

North Moreton Parish Council

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18/988 Financial matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of payments. It was proposed DT, seconded SH and carried that the following invoices be paid: Parish Clerk's wages, expenses, PAYE, SODC for Dog Waste Bins Emptying and Azalea Landscapes for grass cutting. Current financial situation. AW presented the current financial situation – attachments 2 & 3. Clerk took the councillors through the draft 2019/20 Budget line by line – attachment 4. Councillors to review revised draft budget once requested changes have been made by Clerk and circulated. Councillor Harrison proposed that the 2019-2020 Precept be set at £8500. Both budget and precept to be reviewed and approved at the Jan'19 Meeting. Clerk reported that after much chasing he had finally received confirmation over the phone that the 2017/18 NMPC Accounts had been signed off by the external auditor. Councillor Tebworth to purchase 2 bottles of wine up to the value of £25:00 as a thank you gift for the Internal Auditor. Clerk to write to Councillor Murphy to seek clarification on whether her fund would pay for services such as Tree Pollarding. 	ALL DT AW
18/989 Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AW presented the current planning application situation – attachment 5 	
18/990 Highways and Transport	<p>Transport Report</p> <p>There is no change to the availability of public transport to the village but discussions are in hand about a volunteer driver group for North Moreton. Discussions are also being held with the DVTG later this month (26th) to look at alternative transport options for the villages, depending on need and support.</p>	
18/991 Recreation and Playground matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIS to contact Jenks to arrange for a review of the trees to enquire if any need pollarding and obtain a quote if necessary. CIS confirmed that all the actions identified in this year's RoSPA Report had been dealt with. CIS reported that he had received a quote for £95.00 to install some mushrooms next to the see saw in the children's playground. Councillors unanimously agreed to this purchase. VG to talk to MCC and ask them to clear their metal barriers from the ditch in the Rushcroft. CIS to see whether the football goalposts need to be moved as the new cricket nets have encroached on one side of the pitch. CIS to replace the fencing staves in the playground. 	CIS CIS VG CIS CIS
18/992 Risk assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RT signed off appropriate parts on the current Risk Assessment Checklist. - attachment 6 	
18/993 Respond to Communications as the Chairman may direct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair has emailed the the OCC Footpaths Officer to check whether the increased vehicular use of Back Lane is permissible. 13/11: Ongoing 	RPT
18/994 Attend to any other business at the Chairman's discretion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair confirmed that she is in the process of selling the old playground slide to a villager for £50:00. Chair to pass the £50.00 to Clerk for banking. Chair confirmed that the Asset of Community Value listing is due for renewal early in the New Year after its current 5-year term expires. Chair to chase office to ensure that renewal form arrives in time. 	RPT RPT
18/995 Date of Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 8th January 2019 	
Closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RT declared the meeting closed at 21:20 hrs 	

Signed:

Date:

Attachments:

1. Agenda
2. Financial Statements
3. Expenditure against Budget 2018-2019
4. Draft Budget 2019-2020
5. Planning Applications
6. Risk assessment checklist
7. SODC Monthly Report

SODC A Conservative District Councillor's View (Or What The Council Is Doing)

November 2018.

Planning

Renewable energy workshop for neighbourhood plans

District councillors and neighbourhood planning groups are invited to attend our Renewable Energy Workshop on Wednesday 21 November.

The event, run in association with the Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE), will be a fantastic opportunity to discover how neighbourhood plans could take advantage of renewable energy and address the issues of climate change. It will focus on:

- identifying potential renewable energy resources in the neighbourhood
- expressing support for specific forms of renewable energy
- identifying suitable sites
- promoting a more sustainable future

The workshop is being held in our offices at 135 Eastern Avenue between 1pm and 4.30pm.

We expect this event to be popular, so are working on a first come, first served basis. Anyone wishing to attend should register online before 5pm on Wednesday 14 November at:

<https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=74&o=9492&url=https%3A%2F%2Fsurvey.southandvale.gov.uk%2Fs%2Frenewable%2F&a=0>

BBC article on Great Western Park

You may have seen a story on the BBC last week critical of transport and access issues on new housing developments, which mentioned Great Western Park. The article stated that residents there

have difficulty getting on and off the estate and suggested residents were forced into climbing a fence to get around. The report also incorrectly suggested there was no access through to Milton Park, despite the recent re-opening of the foot tunnel under the railway line.

