

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR NORTH MARSTON

TUESDAY 20TH MAY 2008
AT 8.00 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Symonds, Gillett, Finnemore, Williams, Martin, and Gomm and Sue Mordue (Clerk). 8 members of the public attended.

1. **Election of the Chairman of the Council:** Cllr Symonds was nominated for the position as Chair and seconded. There being no other nominations he was elected Chair for the next year. The Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office was received by the Clerk.
2. **Apologies** – none
3. **Election of the Vice Chairman of the Council:** Cllr Finnemore was elected Vice Chair for the next year. The Vice Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office was received by the Clerk.
4. **Declarations of acceptance of office:** Cllrs Gillett, Williams, Martin and Gomm all signed their declarations of acceptance of office and these were received by the Clerk.
5. **To appoint representatives to outside bodies:** Cllr Gomm was elected to represent the Parish Council at the NAGs meetings.
6. **To appoint committees/working groups:** The North Marston and Granborough Community Sports Field Working Party was appointed for a further year with Cllr Martin and Cllr Gomm representing the Parish Council on this.
7. **To review and confirm the standing orders:** These were accepted with the change of the date of accepting the new Code of Conduct.
8. **To review and confirm the Terms of Reference for the Sports field Working Party:** these were confirmed with recommendations to the Parish Council for decisions.
9. **Declaration of interest:** Cllr Martin declared his personal and prejudicial interest in respect of the Parish Barn Item 13.
10. **The minutes of the last meetings** held on Tuesday 15th April 2008 were confirmed as a true record.
11. **To update on matters arising** from the minutes of the last meetings including:
 - Update re Deadmans Lane: The Clerk and David Bloomfield AVDC Environmental Health had met with the Smith sisters and had gained their agreement they would clear the site which they had started to do. The girls do not want to move back to the site they just want to grass the verge back over and visit when they wanted. However the site had then been set on fire and the Police are now investigating the arson. As a result the girls now do not want to go back to the site as they are fearful and a relation is encouraging them to register the land as they have had adverse possession of it for over 12 years. The Clerk had spoken with AVDC legal department who advised that unless ownership could be proved otherwise then this is feasible. Cllr Finnemore believed she had records of the land ownership back to Enclosures so will investigate further as she believes the bridleway is the whole extent of the verge and the track, which could prove ownership.
 - BT new Poles - all the offending new poles have been removed except the one outside Yeoman's Cottage as this would require the removal of a few branches from a yew tree in a neighbouring property and the owner will not allow this. Therefore it is now BT's decision whether to remove this pole and pay for underground cabling or not.
12. **To consider correspondence** and other communications received since last meeting:
 - Children's Entertainer AVDC Events will be Thursday 7th August 2.30pm in the Village Hall
 - AVDC Play in the Parishes on Thursday 7th August 2.00pm- 4.30pm, Wednesday 13th August 10.00-12.30pm and Wednesday 20th August 10.00am-12.30pm in the Recreation Field.
 - BCC were notified of the PC Health and Safety concerns over the tyre pile on BCC land at Granborough Road tenanted by Jack Selmes. BCC responded that they are the tenants tyres and therefore they have no say in their removal. However they have passed on the Parish Councils request for their removal on H&S ground to the tenant.
 - Val Newby had written in advising that a footpath was blocked around the Poors Piece land and Cllr Gomm. On investigation it appears that it was not blocked at all but they were not on the footpath which is actually 500yards further up.
13. **Request to use land to side of the Parish Barn as an allotment** by Kevin O'Donaghue – The Council resolved that this piece of land should be advertised to give all parishioners the opportunity to rent it. Advert to be placed in the magazine. It was pointed out that there are 9 unrented allotment plots in Granborough and Cllr Gomm would ask the Granborough Parish Council whether these are to be advertised.
14. **North Marston and Granborough Community Sports field:** Update from Cllr Martin and Cllr Gomm regarding progress: The contractors are due on site shortly and the field has been sprayed in preparation. Quotes are being considered for the car parking and foul water drainage. Cricket is very popular with the nets being used frequently and the junior cricket club on a Friday gaining around 28 children every week. Plant sale went well and it is thought they raised around £250.
15. **Village Shop** –Cllr Finnemore advised that she had received 116 questionnaires back out of 253 sent out which is a very good response rate. The responses were that 109 said it was important to have a shop (13 no), 109 said they would use the shop (13 no) and 103 said they would use Post Office facilities. Ian Toy of ViRSA agreed to visit the village and if he felt the premises and village were suitable he would hold an open meeting for residents to come to a Q&A meeting on a Sunday. AVDC Planning Dept are very much in favour of The

Forge being used for this purpose with the wall being lowered. The Parish Council resolved that Cllr Finnemore could proceed with inviting Ian Toy to visit and gain his guidance.

16. NAGs – Cllr Gomm updated regarding the last NAGs meeting that there had been a fair amount of anti-social behaviour around the villages and Farm watch was moving forward with a meeting to be held on how to monitor this in the future. He requested the joint purchase of a community speedwatch devise. Volunteers would be trained and if people are caught speeding a letter from the Police would be sent on two occasions following which the police would attend and prosecute. It is a preventative measure and the cost would be approx £500 and would require volunteers to man it. Cllr Gomm volunteered. The Council agreed in principal to join in the joint funding of the Community Speedwatch and Cllr Gomm would progress this following feedback from Swanbourne PC and attendance at the next NAG meeting.

17. Planting of bulbs at entrances to village – The Clerk advised that Tricia McSweeney had offered to get together a group of people in the autumn to plant bulbs at the entrances to the village. The Council were very much in favour of this and also suggested the planting of wild flowers.

18. Finance:

- The accounts for the year to date April 2008 were signed off as reviewed.
- The Council resolved to issue the following cheques:

Lynch Garden Services	£90.00
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Archie Dancer Pond	£72.00
Clerks Pay and Expenses (Apr)	£303.68
Lynch Garden Services	£90.00
Allianz Insurance	£2,238.20
E-On	£389.95

19. Audit 2007/08:

- The Clerk and Chairman presented recommendations re Insurance schedule following their review. The Council accepted these recommendations and the Clerk would gain a quotation for increasing some of the cover levels.
- The Clerk and Chairman presented recommendations re Risk Assessment document. The Council accepted the recommendations that this should be a document that can be reviewed and updated and changed at any time.
- The Chairman and the Clerk signed off the Audit Information forms for 2007/08.

20. To discuss planning applications and make recommendations:

- **08/00757/APP – land adjacent 39 Quainton Road** – erection of 2 ½ storey dwelling and detached garage- The Council had incorrectly considered figure 5 rather than figure 4 when discussing this application at the meeting on 15th April 2008. Cllr Symonds had been in touch with AVDC Planning to advise of this error and they are aware that the Council would reconsider the application at this meeting (20/05/08). **The Council resolved to OPPOSE the application** for the following reasons: a) The street scene incorrectly shows number 39 Quainton Road with a two storey extension on it. This is incorrect there is no extension on the house and no permission to do so. b) The property would have grey clad tiles whereas the rest of the street has terracotta therefore this is out of place and not in keeping with the other materials in the vicinity. c) The ridge height of the property should not be higher than either of the 2 neighbouring properties i.e. 39 and 41 Quainton Road and this should be a condition. d) The Parish Council would like to also include its objections to the previous applications.
- **08/01175/APP – 10A Portway** – first floor side extension: the Council resolved it had NO OBJECTIONS to this application

21. To receive an update on potential breaches of planning permissions: Nothing to report.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed

Date