. There are no unused allotments at the present time. The allotments continue to cover the cost to the Parish of the rent and water rates by means of a small rental charge. The Council would still like to see the formation of an allotment association managed by the allotment holders.

Playing Field. This maintenance of this facility, largely for grass cutting continues to be the largest expenditure for monies from the Precept.

Notable Successes.

The County Council has accepted the responsibility for the Causeway trees.

The PC objection to the "bat-house" at Park Farm being a permanent dwelling was upheld at Appeal.

The inclusion of affordable homes at Bints Yard accepted by the developer.

The Chairman thanked Councillors for their contribution to the running of the Council, and the Clerk for his supporting role on the Council.

Items 5 & 6. Reports from Councillors

Councillor Peter Winder reported that the Parish website was being maintained up to date in respect of Parish Council meetings and Minutes. The Computer Club had a regular attendance that included people from the adjoining villages. Additional services with special regard for the elderly were being investigated. These include the message in a bottle, this holding details about the person and stored in the refrigerator for use by the ambulance service in times of emergency, and lifeline personal alarms. Peter was also updating the website "Useful Links" as an aid for those new to the village and proposed that a small welcome letter should be delivered to those coming into the village.

Councillor Maureen Sears said that work was already underway in respect of the flower and produce show, and Debbie Robinson has worked on making a broader range of classes.

Open Item for Parishioners.

There was a discussion on the lack of water passing along the brook as it passed through Church Road. Further investigations to be made on the cause of the problem.

Parish Matters

Report from the PCC. Michael Druce gave a short report in the absence of Henry Herford. He said the church facilities were open to the community, including within the church a small library. Donations made during the year were £450 to the Red Cross, £450 Oxford homeless pathway, £200 each to Farm Africa and the Children's Society.

Michael said that the South wall of the churchyard was in need of repair.

Lastly Michael referred to the 100 year WW1 anniversary, where there would be a display in the Village hall as well as the church service, which this year would be at St Denys.

The meeting finished at eight o'clock

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