

Northmoor Parish Council

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

Parish Council Members Present

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

Mr M Ryan (Clerk)

Apologies. District Councillors Steve Good and Hilary Fenton.

Councillors and Public Present

County Councillor Charles Mathew and parishioner 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 March 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 4/5 Reports from Councillors and Matters Parishioners wish to raise.

County Councillor Charles Mathew expressed a need for a Liaison Meeting with Hanson, particularly because the time period for completing the quarrying was in excess of the planning consent period which ends on the 31 December 2023.

Charles reported the proposed bicycle route between Sutton and Eynsham making use of the Thames Path was being progressed.

Also reported that the No. 11 bus route, currently run by Stagecoach, was to end. The Witney Bus Co. was considering offering a service.

Councillor Sharon Woolford asked whether the bench that used to be under the bus shelter at Bablockhythe was going to be replaced. The Clerk replied that it was his understanding that the bench had been taken to be refurbished and would be replaced now the shelter had been taken.

Councillor Maureen Sears said she felt the Vision Meeting on 26 March was a success

Councillor Peter Winder agreed that the Northmoor Vision meeting achieved what it had intended with 60-70 people attending from the village and including people from Thameside and our new residents at Park Farm Place.

Peter felt it had lessened the barriers between the Church, the Hall and the Parish Council. The Red Lion had a good evening, many showed interest in the healthy Northmoor concept vis-a-vis the running and cycling clubs. Among the suggestions from the meeting were to create an outside exercise “trim trail”. *Graham to follow up on this suggestion.*

Graham Shelton, Chair of the Parish Council, reported that the Village Hall AGM was coming soon, there were no major issues expected.

Michael Ryan, Clerk, reported that he was trying to arrange a gravel liaison meeting to discover when Hanson were expecting to start quarrying at Stonehenge.

On the allotments he was surprised that the water meter was showing water having been used between November and March, and had asked that the ballcock washers on the water tank are checked.

There was a need for some extra rubber granules to top up the equipment in the playing field and the rungs on the climber to be checked and renewed as necessary.

With reference to the lack of water in the brook there had been a helpful report from Mr Shackelford of the Environment Agency and he would be following up on advise to maintain the supply of water to the brook along Church Road when sufficient rainfall permitted.

Finally Michael reported that the accounts would need to be submitted for external audit because of the loan from WODC to the Village Hall had to be made via the Parish Council and this took the annual income above the £25K barrier.

Valerie Ryan, currently revising the Northmoor Emergency Plan, advised the meeting that the Data Protection Regulations required that anyone listed in the Plan had to give written consent to being included in that listing. Valerie said she was looking to reduce the number listed to make it easier to conform to the regulations.

Item 6. Finance

The Council approved the following payments: -

Mr Gillam for grass cutting and repairs in the playing field £260

The Clerk’s remuneration for 2018/19 £450

Item 7. Planning.

19/00607/HHD. Two-storey extension, Mr & Mrs Rusher, 14 Park Farm Place. There were no objections to this application.

Correspondence

Seafarers UK. A national charity requested that the Red ensign flag was flown on 3 September, Merchant Navy’s Day.

OCC. Community Emergency Planning Survey. This was reported under the item raised by Mrs Ryan previously.

WODC. Reminder for the need to register for voting by 12 April for local elections.

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

Any Other Business.

The Annual Parish Meeting was set for 8.00 pm on 22 May 2029.

There was a discussion on the list of possible events in Northmoor for 2019, and the need to look for someone to organise each event.

There being no other business the Meeting ended at 9.10 pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is due to take place on Wednesday 8 May 2019

Signed.....Date...08/05/2019