

Northmoor Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 9 March 2022

Parish Council Members taking part

Dr G Shelton - Chairman
 Mrs V Ryan
 Mrs Carrie Berry
 Mr N Reeves

Mr M Ryan (Clerk)

Councillors and Public who joined the meeting., County Councillor Dan Levy, Charlie Maynard and Julie Williams.

Apologies. Parish Councillor Maureen Sears, District Councillors Lysette Nicholls and Steve Good.

Declarations of Interest. There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 9 February 2022 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 current agenda

Item 6. Reports from Councillors.

County Councillor Dan Levy's monthly report headed with the welcome news that there would be a restoration of youth services by OCC and a feasibility study on the expansion of rail services including a potential link between Carterton, Witney, Eynsham and Oxford.

Dan reported that the First and Last bus service that includes Northmoor has been running for two months and is well supported by both pupils at Bartholomew School and the general public.

Dan updated the Council on the major road schemes including the A40 between Witney and Wolvercote that he, and Charles Mathew before him, believed to be deeply flawed.

On the subject of car parking, Dan advised that OCC is to take back the on-street enforcement of car parking from WODC, but this does not include WODC car parks. Dan's report closed with a plea for all to remember that Covid has not gone away and for us all to keep being careful and considerate, and for our support for the people of Ukraine at this most difficult time.

District Councillor Lysette Nicholls in her written report echoed the thoughts of Dan on the war in the Ukraine, and that the District Council are working with the Red Cross and Brize Norton in providing additional support to the Ukrainian people.

Lysette reported that WODC had approved their budget for 2022/23, and have made grants totalling some £7000 in community activity grants across the District.

Lysette reported that the District Council is providing advice for residents who wish to hold street parties to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Finally Lysette reported that some 4,000 people took to the ice when Marriotts Walk and Market Square were turned into skating rinks for the half term.

Parish Councillor Carrie Berry reported that the Survey Plans were going well. Carrie also reported that events for the Bank Holiday period for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee were well advanced.

Parish Councillor Neil Reeves reported that he had walked the Brook on the west of the village and what he could see looked ok.

Visitor Charlie Maynard said he was involved in getting the watercourse as it runs alongside Thameside Court cleared, and this involved the EA, the local farmer, Justin Berry and the management team at Green Wood Parks.

Neil also said he had reported the broken signpost at the junction of Standlake Road and Moreton Lane.

Parish Councillor Maureen Sears had sent a message saying she hoped we could hold a plant and produce show again this year.

Chairman Graham Shelton said he wanted the annual litterpick delayed for two weeks because he was having trouble getting litter-pickers and refuse bags from WODC. Graham also said that he felt the Council should be looking to protect the green spaces within the village and work to progress this would be started with a Neighbourhood Plan.

Michael Ryan, Clerk, reported that the road-sign at Bablockhythe corner had also been damaged and he would report it.

Michael had received complaints that the footpath leading from Chapel Lane to West End had been made very narrow due to fencing erected by the owners of the fishing lakes. *Clerk to liaise with Alison Waller, footpath warden, and, Councillor Levy suggested, Countryside Access at OCC.*

The Clerk had been told that Hanson was reportedly looking to sell their plots of land connected to the Stonehenge project that has never commercially started. It had been said that M&M skips were interested. It should be hoped that OCC enforce the planning conditions for the processing yard being returned to its original condition.

Item 6 Open item for Parishioners. There was no business for this item.

Item 7. Finance

The Council confirmed the payment of £39.50 to Christ Church for rent of the allotments.

Item 8. Planning. There were no planning applications to consider.

Item 9 Correspondence

WODC. Invitation to a Town and Parish Council Forum on 17 March at 6.30 pm in Witney.

Item 9. Any Other Business. None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Signed..... Date ...13 April 2022