

Northmoor Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 9 October 2019
Northmoor Village Hall

Parish Council Members Present

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

Apologies. Parish Councillor Sharon Woolford, and District Councillors Hilary Fenton and Steve Good.

Public Present

Parishioners Mr A Grant 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 11 September 2019 had been previously circulated to Parish Councillors. The Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising.

With regard to the table tennis initiative the Clerk reported that WODC had indicated that the cost could be covered by monies from the Park Farm S106 agreement.

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

County Councillor Charles Mathew reported that following a change in the political control of South Oxfordshire District Council there was a possibility that the new Council would reject the new housing commitment in their Local Plan. As a consequence this might jeopardise a £230M Central Government infrastructure grant. Charles also reported that the plan to generate a direct connection to the Pear Tree Roundabout from the A40 eastbound has sadly been discarded.

Parish Councillor Maureen Sears reported that the village hall had a film night and apple-pressing day.

Parish Councillor Peter Winder also commented on the film night recognising the start up costs made this not a financial success but that costs would now reduce if the cost of permits for public showing were spread over twelve months. A film plan was now required, the costs covered with an admission fee, and perhaps a small social meeting before the showing of the film would be a benefit.

Peter reported that the computer club was going well with a small £1 charge to help cover the cost of hiring the hall.

Peter also said that the apple juicing produced some 500 bottles of juice and it was being sold at £1.50 a bottle. A special thanks was due to Titus, Reg and Dan for their hard work to make it a success.

Lastly Peter reported that the defibrillator training had gone well, but more training sessions were needed, particularly in getting support from Bablockhythe residents.

Parish Councillor Bella Adams added on the subject of the apple pressing that the purchase of a pasteuriser would be very beneficial.

Item 6. Finance

The external audit report had been received. It noted that the Internal Auditor had missed one tick box, but that had been cleared at the time by the Clerk.

The Audit also noted that the Clerk the notice showing the dates for the exercise of public rights had been dated with the same date as the start of the period, where it should have been dated one day earlier.

The Clerk said he was questioning the charge made for the Audit, £300, as the Auditors had included monies paid into the account by WODC in error and also counted the loan made to the Council twice. The Clerk believes the charge should be £200.

Item 7. Planning.

19/02535/HHD. Construction of a detached 4 bay garage with room above. Mr & Mrs Grant, 15 Griffiths Close.

This Application had been held over from the September meeting so as to allow Mr Grant to attend the meeting to explain the basis of the application, and for parishioners to say if they had any objections. The Council received no objections from neighbours and Mr Grant gave a full explanation of what he was looking to do. The Council agreed there were no reasons to object to the plan.

Correspondence

WODC. Invitation to WODC “Water Day”. The Clerk indicated he would try to attend and Councillor Maureen Sears also said she would try to go.

OCC Digital Infrastructure Team. This notice advised of grants available to rural homes and businesses wishing to receive faster broadband. The Clerk had checked that Park Farm had been covered when fast broadband was installed in the village, and it had. The question of whether homes being built were also covered was unknown.

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 9.00 pm.

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

Signed.....Date...13/11/2019