

NUFFIELD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD AT 8PM ON 25th May 2023

Present

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

1. Apologies

Cllr Dave Passmore, OCC Councillor Felix Bloomfield

2. Confirmation of the minutes from 17th May 2022

These minutes were agreed and signed by the chair after noting an error in the next meeting date section that has been amended.

3. Chairman's Annual Report 2022/23

See separate report

4. Oxfordshire Council Councillor's Annual Report

No report supplied

5. South Oxfordshire District Councillor's Annual Report

Separate report uploaded to website

6. Holy Trinity Nuffield Church Annual Report

The church has remained open for worship by a small, mainly elderly, congregation with a service held virtually every week. We have been grateful for the ministry of the Rev Mark Ainsworth as Priest-in-charge and Rev Ian Thacker (now retired as chaplain of HMP Huntercombe). Other services have been led by John Erbeta.

That the church has been open every day for private prayer and for visitors is thanks to the faithful service of David and Mary Edwards. The income from donations for refreshments and car park use and the sale of small handicrafts and second-hand books (and other fundraising activities) has been essential for the continued life of the church.

The church has remained unable to host any other activities since the sale of the rectory. Proposed alterations to the interior of the building to enable its use as a community space were delayed by Covid and the lack of a treasurer to produce church accounts required by potential funding organisations. These delays resulted in a general loss of interest in the village in the project; an Open Meeting in October 2022 was very poorly attended. A proposal by the project committee to 'kickstart' the project this Spring has had to be postponed due to a decision by the Archdeacon of Dorchester to convene a meeting with the Area Bishop, the Priest-in-Charge and the churchwardens to discuss the long term future of our church. Options to be discussed will undoubtedly include the closure of the church and its eventual sale.

Catherine Erbeta (PCC Secretary)

May 2023

7. Playground annual report

The playground report showed that remedial work was needed. The Parish Council applied for a grant and successfully received £6000 early in 2023. A working group have cleared overgrown foliage and are now working on a plan for new equipment and refurbishment of existing.

8. Chiltern Society Footpath Annual Report

During the winter and spring I have visited Nuffield paths on 14 occasions to check that all were clear with no obstructions and to carry out minor maintenance such as refreshing painted signs and keeping growth off the paths. Notwithstanding the cold spring there was sufficient new growth by May to warrant starting the early summer trimming programme to keep unwanted plants from becoming a nuisance to walkers.

In the last report in September I mentioned my concerns about Nuffield FP10 but happily the maintenance volunteers from the Chiltern Society (SCPMV) were able to respond to my request for help and they sent out a team with brush cutters in November. They did a very thorough job of clearing the path and the adjoining verge and shrubs so hopefully it won't need clearing again this year. I helped a little on the day but also took the opportunity to replace broken waymark discs in the vicinity.

Last September I noticed the stile on Nuffield Hill to access NU FP2 was damaged and rocky to the extent of being potentially dangerous to users. Because of this, I reported it to OCC Countryside and next time I was passing in November, I noted it had been repaired. Another thing I reported, this time to SCPMV, was the broken waymark post at the bottom of the hill on NU FP8 and that was replaced by this January.

In March I noticed 'woodland for sale' signs in Groveridge Wood and, it turned out, a plot from the wood was soon sold. This has happened in several surrounding woodlands and, very sadly, some have become full of plots marked and divided by barbed wire. It does seem ironic that after so many years, perhaps hundreds of years, of husbandry of the woods, this is the best we can come up with.

Generally, though, most of the paths in the Parish are in good condition and I will continue to monitor and maintain them.

John Case

Chiltern Society Parish Path Representative, 22nd May 2023

9. **Open forum** – all electors are welcome to raise any issue relating to local government with reference to the Parish of Nuffield

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1. Apologies

Mr. D. Passmore (Councillor), OCC Councillor Felix Bloomfield

2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial interests

None

3. Election to office

- **Chair** – Cllr Gill Austin nominated by Cllr D Wood. Seconded by Cllr Mary Anderson
- **Vice chair** - Cllr Dave Passmore nominated by Cllr D Wood. Seconded by Cllr Gill Austin
- **Councillors** – Cllr Peter Neagle, Cllr Dave Wood, Cllr Mary Anderson nominated by Cllr G Austin. Seconded by Cllr Mary Anderson. Cllr D Wood.
- **Matt Byrne** – Councillors agreed to co-opt Matt Byrne as the 6th Councillor

4. Confirmation of the minutes of 17th May 2022 and 30th March 2023

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5. Actions and matters arising from those minutes

a. Dog bin – Huntercombe prison have removed the dog bin in their car park and are to replace with a grey bin (clerk to confirm that the grey bin is in place). The bin near the fields is not on an adopted road and has now also been removed. SODC have been requested to stop collections for both bins. It was discussed that it would be of benefit to meet with the Liaison with the prison on a more regular basis. Clerk to provide intro via Huntercombe residents association

b. Motorbike Noise and speeding in the Village

This continues to be an issue but as a Parish Council there is not sufficient budget to make many changes and the joint approach from various local parishes has not been responded to with any activity from the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Next step - Superintendent Lewis Prescott-Mayling of Thames Valley Police, has accepted an invitation from Crowmarsh Parish Council to attend a meeting to discuss the ongoing speeding problems we have all encountered. The meeting will be held on the evening of Thursday 29th June, starting at 7.00pm at the following address: Crowmarsh Pavilion, The Recreation Ground, Bellamy Way, Crowmarsh Gifford, Wallingford OX10 8FN.

