

Northmoor Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 13 April 2022

Parish Council Members taking part

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

Mr M Ryan (Clerk)

Councillors and Public who joined the meeting., District Councillor Lysette Nicholls, County Councillor Dan Levy, and Mr Gary Allmond.

Apologies. District Councillor 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 March 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 4. Reports from Councillors.

County Councillor Dan Levy's report concentrated largely on transport issues. With news of feasibility studies being undertaken on the expansion of the rail services between Carterton, Witney, Eynsham and Oxford. Another feasibility study into a cycle/walking path from Eynsham to Hanborough station.

Dan was pleased to report that the First and last bus service between Standlake, Northmoor, Stanton Harcourt and Eynsham was up and running and being well used. Moving on to the proposed works to the A40, Dan felt the schemes were flawed but it was too late to change. He saw some benefits such as the improvement to the Cassington junction, but were outweighed by cost to the environment, and dangers to pedestrians crossing the road.

Roads, cars, and towns means parking, and he expects parking enforcement to return to OCC.

School transport is also under review, with the intention of making it fairer to families.

Dan ended with a call for everyone to be neighbourly in these difficult times with Covid still present in our community.

District Councillor Lysette Nicholls reported that WODC had a community grant with a closure date of 25 April.

Lysette said the District Council were reducing the frequency of cutting the roadside verges to assist with biodiversity.

Electric charging points were being rolled out in West Oxon car parks. Finally, Lysette spoke of Ukrainian family support and coordination being a priority for those families arriving in West Oxfordshire.

Parish Councillor Carrie Berry was pleased to hear that a dog waste bin had been agreed for Standlake Road.

Carrie reported that there had been representation about some parishioners being unable to read Minutes of this Council's meetings with the website out of date and whether they could be also posted on the noticeboard.

Parish Councillor Neil Reeves said that he had reported the broken signpost at the junction of Standlake Road and Church Road plus numerous potholes on fix-my-street.

Parish Councillor Valerie Ryan reported that all allotments had been taken and rental monies collected. Valerie also said she had looked at the playing field apparatus and fencing and found some in need of repair.

Parish Councillor Maureen Sears expressed her continuing concern over the absence of water from the Brook and that the source of the problem needs to be identified.

Parish Council Chair, Graham Shelton, spoke of the need to update the Northmoor Plan, and identify and take steps to protect the green spaces within our community. Graham remarked that the signs warning HGVs to not cross the Thames at Newbridge contained statistics that were very out of date, and requested they be updated.

Item 5. Update on Issues for consideration and actions

A programme of events to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee have been discussed and proposed within the community.

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

Item 7. Finance

The Council confirmed the following payments: -

Castle Water. Invoice for water to the allotments £172.50

Ubico. Invoice for emptying dog waste at Bablock Road £23.15

WODC. Charges for last year's election £477.64

Parish Clerk. Salary for the period 01/04/2021- 31.03/2022 £460

The Council agreed to make a charitable donation of £50 each to the following organisations.

Enrych Oxfordshire. A charity supporting adults with a physical disability.

Clean Slate. A charity that provides long term emotional support for survivors of abuse in Oxfordshire

Volunteer Link-Up. A charity currently supporting clients with community transport, befriending and practical tasks.

Citizens Advice. A charity providing advice on many issues.

Item 8. Planning.

22/00729/HHD and 22/00734/LBC Repairs and roofing works to Rectory Farm. Mr & Mrs Winand. There were no objections

22/00735/LBC and 22/00768/HHD Roofing works to Extra Cover. Mr & Mrs Winand. There were no objections

22/00803/OUT. Outline application for six houses at Park Farm House. Mr & Mrs G. Allmond.

Mr Allmond was present at this meeting and explained that he wished to build two houses for his sons to live in within his garden behind his house, and four affordable homes backing onto Standlake Road.

There was an exchange of questions and answers relating to whether this development was in accord with the planning policy and guidance updated by Northmoor Parish Council in 2021. It also covered flood risks outside the control of the applicant, the entrance/exit from the development onto the Standlake Road and whether it would be used as a precedent for other developers in Northmoor.

Northmoor Parish Council said that it would make these issues know to the planning officer for WODC and ask that they be taken into consideration by the Planning Committee.

Item 9 Correspondence

Citizens Advice Board. A request for funding. It was agreed to give £50 to CAB
Emergency Planning at OCC. A notice of funds available from SSEN. It was not immediately obvious whether this fund could be utilised by Northmoor, but it would be carefully considered at a later date.

Item 9. Any Other Business.

Date of Annual Parish Meeting. Date to be agreed towards end of May

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed..... Date ...11 May 2022