

Northmoor Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 11 December 2019
Northmoor Village Hall

Parish Council Members Present

Dr G Shelton - Chairman
 Dr M Sears
 Mrs S Woolford
 Mrs A Adams
 Mr P Winder
 Mr M Ryan (Clerk)

Apologies. District Councillors Hilary Fenton and Steve Good.

Public Present

County Councillor Charles Mathew and parishioners Mrs Lucy Adams, Mrs Andrea Neale, Mrs Ella Cope, Mr Pat Hall and Valerie Ryan.

Declarations of Interest. There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 13 November 2019 had been previously circulated to Parish Councillors. The Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising.

The problem of the pumping station being unable to cope with disposal of sewage prompted Councillor Winder to ask whether this Parish Council had asked for the sewage from the new development at Bints Yard to be processed via a septic tank. The Clerk replied that this Council had expressed concern at the perceived overloading of the existing wastewater disposal at the pumping station, and this alone was sufficient for the scheme to be opposed by the Parish Council.

The concerns over the inability of Thames Water to properly process the waste sewage in Standlake and Northmoor will be discussed at a meeting at Northmoor on 28 January where WASP, Windrush Against Sewage Pollution, will be speaking.

Item 4/5 Reports from Councillors and Matters Parishioners wish to raise.

Councillor Peter Winder reported that he would be arranging another Resuscitation Training Meeting led by Dick Tracy sometime in January.

Councillor Bella Adams reported that a road sign at the junction of Moreton Lane had been knocked over.

Councillor Sharon Woolford asked why there were barriers around some minor road works outside the Red Lion, which had been there for some time. Graham Shelton,

Chairman, replied that this was connected to the shepherd huts recently installed at the Red Lion that were still waiting for Thames Water to complete the connection.

The Speed of Motor Traffic on Northmoor's Roads. This has been an issue being discussed on Social Media in recent weeks and Lucy Adams and Ella Cope had been invited to this meeting to start the discussion.

Lucy spoke of the fact that the Standlake Road, a single track road with an unrestricted limit of 60 mph was being increasingly used by pedestrians, dog walkers and horse riders particularly now that the Park Farm place development had been completed and houses occupied, and that a lower speed limit of 30 mph should be in place.

Ella said that whilst a lower speed was required even when traffic was observing the limits it was still too fast as there was little room to stand out of the way and thought should be given to speed reduction devices.

Andrea Neale also expressed concern for children waiting for the school bus in the winter when it was still dark.

There was a general discussion on this issue with a consensus that something needs to be done. Noting that few are exceeding the speed limit, most a residents within the parish, and evidence would need to be gathered to support a request to change the existing limits.

County Councillor Charles Mathew said he could get priority funding to purchase a device that not only displays the speed of oncoming traffic but shows and records the number plate as well. He said that each village would need to pay to have a pole erected to hold the device that could then move from village to village as required.

Councillors agreed to take some time to assess what can be done to make our roads safer.

On another matter Councillor Mathew spoke of the Community Resilience Forum recently started in Eynsham that were looking for support and attendance from local village Parish Councils.

Item 6. Finance

The Council approved the payment of £120 to Scott Gillam for grass cutting.

Item 7. Planning. There were no planning applications to consider

Correspondence.

Stacey Reed from Thameside Court wrote to raise the matter of dog walkers not clearing their dog waste and she believed there were insufficient dog waste bins in the Parish and along the Thames Path. There was some uncertainty as to whether any additional bins would have to be funded by the Parish and the Clerk was asked to contact WODC and find out what if any costs would be incurred.

Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils. Priority Service Register. This communication brought attention to the register that lists vulnerable people that utility companies are required to take special care of in the case of interrupted supply. The Parish Council did not believe this required any specific action from the Council but would be covered if necessary under the Emergency Plan.

Power for People Organisation. A request to support the Local Electricity Bill. The Council noted its contents

No Expressway Group. A campaign against the proposed Oxford to Cambridge Expressway. The proposed route does not cross any part of this Parish. The communication was noted but no action taken.

There were a number of journals and advertising literature sent to the Council since the last meeting.

Any Other Business.

There being no other business the Meeting ended at 9.25 pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is due to take place on Wednesday 8 January 2020.

Signed.....Date...08/01/2020