

NUFFIELD ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 8PM ON 10th November 2022

Present

Mrs M. Anderson (Councillor), Mrs K Wheeler (Clerk), Mrs G. Austin (Chair), Mr P Neagle (Cllr), Mr. D Wood (Councillor), Mr. D. Passmore (Councillor), Members of the public – 2

1. Apologies

OCC Councillor Felix Bloomfield, Cllr. Jo Robb (SODC)

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial interests

None

3. Confirmation of the minutes of 20th September 2022

These minutes were agreed and signed by the chair.

4. Actions and matters arising from those minutes

a. Dog bin – Huntercombe area – sadly we have gone full circle and as the dog bins are not on relevant land, SODC would not replace them with normal bins and will not remove them. Clerk to discuss with HRA for solution due to cost of maintaining these bins.

May farm bus stop bin – clerk to chase progress by SODC.

b. Motorbike Noise and speeding in the Village

Motorbike noise – No response received to Nuffield PC. However, further letters were sent on 3rd October by a collection of parishes along the A4074/A4130. In addition, Crowmarsh Parish Council have advised that the Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Barber, and members of the Thames Valley Roads Policing team, are planning to attend their Parish Council meeting on Thursday 8th December to discuss concerns about speeding traffic. An invitation has been extended to Nuffield PC to attend and our chair will be attending the meeting to share concerns of Nuffield Parish.

Cllr Dave Wood to send further communication ahead of the meeting on the 8th.

Cllr Gill Austin and/or Cllr Dave Passmore to attend Crowmarsh meeting.

Speeding in the Village

Multiple other FMS tickets raised including a request for a meeting to discuss traffic calming but as yet no progress. Councillors agreed to approach OCC Councillor Felix Bloomfield to discuss having a speed survey through the village (outside of the holidays) and, at key times of day. Clerk to action.

c. Request from Huntercombe Golf Club to alter the 30mph sign coming into Nuffield - Site line for golfers crossing – raised with OCC/FMS and contact with local Highways Officer but no progress to date. As funding is potentially available from the golf club to assist clerk to provide quotation for lower gate style signage which could resolve issue for golfers crossing the road and, help highlight speed for entering the village.

d. Donation request by HRA and Oakley Court residents – Oakley Court have had a member of the public come forward to donate a defib so this item can be closed. HRA – Parish does not have the funds at present – clerk to communicate.

e. General maintenance - handyman has completed jobs identified to Parish assets during October. Items mentioned relating to bus stop roof is still to be scheduled but two volunteers have offered assistance.

Roads - pot hole along Timbers lane by golf course now filled.

Whitcalls lane sign – due to be fixed 09.11.22

Curbs/gutters throughout village need deep clean of grass.

Foot path in village broken up.

Churchfield flooding – resident to provide photos to help support FMS ticket.

Grass cutting – clerk to review schedule of works

6. Holy Trinity Nuffield

Attendance at the open meeting on 15th October was disappointing though those who did attend were all positive except one. The Church reports that there is a real possibility of the church being closed and the building sold to a private developer. Whilst the church acknowledges that only a very few villagers currently wish to worship in the building others do want it to be available for weddings, funerals and christenings, and a third group would like it to be available for events and activities and as a place for people to come together.

7. Report OCC

The road closure at Huntercombe End has been due to a mains water leak.

Cllr Felix Bloomfield noted that the highways team should be pruning tree and vegetation on Gangsdown Hill very shortly, for highway safety. In addition, the electronic speed display at the bottom of the hill is also scheduled to be replaced following its vandalism.

Cllr Felix Bloomfield is also going to assist in investigating the responsibility for the grass cutting and path clearing works as it is possible that this is OCC which would provide savings to the Parish Council.

8. Report from SODC

Provided separately – published on Parish website.