We're investigating the issue raised about the fence to see if it's a genuine issue and one we're able to influence with the developers, but we also wanted to let you know that, despite the BBC article being critical, the report it was based on actually praised Great Western Park and its transport and other community facilities. You can read the full report the article was based on [here](#).

Expressway update

Following the government's Expressway corridor announcement in September, the Growth Board met to consider its implications for Oxfordshire.

After the meeting, the chair of the Growth Board, Cllr Jane Murphy, wrote to Highways England and the Secretary of State for Transport outlining our concerns about the lack of clarity on the preferred route around Oxford. You can read the full letter on the Growth Board's website.

<https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=74&o=9492&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.oxfordshiregrowthboard.org%2Fmore-clarity-on-oxford-to-cambridge-expressway-required%2F&a=0>

Neighbourhood Plan updates

We now have 12 made plans in the district, most recently The Baldons, Warborough & Shillingford, Benson and Watlington.

Referendums will be held for Chalgrove and Little Milton on Thursday 22 November.

The examinations of the Goring, Cholsey and Pyrton plans are ongoing, with the final report for Pyrton expected in early November.

Motions Before Council

- A. Motion proposed by Councillor Ian White, seconded by Councillor Alan Thompson: "That Council agrees the principle that all new housing planning permissions of more than 75 Homes should be provided with an on-site publicly available defibrillator and asks officers to explore whether it is feasible to bring forward the necessary planning policies to achieve this".

Mrs Mantle addressed Council in support of the motion. The provision of more accessible defibrillators in residential areas will increase the chances of survival. Councillors expressed support for the motion.

Housing and population growth necessitated an increase in the availability of defibrillators. This provision would make a positive impact on survival rates and assist the ambulance service and medical professionals.

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- B. Motion proposed by Councillor Lynn Lloyd, seconded by Councillor Felix Bloomfield: “That Council asks officers to investigate opportunities to better promote the River Thames for tourism and leisure activities for all residents especially young people in the district”.

Councillors highlighted the many activities and options available for tourism and leisure activities on the River Thames. A number raised concern regarding access from rural areas, slipways access, overgrown vegetation on the banks of the river and the need for more and improved moorings.

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- C. Motion proposed by Councillor Anna Badcock, seconded by Councillor Nigel Champken-Woods: “That Council recognises the important contribution made by our local health services and requests that the leader writes to the Clinical Commissioning Group to re-state our support for continued joint working with the district council”.

With the consent of Council, the mover and seconder of the original motion accepted amended wording to include reference to joint working with the county council. Councillors noted that an improved working relationship between the sectors could assist with a better understanding of the needs of residents.

- D. RESOLVED: That Council recognises the important contribution made by our local health services and requests that the leader writes to the Clinical Commissioning Group to re-state our support for continued joint working with the district council and county council.

Motion proposed by Councillor Ian Snowdon, with the agreement of Council in the absence of Councillor Paul Harrison, seconded by Councillor Toby Newman: “That Council asks officers to investigate opportunities for adopting new digital communication channels to provide residents with regular updates as part of the council’s long term technology strategy. Officers are asked to consider the scope for joint working with a range of partners, such as parish councils and Oxfordshire County Council, to develop an integrated approach to provision of community information across the district”.

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such as parish councils and Oxfordshire County Council, to develop an integrated approach to provision of community information across the district.

- E. Motion proposed by Councillor Bill Service, seconded by Councillor Lynn Lloyd: “That Council recognises the important contribution made by our local police force and requests that the leader writes to the police and crime commissioner to re-state our support for continued joint working with the district council on community safety issues for our residents”

Councillors noted the important initiatives introduced as a result of joint working on the Community Safety Partnership including Pub Watch and Drink Watch.

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- F. Motion proposed by Councillor Toby Newman, seconded by Councillor David NimmoSmith: “That Council agrees the principle that all major planning applications should consider options to facilitate cycle hire schemes where appropriate and asks officers to consider whether it is feasible to bring forward the formal planning policies that would be necessary to achieve this”.

Councillors highlighted the need to encourage more cycling as part of a sustainable transport policy with associated health benefits.

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- G. Motion proposed by Councillor Caroline Newton, seconded by Councillor David Dodds: “That Council asks the leader to write to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to urge the Government to intensify pressure on manufacturers to reduce the production of non-recyclable plastic”

Whilst supporting the motion a number of councillors raised the following points: • problems arose with discarded plastics which impact on the environment and wildlife;

- non-recyclable plastics are incinerated to provide energy;
- there remains public confusion regarding which plastics are recyclable

RESOLVED: That Council asks the leader to write to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to urge the Government to intensify pressure on manufacturers to reduce the production of non-recyclable plastic.



