

Northmoor Parish Council

**Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 13 February 2019
Northmoor Village Hall**

Parish Council Members Present

Dr G Shelton - Chairman
Dr M Sears
Mrs A Adams
Mrs S Woolford
Mr P Winder

Mr M Ryan (Clerk)

Apologies. County Councillor Charles Mathew, District Councillors Steve Good and Hilary Fenton.

Councillors and Public Present

Parishioners Valerie Ryan and John Waterfield.

Declarations of Interest. Councillors Shelton, Sears and Winder having an interest in the planning application for the Red Lion due to them holding shares in the Company. Councillor Shelton is also a member of the NVH committee.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 9 January 2019 had been previously circulated to Parish Councillors. The Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising. There were no matters arising not covered in the Agenda.

Item 4. The proposed joint event of Northmoor Village Hall and the Parish Council on Tuesday 26 March.

Councillor Peter Winder confirmed that the event is going to take place on 26 March. The Village Hall Trustees wish to celebrate the completion of Phase 2 of the Hall's development plan, showing the improvements recently carried out and thank the organisations that made it possible.

The Parish Council wish to use the occasion to launch further initiatives of Northmoor Vision for the community, promoting a healthy Northmoor. Note of these initiatives has been welcomed by WODC for developing cohesive communities which link into both District and County ideas for the future.

Peter also reported that the Computer Club was gaining members and had benefited from a laptop computer generously donated by Mr Himpson.

Item 5/6 Reports from Councillors and Matters Parishioners wish to raise.

Councillor Maureen Sears strongly supported the Event on the 26th and with reference to the Computer Club said that it would be a great help to have more computers for the Group's use, if anyone had one they no longer used.

Parishioner John Waterfield said he had come to listen to any discussion on the lack of water passing along the Village Brook

There was a general discussion on this matter, an issue that Councillor Sears had been raising and communicating with the Environment Agency (EA) for many months.

The question was that as this was an Enmained Watercourse where were the boundaries on who was responsible for ensuring that the watercourse was functioning properly. The Clerk had researched early papers and found a report by WODC in 2008 following the flooding that occurred in Northmoor and Bablockhythe in 2007. This report concluded *the Environment Agency to maintain enmained watercourses that runs through the front gardens of properties in Northmoor village.....*. It goes on to say *"Ensure a regular maintenance strategy is devised and maintenance undertaken at regular intervals e.g. every year"*.

The Clerk suggested he write to the EA and request a meeting. This was agreed as a way forward.

Item 6. Finance

The Council approved the payment of £1320 to Pellmans for legal advice relating to the moving of the Village Hall gas tank onto land owned by the Parish Council.

The Council agreed to make a charitable donation to: -

The Citizens Advice Bureau of £50 and the same sum to Volunteer Link-up.

The Council agreed to contribute £25 to the Northmoor Vision Event for refreshments.

Item 7. Planning.

18/03623/FUL Alterations to the original planning application of the Phase 3 Redevelopment of the Village Hall. There were no objections to the new plans.

19/00222/FUL The Red Lion Shepherd Huts. Changes to the original Application. There had been no objections to the original Application and there were none to the changes proposed.

Correspondence

WODC An offer to provide planning training to parish councils. The Clerk was requested to indicate that this Council would support this proposal.

OCC Communities. A survey on possible community led highway services. It was agreed that this community would not wish to take on responsibility for maintenance of the roads and roadside verges through the village.

WODC Address Management Officer. A communication asking for the Council and communities view on the name for the road in the new development at Bints

Yard. The Clerk reported that after consulting with the Northmoor community via village mail he had found the majority wished the name Bint to be retained. *It has since been decided that the name shall be Bints Place.*

OCC. Oxfordshire Plan 2050. Notice of a consultation and exhibition dates. The contents of the communication were noted.

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

Any Other Business.

The date for the annual Northmoor Litterpick was Saturday 9 March

Swift Nesting Site Survey. Mr Hughes of Carterton, a member of a local conservation group, had written asking for notice of any swift nesting sites.

There being no other business the Meeting ended at 9.20 pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is due to take place on Wednesday 13 March 2019

Signed.....Date...13/03/2019