Clerk to send communication asking for residents to share their experience of noise and speed before 29th June.

c. Grass cutting – now with P Wyatt to carry out as agreed. Playground completed and layby scheduled end May. Clerk to ask for clear of Freds field brambles.

6. Holy Trinity Nuffield

No update beyond the annual report. Friends of Nuffield Church – continue to support the fabric of the church.

7. Report OCC

No report.

8. Report from SODC

Provided separately – published on Parish website.

9. Planning

Received NEW & Awaiting decisions

P23/S1567/DIS

Howberrywood Farm Newnham Hill Henley-on-thames

Discharge of condition 3b(submission of details) on application refs. P22/S4329/S73 & P22/S4327/LB Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of P21/S2764/HH (Demolition of existing C20th extensions to historic farmhouse and construction of new brick and flint and timber boarded addition.

Construction of new brick and flint walls and timber boarded guest barn to reinstate lost historic barn and farmyard enclosure. Alterations to existing surviving historic barn) - for the revised position of the chimney.

Target decision 15th June 2023 (not subject to public consultation.

P23/S1279/FUL

HMP Huntercombe Huntercombe Place Nuffield Henley-on-Thames

Proposed erection of a 5.2m Fence within the secure perimeter of HMP Huntercombe

P23/S1274/LDP

HMP Huntercombe, Nuffield

The erection of modular units.

Target decision 16th June 2023

Decisions received

P23/S1186/HH

Elderberry Cottage Howberry Lane Nuffield RG9 5SU

Reconfiguration of ground floor of existing garage building to form games room and spare bedroom and en-suite.

SODC Granted

P23/S1019/DIS

Howberrywood Farm Newnham Hill

Discharge of condition 3d (Schedule of external materials for extension and outbuilding (photograph and written specification)) applications P21/S2764/HH & P22/S4327/LB (Demolition of existing C20th extensions to historic farmhouse and construction of new brick and flint and timber boarded addition. Construction of new brick and flint walls and timber boarded guest barn to reinstate lost historic barn and farmyard enclosure. Alterations to existing surviving historic barn).P23/S0440/FUL

Full discharged

P23/S0440/FUL

Wentworth Ipsden Heath Ipsden

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a new five bedroom dwelling and new facilities to allow for the ongoing use of the small holding.

SODC granted (sign conditions)

P23/S0508/S73

Land South of Huntercombe Sewage Treatment Works Huntercombe near Nuffield

Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans), 3 (ecological report) & 4 (arboricultural method statement) on application P17/S3423/FUL - revisions to the scheme and additional/ revised arboricultural and ecological reports (Lay approximately 190m of nominal 160mm foul sewerage to transfer Nuffield Place, Cobb House, Travellers Shaw, Chiltern House, Vane House, Park Wood House and Nuffield Court from private sewage treatment plant to public sewer. Conduct minor remedial work to existing sewerage system).

SODC granted

P23/S0430/HH

Elderberry Cottage Howberry Lane Nuffield RG9 5SU

Installation of outdoor swimming pool

SODC Granted

10. Playground

Refurbishment – grant has been received for £6,000. A working group is being managed by Cllr Matt Byrne and are developing a proposal for the Parish Council to approve ahead of any works being progressed. A working party helped clear some of the foliage for the Coronation volunteering day. Quotes received for the introduction of slide and a few other further items is within budget. Cllr's agreed to move forward.

11. Huntercombe Residents Assoc.

Nothing specific raised except whether some monies could be provided towards their play area. Clerk to investigate applying for more grants.

12. Oakley Court residents

Nothing to report.

13. Footpaths

No further correspondence.

14. Correspondence

Speeding on Timbers Lane. Playground ideas – wooden items and gym equipment Swyncombe Parish Council. Request for support to implement 20mph to Huntercombe End Lane.

15. Finance

- a. Payments: OALC membership for 2023/24 £156, SODC last bin pymt £441.29, £47.93 domain, P Wyatt £25 grass cut, D wood litter pick drinks £22.70, Wix renewal £41.88
- b. Income - £4107.50 Precept
- c. Bank balance £14,653.19– 18th May 2023
- d. Auditor - to be appointed for 2023/24 (note Ferndale now retired)
- e. Approve account 2022/23

16. Chairman's Business

None

17. Public comment

None

18. AOB

- a) Next meeting - 7th Sept 2023
- b) Clerk vacancy – Annette Young appointed as new clerk to Nuffield
- c) Meeting closed at 9.52pm