9. Planning

Received NEW

P22/S0527/FUL

Warren Cottage Nuffield Lane near Nuffield

P22/S3889/DIS, Discharge of conditions 3 (schedule of materials), 5 (surface water drainage), 6 (foul drainage) & 7 (glass coating for external glazing) on application P22/S0527/FUL. (Demolition of existing domestic dwelling and the erection of a new dwelling)

Decision due 6th December 2022

[P22/S3770/HH](#)

Warren Cottage Nuffield Lane near Nuffield

Demolition of existing garages and erection of new triple garage and workshop.

Decision due 12th December 2022

[P22/S3836/HH,](#)

Warren Lodge Nuffield Lane near Nuffield

Erection of a new triple garage, storage and plant room.

[P22/S3567/DIS,](#)

Fairway House Nuffield Oxfordshire

Discharge of condition 4 (Tree Protection) under application number P22/S1930/HH (Extension of existing detached garage to form additional garage space on ground floor and extended annex above. Construction of single garden building to rear of dwelling.)

Decisions made

[P22/S3232/HH](#)

Oakingham House Whitcalls Lane Nuffield

Two arrays solar panels to be installed on the roof.

SODC Granted

[P22/S2855/HH](#)

Oakingham House Whitcalls Lane Nuffield RG9 5TF

Small extension to the pool house plant room.

SODC Granted

[P22/S1544/HH](#)

Upper House Farm Nuffield RG9 5TB

Conversion of existing garage to facilitate a staff accommodation annex on the ground floor. Replacement of existing pool house on the same location.

SODC GRANTED

Awaiting decisions

[P22/S3270/LDP](#)

HMP Huntercombe, Huntercombe Place near Nuffield

Erection of a single storey modular building.

Target decision 1st November

[P22/S3277/FUL](#)

HMP Huntercombe

Proposed erection of a fence with secondary fencing within the secure perimeter

Target decision 2nd November

P22/S3666/HH

Howberrywood Farm Newnham Hill

Proposal for new swimming pool and construction of new brick and flint and timber boarded plantroom addition to the already consented new guest barn range

Decision due 7th December 2022

10. Playground

Refurb request – Clerk submitted grant application 09.11.22. Should the grant be successful, a working group to be established to discuss and agree the plans which may include potential additional fund raising.

11. Huntercombe Residents Assoc.

Contribution requested for a number of items. Parish reserves are lower than normal so hold until November full budget review. The Parish does not have the funds at present – clerk to communicate.

12. Footpaths

An issue is arising which causes some concern along the well used FP Nuffield 10. The section of NU10 going south from it's junction with FP NU34 towards what is marked on the map as the Ridgeway Farmhouse was fenced in along it's western edge a few years ago. On the other, eastern, side there is a fairly broad strip of land between the path and the field beyond containing a very large hedge which is now overgrowing. Year by year that hedge has grown closer to the footpath and is now crowding it.

The landowner has the primary responsibility to maintain hedges alongside public rights of way.

Councillor Gill Austin – to assist in establishing ownership.

13. Correspondence

Further complaints regarding condition of the playground
Speeding

14. Finance

a. Payments:

Gill Austin £219.82 – Jubilee expenses, Fred's Field annual rent £30, Handyman £288, £441.29 SODC dog bins

b. Income - None

c. Bank balance £7,218.22 – 9th November 2022

d. Draft 2023/2024 budget. Discussed and agreed that it is likely that the precept will need to be increased for 2023/24. Ahead of January meeting clerk to review potential cost savings.

15. Chairman's Business

We are still short of a councillor – Advert distributed but no responses.

Golf course winter plan received – however the club do work closely with SODC on any plans to clear foliage/trees. Biodiversity has been considered and a high volume of wild flowers have been planted and 20 species of butterflies were identified.

Next Litter Pick – 26th Nov 10am. Clerk to communicate and request collection from Biffa/SODC.

16. Public comment

None

17. AOB

Plan dates for 2023!!!! 8pm venue The Crown, Maker Space.

19th Jan

9th Mar

3rd May (Thursday is elections)

7th Sept

2nd Nov

It was agreed that a payment of £100 should be made to Maker Space for the use of the meeting venue for 2022.

Meeting closed at 10:28pm