

MINUTES OF THE NORTH MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 15TH APRIL 2008
AT 8.05 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Symonds, Gillett, Finnemore, Williams, Martin, and Gomm and Sue Mordue (Clerk). 4 members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies** – none
2. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda:** Cllr Martin declared his personal interest in respect of planning application 08/00732/APP.
3. **The minutes of the last meetings** held on Monday 18th March 2008 were confirmed as a true record.
4. **To update on matters arising from the minutes of the last meetings including:**
 - Deadmans Lane Clearance – response received from AVDC that the site did not present a H&S issue and that the increase in rats in neighbouring properties is not the fault of the site as food sources is what they are looking for. Residents have to make their own arrangements for pest control.
 - BT new Poles: BT had removed two poles already and a site visit had been arranged for 17/4/08 to review the remaining two with the Council.
 - Elmers Meadow – maintenance of unadopted grass verge – BCC had been trying to contact the developer who still owns the verge as this was never adopted. No response has been forthcoming so there would be one more attempt at contacting following which a meeting would be held between the BCC, AVDC and Parish to discuss who would take ownership of the verge. The resident had now been maintaining it for over 12 years so could apply for adverse possession if they wished however their preference would be to reinstate as grass and BCC maintain.
 - BCC confirmed the redundant farm building in Jack Selmes field would be demolished as it was unsafe. Clerk to ask for removal of tyres at site as well as they are a fire risk.
 - ARRIVA had responded re the bus incident with Gordon Bowden and advised they had interviewed the driver concerned and the incident is on his record.
5. **Correspondence and other communications received since last meeting included:**
 - BRAG Consultation – the Council resolved it no comments to make.
 - BCC – Transportation extra budget – the clerk asked the Cllrs to advise her if any works were required in their 'patch'. It was suggested that they wash the gates and signs in the village.
 - NERC ACT – Biodiversity Duty event – the Council resolved that no representative would be sent.
6. **North Marston and Granborough Community Sports field:** Update from Cllr Martin and Cllr Gomm that:
 - The Summer Ball fundraiser was being organised along with Quiz nights and a horse racing evening.
 - The Working Party had changed a couple of items on the trim trail so they gave a better opportunity for everyone to use.
 - Quotes are being obtained for a prefab pavilion building.
 - The cricket nets are back up and being used
 - The ground work is having to wait until it is dryer.
 - The school had taken all the children down to visit the field to see what had been achieved already and a competition is being run for them.
7. **Village Shop** – Cllr Finnemore advised that the questionnaire had gone out and the responses received so far were favourable. She reiterated the intention for the shop would be to have a space for locals to sell their produce such as milk, papers, bread etc so it would not be in competition but would instead provide them with an outlet. Ian Toy from ViRSA had offered to come and talk to parishioners if there is sufficient interest in this project. The responses would be collated and circulated.
8. **Finance:**
 - There had been a delay in the receipt of bank statements therefore the clerk would circulate the accounts to end of March and the audit information to be signed off at the next meeting.
 - The Council resolved to issue the following cheques:

• Lynch Garden Services	£90.00
• Clerks Pay and Expenses	£324.81
• AVDC (dog bins)	£271.28
9. **Audit 2007/08:**
 - The Council resolved that the Internal Auditor would be Gus Orchard as last year 2007/08 and 2008/09.

- It was agreed that Cllr Symonds and the Clerk would review the Insurance schedule and make recommendations to the Council at the next meeting.
- It was agreed that Cllr Symonds and the Clerk would undertake a risk assessment of the Parish Council and present recommendations to the Council at the next meeting.

10. The Council discussed the following planning applications and recommendations were that they had NO OBJECTION to:

- 08/00749/APP – Moat Cottage – retrospective - conversion of barn to provide ancillary accommodation
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Cllr Martin withdrew from the Council:
- 08/00732/APP – Land at 4 Granborough Road – creation of new access and separation of driveway
Cllr Martin returned to the Council.
- 08/00757/APP – Land adjacent 39 Quainton Road – erection of 2 ½ storey dwelling and detached garage – this was subject to the roof height being no higher than number 41 Quainton Road.

11. To receive an update on potential breaches of planning permissions:

- **Container off Portway** – the AVDC enforcement officer had taken pictures of the inside of the Container and they were empty. Therefore it is deemed that it has to be assumed that they are for the agricultural use of the land and no change of use would be required.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed

Date