Business Awards launch

Our Economic Development Team launched the first-ever South and Vale Business Awards on 31 October at Cornerstone.

The launch and networking event explained how you can nominate successful businesses in our region for one or more of the seven award categories.

You can register to find out more information on the awards on the SO Business website <http://www.so-business.co.uk/svba/awards-events-promotion/>

For more information on the work the team do to help businesses in our district email Economic Development at:

economic.development@southandvale.gov.uk or call 01235 422213.

New online services from Thames Valley Police

If you need to get in touch with Thames Valley Police to find out about, or assist with, ongoing cases, or to contact an officer or department directly, you can now do so online by using their new contact form. If you want to speak to someone by phone then please call 101.

To report a crime or missing person you should use this report form at:

<https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=67&o=9492&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.thamesvalley.police.uk%2Fcontact%2Fcontact-us%2F&a=0>

Proposed changes to Housing Allocations Policy

We have opened a consultation on South and Vale's Housing Allocations Policy, which sets out how we will assess applications to join the housing register and how to allocate social housing within the districts.

You can read a summary of the proposed changes here

https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=69&o=9492&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dropbox.com%2Fs%2Fyeh7m2ffj846523%2Fsummary_of_proposed_changes.final2.pdf%3Fdl%3D0&a=0

and the full policy is available here:



https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=69&o=9492&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dropbox.com%2Fs%2Fz3q8ddbzkrarkum%2FHAP_DRAFT_final.pdf%3Fdl%3D0&a=0

You can submit your comments online until 5pm on 26 November at:

<https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=69&o=9492&url=https%3A%2F%2Fsurvey.outhandvale.gov.uk%2Fs%2FHAP2018%2F&a=0>

If you have any further queries on the consultation, please contact the Community Engagement Team on 01235 422600.

Gigabit scheme

Let your local businesses and residents know that they can apply for the government's gigabit scheme that supports communities to achieve a better broadband connection.

The scheme is designed for small and medium businesses to access up to £3,000 worth of vouchers to upgrade their internet connection.

Groups of residents can also apply for a voucher of up to £500 for each domestic connection - as long as a local business is involved in the scheme and is the main beneficiary.

Businesses and residents can check their eligibility via gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/

Modern slavery awareness

As part of Anti-Slavery Day on 18 October, the Community Safety Team have been distributing more of our modern slavery stickers in our public toilets to help raise awareness of the issue. The stickers provide a free helpline number for anyone who may be trapped in modern slavery.

For more information please see our Modern Slavery guidance, this will help you recognise possible signs of modern slavery that you may come across in your day to day work.

It also sets out what you should do if you suspect that someone is being exploited.

Purple Tuesday - accessible shopping day

Please help spread the word to local retailers that Purple Tuesday is taking place on Tuesday 13 November. This special day aims to encourage shops across the country to make shopping more inclusive and accessible for disabled customers.

You can find out more information about Purple Tuesday and let your local independent shops know, they can get some guidance on how to make their property more accessible by going to purpletuesday.org.uk.

Waste and Recycling

Reporting missed bin collections

Some councillors have asked for a reminder on how people should report missed bins.

If a resident needs to report a missed bin they should contact Biffa:

- online by visiting southoxon.gov.uk/missedbins before midnight on the next working day after the collection was due
- by calling 03000 610610 before 5pm on the next working day.

Crews will only return to collect a missed bin if it was originally put out before 7am on the scheduled collection day.

There are some occasions when crews can't collect a bin – for example, if the bin was not put out in time. If a resident has put the wrong items in their recycling, or the bin was too heavy or overflowing, then the crew will place a tag on the bin to explain why it wasn't collected and will attempt to collect it on the next scheduled collection.

If there are repeat problems at a property or a specific area, Biffa will investigate. If a collection is missed at the same property on a number of occasions, and the issue is not resolved by Biffa, residents should email waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk and we will investigate.

Reminder; Cooking oil recycling

We've just introduced a new cooking oil recycling service for residents as part of our food waste collections.

After cooking and once it has cooled, any leftover oil can be poured into a plastic bottle no bigger than one litre in size. The bottle and its contents can then be placed into the kerbside food waste caddy, along with other food waste, and put out for the weekly collection. For those who don't want to use a plastic bottle, oil can also be poured straight into the caddy along with other food waste.

One litre of cooking oil can generate enough electricity to make 240 cups of tea!

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