



**OVERSTONE
Parish Council**



MINUTES ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**The Annual Parish Meeting for Overstone was held virtually on Tuesday 4th
May 2021 at 7.00pm**

1. Record Attendance and Apologies

Cllrs John Austin, Angela Taylor, Steve Townsend, Dave Spooner, Steve Betts, Emma Weston, John Speechley

Sue Petitt, Lorna McGoldrick - Clerk

Apologies: None

2. The Chairman Welcomed

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present

3. Accept Minutes of previous Parish Meeting held on May 7th 2019

The Council **resolved** to Accept Minutes of the previous Meeting.

4. Progress and Matters Arising from Minutes on the 7th May 2019

None

5. Receive Report from the Parish Council – Chairman, Cllr John Austin

Chairman's Report

Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE)

Construction of SUE comprising Overstone Leys and Overstone Green slowed down due to the pandemic, however as we move into 2021 the development has gained pace and will probably catch up.

Overstone Leys 1a and 1b is complete 82 dwelling, which are now occupied. Planning approval has been given for Zones 1, 2 & 3 and consists of 379 houses, Phase 2 for 350 houses and is about to go to planning for reserved matters.

Overstone Green, 1600 houses is at Outline Planning stage and will probably be approved later this year. Planning applications are coming in regularly for the Parish Council to review and we have been meeting with the developers and planners from Daventry District Council, Aldi and David Wilson Homes.

The Nursing Home on Overstone Leys planning approval is imminent.

New Residents

The next challenge is to integrate our new residents of Overstone Parish and we aim to do this during 2021-2022. Part of that is the positioning of a new Parish Council notice board in the new development.

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

The NDP is progressing and is about to go to examination stage, subsequent to a change in the law Overstone Parish Council was able to include the whole Parish. Initially the designated area was Overstone Village only. The designated area is now the whole Parish, which effectively meant we had to restart the process over again. The efforts paid off and the revised NDP has completed regulation 16 and is about to go the examiner, our thanks to Cllr Betts, and the NDP Committee, for progressing this matter with such diligence.

West Northamptonshire Unitary

Daventry District Council ceased to exist when the new Unitary Authority came into being on the 1st April 2021. Overstone continues to be in the Moulton ward however this now consists of Overstone, Walgrave, Holcot, Hannington, Pitsford Boughton, Church with Chapel Brampton, Spratton, Harlestone and Moulton.

Overstone Hall/ Church Farm Fields

During the last year we purchased Church Farm Fields, which brings us onto Overstone Hall. There is no news on the development of the Hall and the threat to Church Farm fields has gone away because OPC purchased the land that had been under threat.

Defibrillator

The Defibrillator, thanks to Cllr Taylor has been refurbished and is now in working order and fully registered.

Footpaths

The footpaths, which were becoming over-grown have been cleared throughout the village, by Hayes wood

6. District Councillor Report – None

7. County Councillor Report –

County Cllr J Shephard

Northamptonshire County Council Final Annual Report 2021

I was first elected your County Councillor for the Moulton Division in May 1997 and I have finally decided to retire some 24 years later, so this is my final report.

During my time on NCC I have served on many different committees and have chaired the Community Committee, the Adult Social Care and Health Committee twice, and the Development Control Committee twice! I was also elected Chairman of all the Select Committees of the Council. I was a member of the Nifty and the East Anglia Flood Committee. I was the NCC representative of the Northamptonshire Cadet Forces and was an Executive Member of SSAFA. I am also a member of Boughton Parish Council for almost 50 years and served a short term as its Chairman. I have also been a Member of the Richard Humphreys Charity since the early 1980s and have been its Chairman for the last 19 years.

In 2008 – 2010 I served two consecutive terms as Chairman of the Council, which was a great and unforgettable honour. I sponsored two charities: SSAFA (The Armed Forces

Charity) and Face Fax (a local head, neck and throat cancer charity founded by my sister) and raised over £17,000 during my terms as Chairman. I was privileged to meet, countywide and further afield, many inspirational people in all walks of life who have made exceptional contributions to our lives. My highlights of that time, apart from being presented to several members of the Royal Family and attending several Garden Parties, were my two civic dinners. My first guest speaker was General Sir Richard Dennett, then Head of the Army, and, secondly, Admiral Sir Trevor Soar, First Sea Lord. He invited me on a two-day trip aboard the Frigate HMS Westminster from South Shields to Portsmouth (a truly unrepeatable experience!).

When I first became a County Councillor in 1997, I had 16 villages in my division, including Althorp, which was reeling at that time over Princess Diana's untimely death. It was a very sharp learning curve as I was certainly plunged in at the deep end! Today, I have 13 villages and during my 24 years I have attended many, many parish council meetings and Annual Meetings and met a vast array of talented and dedicated parishioners, councillors and Chairmen, I have attended site visits, facilitated meetings and spoken publicly to help protect our cherished local heritage. I was a champion of Moulton Library, which was under threat of closure. I have keenly locked horns with and challenged burdensome bureaucratic decisions on many diverse issues on my constituents' behalf in my quest for fairness, openness and progress.

The County Council will cease to exist next month. Our first NCC Chairman was The Red Earl, Lord Spencer in 1889 and during the Council's 133 years it has seen some remarkable history. Four years ago due to unacceptably poor and creative accounting methods we were placed in special measures and it was decided by Parliament that Northamptonshire would become two Unitary Authorities. During the last two years NCC has made huge strides financially, and we have now balanced the books and will be handing over some £90m to the new unitary councils as they become the fledgling Authorities.

It has been my privilege to be you County Councillor for 24 years! I wish to Thank you all for your kindness, wonderful humour and encouragement over the years. I have very happy memories!

Judy Shephard
County Councillor
Moulton Division
March 2021

8. Other Reports – None

9. Open Forum – Parishioners Question Time – None

10. Date of next meeting - The date of the next Annual Parish Meeting to be confirmed

Meeting closed at 7.30pm

Chairman Overstone Parish Council Date:.....