

**Minutes of North Moreton Parish Council Meeting
held at North Moreton Village Hall on 10th January 2017 at 8:00pm.**

Present: Mrs. R. Templeman (Chair), Mrs. V. Gibbs (VC), Mrs. S.C. Harrison, Mr. D. Tebworth, Cllr. P. Greene and Mr. A. Wise (Clerk).

	RT opened the meeting at 20:00 hrs	
16/814 Apologies	Cllr. Murphy and Mr. C.I. Shipton	
16/815 Report on OCC and SODC activities	<u>OCC Report</u> – See appendix 6 • <u>SODC Report</u> – No report received	
16/816 Hear representations from members of the public	The meeting was addressed by Stuart Robertson, Bruce Robertson and Stuart Hill who presented draft plans for their forthcoming planning application for replacement of the outhouse/garage at Sherwood Cottage with a meeting house. They shared an early architect's drawing with the councillors and answered all the councillors' questions.	
16/817 Approve the minutes of the meeting of 8 th November 2016	It was proposed by SH, seconded DT, that the minutes be signed as a true record. Carried nem con.	
16/818 Consider matters, not taken elsewhere, arising from the minutes of the meeting of 8 th November 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All action items had been completed except for 16/802: CIS to post link to Didcot Garden Town website on the North Moreton website. 	CIS
16/819 Receive reports from Parish Councillors and the Clerk	<p align="center"><u>North Moreton Charitable Trust report to NMPC by VG</u></p> <p>Following the very sad death of Julie Hutchence, a founder and most valued member of NMCT, the vacancy has been filled by William Pound of Ashbrook House. The trust continues to maintain the allotment land as required and the B allotments are being grazed this winter whilst new saplings have been planted in the hedges alongside the C allotments. This will be thinned out again; a tree surgeon is being consulted.</p> <p>The trust has purchased an urn for the village hall, a PA system for outdoor events and given a grant towards the Queen's birthday celebrations. It has also given the Christmas donations as usual, grants to young people, a variety of donations to South Moreton School, and paid for chippings on the footpath behind the houses on the high street leading to the churchyard. It has also agreed to pay for the DVTG bus this year and this will be reviewed annually.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VG & DT will be attending the next Didcot Garden Town Briefing in Didcot on the 19th January 2017. 	

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16/820 Financial matters	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of payments. It was proposed SH seconded VG and carried that the following invoices be paid: Parish Clerk's wages, expenses, PAYE, Grass Cutting, Dog Litter Collection, DVTG Bus Donation and MTT Club Donation that was a replacement cheque for a lost cheque that was issued in May 2016. 2. Current financial situation. AW presented the current financial situation – attachments 2 & 3. 3. Clerk presented 2017-2018 budget to councillors and it was proposed SH seconded VG and carried that this budget be accepted. 4. Clerk then recommended a precept of £8k and it was proposed SH seconded VG and carried that the clerk would ask SODC for a precept of £8k. Although this is a slight increase on the previous year this does follow a number of years where the Precept was considerably lower but the council felt it was prudent in the current climate to at least maintain its reserves for future eventualities. 	
16/821 Planning	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AW presented the current planning application situation – attachment 4 2. Clerk to respond to planning applications as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Earth Trust NSV with the same comments as per the last response b. Middle Farm NSV with no comments 	AW
16/822 Highways and Transport	<p>Transport Report by VG - We have seen some usage of the DVTG bus in the last three months and a few people are making use of the 94A service during term time. There have been a few hiccups and we thank members of the public who make these known to us. DVTG continues to hold discussions with Thames Travel. Next year, as we are a small village with fewer residents making use of the DVTG bus on a Friday, we are being asked for a substantially lower contribution than the villages where there is greater usage. For next year we have been asked for £100 and North Moreton Charitable Trust have agreed to pay this for the parishioners.</p>	
16/823 Recreation and Playground matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Shipton had received a request from MCC to expand the current nets and to install floodlights with the view to the nets being used for longer periods than at present. Councillor Shipton replied on behalf of NMPC refusing both requests. • NMPC would like to thank Dave Powell for his assistance with the improvement of the path that runs from the Church to Whites' Field, and appreciates the Whites' cooperation in allowing this. 	
16/824 Risk assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RT signed off appropriate parts on the current Risk Assessment Checklist. - attachment 6 • Clerk to write to Roger Haycock to ask him to enquire whether Tony would kindly be NMPC Internal Auditor for the 2016/17 Accounts. 	AW
16/825 Respond to Communications as the Chairman may direct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair had received communication from the Chair of MTTC requesting a replacement cheque for the £75 donation cheque that was sent to them in May 2016 by the parish clerk. Refer to action 16/820. 	AW
16/826 Attend to any other business at the Chairman's discretion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A suggestion had been made that a separate charity bank account be set up for fund-raising activities not connected with the church. The councillors were not keen for the PC to take on the task and thought a suitable volunteer would be needed. • Chair had received an email from Andrew Searle in South Moreton asking if 	



	NMPC would be prepared to invite Network Rail to put on an exhibition in the village hall, outlining their options for improving the visual effect of the Overhead Line Equipment on the railway. RT to contact NR.	RT
16/827 Date of Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 14.03.2017 (APM) 	
Closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RT declared the meeting closed at 21:40 hrs 	

Signed:

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Attachments:

1. Agenda
2. Financial Statements
3. Expenditure against Budget 2016-2017
4. Final Budget 2017-2018
5. Planning Applications
6. Risk assessment checklist
7. OCC Report

REPORT TO PARISH COUNCILS **JANUARY 2017**

PLANS TO TRANSFORM ADOPTION SERVICES ACROSS THAMES VALLEY

OCC is joining forces with neighbouring councils to create a Regional Adoption Agency (RAA) for the Thames Valley. The agency will improve outcomes for both children and adopters – including the ability to match children with families more quickly and improve support services for adopters. The Government has advised that a grant of £300k will be made available to help set up the new service. OCC will be the host authority within a partnership known as ‘Adopt Thames Valley’, alongside six other councils (Bracknell Forest, West Berkshire, Windsor and Maidenhead, Wokingham, Swindon and Reading) and two Voluntary Adoption Agencies (PACT and Barnardo’s). All partners have begun work to develop the new shared service across the geographical area covered by the councils.

LAUNCH OF NEW ONLINE FLOODING ‘TOOLKIT’

A new online 'toolkit' has been launched by OCC which provides information and advice for those wanting to take action to safeguard their homes or businesses against the effects of flooding. Visitors to the site can use its tools to determine whether their home or business is in an area at risk at flooding, and links to a series of ‘How To’ guides. The toolkit also explains the different types of flooding that can occur with bespoke guides on how to deal with them and, for those responsible for things such as drains and streams running across their land, guides on how to carry out preventative maintenance. Interactive illustrations give visual inspiration for ways people can protect their properties and highlights often forgotten areas such as garages, airbricks and cable holes. The toolkit can be found at www.oxfordshirefloodtoolkit.com

ADULT SOCIAL CARE PERFORMANCE ABOVE NATIONAL AVERAGE

The delayed transfers of care (DTC) figures released in December show Oxfordshire improving significantly on the situation a year ago: total delayed transfers of care were 11% lower, and those due to social care delays were 19% lower. This compares with a rise in numbers nationally of 25% in total and 41% due to social care. Nationally over a third of all DTC cases were attributable to social



care delays, but in Oxfordshire it was less than a fifth.

HOME LIBRARY VOLUNTEER SUCCESS AND NEW LIBRARIES E - NEWSLETTER

In September OCC launched a county-wide campaign for Home Library Service volunteers. This successful campaign has led to 150 volunteer applications so far, and the campaign was shortlisted for a public sector communications award. Home Library Service volunteers choose and deliver books to those who are unable to get to a library. More information about the scheme, including details of what volunteering involves and interviews with those who benefit from the service, can be found at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/homelibrary

The Library Service has also recently launched a bi-monthly newsletter sent to 6000 library service users. It contains the latest libraries news, events, book recommendations, volunteering opportunities and more, including information about Zinio (free electronic magazines), eBooks, People's Network (free public access to computers) and Wi-Fi in Libraries. Parish councils are requested to inform residents that they sign up at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/librariesnewsletter

GRANT FUNDING ANNOUNCED FOR 'OPEN ACCESS' CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Community-led schemes will complement a comprehensive new service for 0-19-year-olds across Oxfordshire, which ensures children at risk of abuse and neglect are protected and that families who need extra help are identified at an early stage. Applications received during the first round of the £1m grant scheme were assessed by a cross-party working group of councillors which made recommendations to the council's Cabinet. Six community groups planning to run 'open access' children's services were successful and will receive funding worth £163,000 from the scheme. They are:

- Butterfly Meadows (Bloxham) - £29,384
- Carterton Town Council - £30,000
- Bridges (Oxford) - £30,000
- Grandpont Nursery (Oxford) - £35,600
- St Nicholas Primary School (Marston) - £8,000
- Sharing Life Trust (Thame) - £30,000

A further eight bids were supported in principle by the working group, but deferred to the second round of bids so that further work can be carried out on their business models. The panel refused just three bids – in these cases the eligibility criteria were not met.

HEALTH INEQUALITIES COMMISSION REPORT

Oxfordshire's Commission on Health Inequalities has published its recommendations to narrow the health and wellbeing gaps which divide communities in the county. The Commission was set up earlier this year by the Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board. Its members came from health, local authority and voluntary sectors. Public sessions were held at venues across the county and evidence was taken from a wide range of statutory, voluntary and private sector organisations. The Commission heard that Oxfordshire, overall, is an affluent county with relatively low levels of deprivation, but there are significant variations. Among the 60 recommendations made by the Commission are:

- An integrated transport strategy to reduce social isolation
- Greater investment in prevention of ill health

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- Employers to promote the health of working people
- Greater integration of health and social care and more support for unpaid carers
- Public sector organisations should review their buildings and land which might be used for key worker and affordable housing
- Promotion of physical activity and exercise among vulnerable groups
- More provision for mental health services

The next steps for the Commission will be to promote the findings of the report and for discussion of what can be achieved through local action.

OXFORD PARKWAY/CITY CENTRE OPENING

The link between Oxford Parkway and the city centre opened at the beginning of December with a journey of just 8 minutes. The Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Grayling, attended the opening. OCC Leader Ian Hudspeth took the opportunity of talking to not just about railways, but also the road problems in Oxfordshire, particularly with regard to the A34, A40 A420. Ian went on to remind the SoS that if we are to the projected extra houses and jobs, then OCC needs funding for the infrastructure to deliver sustainable development.



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