

# NORTH MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of North Marston Parish Council held in The Village Hall,  
on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2008 at 8.00pm

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**Attendees:** Cllrs Symonds (Chair), Finnemore, Gomm, Gillett, Williams and Martin and Sue Mordue (Clerk). 3 members of the public attended.

43. **Apologies:** none.

44. **Open Forum:** no comments were made.

45. **Declaration of interest:** none.

46. **The minutes of the last meetings** held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July were confirmed as a true record.

47. **To update on matters arising** from the minutes of the last meetings: The Clerk reported that:

- a. County Cllr Quintin-Ing Chambers has written to Simon Dudley BCC regarding the Pitchcott Road and Carters Lane junction requesting a second opinion on their recommendation that no action should be taken to cut the hedge height down to give some visibility on this exit.
- b. VAHT have been chased again regarding the car park resurfacing on Portway, the ditch behind Schorne Lane and have been asked to cut the hedge height down at 27-29 Portway – no response to date.
- c. BT has now removed all the poles from Church Street and Morton Close.
- d. There has been no response from Irene Thompson by way of an apology for her comments in the magazine.

48. **To consider correspondence** and other communications received since last meeting:

- a. BCC Parish Gangs report – the Council resolved that the clerk should request the following work to be done:
  - i. Cut back the vegetation behind the bus shelter on Portway as ivy is growing through.
  - ii. Pot holes need filling outside Glebe House Church Street, outside the school, junction of Gibbings Close and Granborough Road, bottom of School Hill it is uneven in places, Corner of Morton Close and Schorne Lane uneven road surface, and a dropped kerb has come loose Elmers Meadow on Granborough Road side and there is a proud drain cover outside Chapel on Quainton Road.
  - iii. The flooded drain at corner of the Forge needs clearing.
- b. BCC mobile library service will be discontinued as there has been on average fewer than 3 users for a period of 3 months.
- c. Kevin O'Donaghue has signed and returned the contract for the rental of the land adjacent to the Parish Barn and has paid £10.00 in advance for its rental.
- d. Elmers Meadow left hand verge has never been adopted by BCC and is still owned but not maintained by the developers. BCC are still trying to get the developers to respond regarding this. However they will not take on the cost of maintaining this verge but will cut back the foliage when it obstructs the footway. The Parish Gang will cut it back both sides shortly and David Hedley will continue to try and resolve this issue. The Council resolved to wait until BCC had cut it back and then if work is still required then the probationers may be asked to clear this verge and lay to seed.

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

- a. Cllr Martin updated that things are progressing well and updates have been put in the magazine and on the website for villagers to view. Minutes of the meeting continue to be circulated to Cllrs. Cllr Gomm had spoken with Karen Parks and is starting to resolve issues and will be attending future meetings of the working party.
- b. The plans for the board walk were circulated and the Councillors agreed to the layout.
- c. The two planning applications for the new building/car park and for the cricket net signs were not yet completed for agreement by the Council, however the Council agreed the cheques to AVDC for these would be signed but the applications must be viewed by the Council before they are submitted.
- d. The Council resolved that at the moment it would not allocate more funds this year to the project as the Terms of Reference for the Project was that it would be self funding. Funding for next year will be considered with the precept and the budget in December/January.

50. **Dog Bin:** The cost for a new bin is in the region of £200 and approx £2.50 per empty therefore the Council resolved that a new bin would not be purchased at this time. Cllr Gomm would report the fouling problem to the PCSO and the Neighbourhood Action Group and ask for surveillance and prosecutions where owners do not pick up after their dogs. Cllr Gomm would also organise some leaflets to put on dog walking route which illustrate why the faeces is so dangerous when left around with children in the area. Copy of leaflet to be put in the magazine.

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51. **Bus Shelters:** The Shelter on Portway is becoming overgrown with ivy and brambles and grass clippings are being put behind the shelter which is causing dampness. AVDC to be asked to clear this from their land and then Cllr Symonds and Cllr Martin would keep an eye on the shelters and try and keep them tidy.
52. **Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG):** Cllr Gomm updated that they have been dealing with ASB, speeding and thefts. Parts of Winslow have now become designated Alcohol free areas so an eye is being kept of nearby villages in case the problems move. Country watch is being co-ordinated by Cllr Gomm and PCSO Wendy Taylor and they have collated all addresses of farms, country residences, equine establishments and they are all working well together. Oving has committed to Speedwatch and Whitchurch is being presented to about the scheme in early September. Cllr Gomm is now the new area co-ordinator for speedwatch for the South East Division and has started his training.
53. **Play Area:** The RoSPA report confirmed there were *no high risk* issues in the Play Area which have to be rectified. However the Council resolved that Cllrs Symonds and Martin would work there way through the medium to low risk issues and address these minor works which the Council are not *required* to do but *would like* to do, commencing with the goal posts. In respect of the suggestion of an ownership sign the Council resolved that the Council does have a duty of care and a sign is recommended by RoSPA and our Insurers. The Clerk should obtain a quotation for a sign and some suggested wording for the next meeting and Cllr Martin would get some more 'no dogs allowed signs'.
54. **Communication:**
- a. The Council discussed options on how to communicate the minutes and other items of interest to villagers more effectively than the magazine which abbreviated them and can change their meaning. As minutes are a legal document the Council resolved that the Clerk should contact Joanna Swift AVDC legal to establish whether they as editors can change the minutes and abbreviate them.
  - b. Website: the information from Jo Radcliffe and Alan Williams has been circulated to the Councillors. Both have associated costs. The Clerk advised there was another option which was the Local Channel who provide a site for all Parish Councils. This used to be free however they have just introduced a charge of £50pa for this. Another alternative is to ask Nick Thompson whether he could assist us as he produced and updates the Granborough site. Clerk to contact.
  - c. Fly posting – BT have now started to prosecute people for fly posting on their poles. The Council therefore resolved that notice boards should be used to advertise events around the village Cllr Gomm volunteered to put up some notice boards in the bus shelters for parishioners and local groups only to advertise on. It is then hoped that people will use these and non local adverts can be removed by anyone who sees them. This should give a tidier appearance to the village.
55. **Finance:**
- a. The Council resolved to sign off as reviewed the accounts year to date July 2008.
  - b. The Council resolved to put a stop on Chq 010 to Karen Parks as this had been lost in the post. Replacement cheque issued number 011 below.
  - c. The Council resolved to issue the following cheques:

Lynch Garden Services	792	£90.00
Clerks Pay and Expenses (July)	793	£299.71
LA Orchard Internal Audit	794	£60.00
Lynch Garden Services	795	£90.00
Anglian Water	796	£19.65
<i>Sportsfield Account:</i>		
Karen Parks re website host change	011	£35.25
AVDC re planning appl. pavilion & car park	012	£382.50
AVDC re planning appl. pavilion & car park	013	£37.50
AVDC re planning appl. advert cricket nets	014	£47.50
  - d. The Council resolved to accept the changes proposed to the Insurance schedule as recommended by the Clerk and Cllr Symonds namely to increase the bus shelters to 4 and insure for £8000, to increase the number of benches to 7 and insure for £5000, insure the cricket nets and poles for £2000.
56. **To receive an update on potential breaches of planning permissions:**
- a. Litremetre site: AVDC have not yet had a meeting with the owners but this will be held shortly as they are in breach of the planning condition regarding car parking and light pollution.
  - b. Three Corner Piece: AVDC advise that they cannot find the file on this potential breach so Christine Hack has asked for the information relating to the potential breach again.

57. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 16th September 2008.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed ..... Date .....