

NORTH MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of North Marston Parish Council held in The Village Hall,
on Tuesday 15th July 2008 at 8.00pm

Attendees: Cllrs Finnemore (acting Chair) Gillett, Williams and Martin and Sue Mordue (Clerk). 6 members of the public attended.

28. **Apologies** – Cllrs Symonds and Gomm.

29. **Open Forum:** residents commented on:

- a. Quainton Road corner near St Johns Lane turning – new kerb has been put in and the road is narrower – request BCC to view in respect of further signage to warn of narrowing road.
- b. Dog Fouling – is a problem again. To be added to agenda next time to consider a new dog bin at the end of the alleyway near 4 Granborough Road.
- c. Pond – the Council and residents have commented on what a good job Archie Dancer is doing in looking after this area – Clerk to write and thank him.
- d. Dog living at 16 Granborough Road keeps roaming free. It is causing mess and got into a garden in Elmers Meadow and ripped up dustbin bags. Concern with fouling in this area and the safety of children when it is roaming freely around. The dog warden has been called on previous occasions. Clerk to write requesting they keep their dog on their own property.

30. **Declaration of interest:** Cllr Martin advised of his prejudicial interest in respect of item 37.

31. **The minutes of the last meetings** held on Tuesday 17th June were confirmed as a true record.

32. **To update on matters arising** from the minutes of the last meetings – included within agenda items.

33. **To consider correspondence** and other communications received since last meeting: BT have responded that they continue to look into the complaint about the new poles around Church Street.

34. **North Marston and Granborough Community Sports field:**

- a. Cllr Martin advised drainage work is to continue however the bad weather has stopped the land drains being put in. It is hoped work will commence again soon however the seeding may well be delayed.
- b. The Council agreed to place an order for the new Sign for the Field. Banner Homes are sponsoring £500 of it and the remaining £183.88 will be paid by the Sports field Funds.
- c. The Council agreed to accept the quotation for the land preparation for the Trim Trail by AC Kemp & Sons £250 plus VAT.

35. **Village Shop:** Cllr Finnemore advised it was a very successful meeting held with around 60 people attending. They agreed to form a working party and the next step would be to hold an initial meeting to set this up. Ian Toye suggested they view other shops set up by villagers and then to look at premises and fund raising.

36. **NAGs:** Cllr Gomm was unable to attend the meeting so this item would be carried forward to the next meeting.

37. **Allotment:** The Council considered 2 tenders and following a vote decided to rent the piece of land adjacent to the Parish Barn for use as an allotment to Kevin O'Donaghue. The rent would be £10 for the first year and the contract would be renewable annually; although it would be the Parish Councils intention to continue the rental of the land until such time as either the tenant wished to terminate the contract, or if the tenant is in breach of the contract.

38. **Communication:**

- a. The Council was to discuss how to communicate the minutes and other items of interest to villagers more effectively. In the absence of Cllr Symonds who has been liaising with several member of the village in respect of this it was felt better to carry this item forward to the next meeting.
- b. Website: to discuss options to set up a website for the Parish Council – the Council heard a proposal from Alan Williams and Jo Radcliffe in respect of the options and costs for a website. It was felt that there was a lot of information to consider and that the details would be circulated and considered by the Councillors for discussion at the next meeting.
- c. Fly posting – it was felt that there had been a lot of fly posting recently around the village especially on telegraph poles. The Councils resolved that only community adverts should be displayed and all other ones should be removed if seen. The council requested that they be put on the bus shelter notice boards and

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that they would consider alternatives for the next meeting perhaps with a proposal for a new village notice board.

39. **Finance:**

a. The accounts for the year to date June 2008 had not been seen yet by the Councillors so the accounts would be reviewed at the next meeting.

b. The Council resolved to issue the following cheques:

Lynch Garden Services	789	£90.00
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Clerks Pay and Expenses and CiLCA course	791	£391.57
Karen Parks re web hosting	010	£35.25 (Sportsfield account)

Credits received:

Jon Martin re Barn rental		£160.00
Village Hall contribution for Insurance		£800.85
Schorne Well contribution for Insurance		£149.95

40. **To discuss planning applications and make recommendations:**

a. 08/01464/APP – Methodist Church Schorne Lane – change of use from Church to residential dwelling. The Council resolved it had NO OBJECTIONS to this application however added the following comments: that there is insufficient parking as Morton Close is privately owned; there is a blind corner which is a hazard for traffic entering and leaving Schorne Lane and Morton Close; the appearance of the building should be kept as near as original as possible and retain original features. Also that the Historic Buildings officer should view the Chapel in respect of listing the building.

41. **To receive an update on potential breaches of planning permissions** – no updates received from AVDC.

42. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 19th August 2008.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm Signed

Date