

NORTH MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of North Marston Parish Council held in The Village Hall,
on Tuesday 21st October 2008 at 8.00pm

Attendees: Cllr Symonds (Chair), Cllr Finnemore, Cllr Gomm, Cllr Williams, Cllr Martin, Sue Mordue (Clerk), District Cllr Sue Polhill and 5 members of the public attended.

70. **Apologies:** Cllr Gillett.
71. **Open Forum:**
- a. The oil smell has now gone from 2 High Street and the bathroom of 4 High Street. This is understood to have been a leak from the Clark's oil tank.
 - b. Joanna Loftus from Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust introduced herself as the new Customer Relationship Manger for VAHT for North Marston. She apologised for the lack of response and progress to any issues from her predecessor and advised that she had met with the Clerk and had been shown the various problems. Following this she had already arranged for the Portway bungalows car park to be resurfaced and enlarged. She is liaising with E-On regarding cutting the front hedge down and back at the front of the flats and will tidy up the flats area and remove the old furniture in the grounds and tidy the garden and generally will present on her role and take questions.
72. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda:** none.
73. **The minutes** of the last meeting held on Tuesday 16th September 2008 were confirmed as a true record.
74. **To update on matters arising** from the minutes of the last meetings:
- a. AVDC have removed the chain fencing on the path between Portway and Schorne Lane Clerk has advised them that the resulting land is uneven.
 - b. Clerk had advised ROW officer re overgrown footpath off Granborough Road who will progress this.
 - c. New VAHT contact Joanne Loftus has held site meeting with the Clerk and had resurfaced and expanded the car park at the Portway bungalows and have agreed to cut the hedge at the front of the flats down to 1.5m and review the flooding issues at the back of Schorne Lane.
75. **To consider correspondence** and other communications received since last meeting including: Partial Review of the SE Plan Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation needs – the Council wishes to respond that sites should be kept small with no more than 5 vans on any site in order to ensure Police will enter sites if there are suspicions of crime and such sites would have less environmental impact. Litter should not be allowed around the sites and agreements should be firm in terms of what is permitted on sites and what not. Option C/D preferred as Chilterns currently have no sites and Aylesbury Vale has seven.
76. **North Marston and Granborough Community Sports field:**
- a. The new Terms of Reference proposed for the Working Group were accepted.
 - b. The Council resolved it could not give any further funding to the project this financial year however it would consider further capital donations in the next fiscal year when setting the Precept in January.
 - c. The Councils resolved to circulate the plans and planning application forms for the proposed new wooden clubhouse and car park and put on the agenda of the next meeting.
 - d. Three quotations were obtained for a contractor to do refurbishment work on existing brick building and the Council resolved to agree with the recommendation of using Mark Guerney cost of £1985.82 inc VAT.
 - e. The Council resolved to approve the payment of Passmore invoice for building plan which was needed for planning application amount £176.25. This cheque would be signed outside the meeting by 2 signatories.
 - f. There would be two planting days in November. The Council agreed to the purchase of plants and shrubs for the Nature Trail totalling £300.25 and Dipping Platform totalling £389.50 (and an additional amount to purchase waders if required. This works will be completed by volunteers.
77. **Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG):**
- a. Cllr Gomm advised that Whitchurch, Oving, North Marston, Granborough and Pitchcott had all agree to a joint purchase of the community speedwatch. The cost will be calculated on a pro rata basis against the electoral role numbers and should be less than £500.00. County Cllr Quintin Ing-Chambers had been asked to make a contribution towards the insurance cost. The item will be

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purchased by North Marston Parish Council in order to claim the VAT back and then each Council would then be invoiced to recoup the cost. Hope to have this up and running by next month.

- b. Farm Watch is doing well with Bucks currently having the lowest crime rate in the Country.
- c. A new Youth Group is to be formed in April 2009 in Winslow with transport going round the villages to collect anyone wishing to attend.
- d. A youth driver's course will be held at Winslow Fire Station alerting new drivers to the risks and consequences of driving.
- a. Cllr Gomm is now the Chairman of the NAGs group and also asked to join the Aylesbury Vale District for Crimestoppers.

78. **Play Area:** The quotation for a sign from Sign Wizzard for £92 was accepted however posts were not required as it will be fixed to the fencing. Clerk to proceed with purchase of the sign only which will be cheaper. Cllr Symonds will try and obtain material to fix the gate on the Quinton Road entrance to the Play Area as the top rail has broken.

79. **Notice boards:**

- a. The School had confirmed to the Parish Council that they are happy for a new village notice board to be erected outside the school and the Clerk would liaise with them regarding specification and location. The Council agreed that James Tattam should be asked to quote to put up a notice board similar to the new one in Granborough.
- b. Cllr Gomm updated the Council that the new notice boards were ready and they were A4 size with some having room for 2 A4 posters and some for 3. The Council agreed to the sizes and they will now be erected at the bus shelters.

80. **Communication:** Website: the Council resolved that it would ask Mr Alan Williams to set up the website for the Parish Council and he could then expand if he wished to incorporate other village groups. This would be at not cost to the Council. It was agreed that the clerk should inform on the required content and liaise with him.

81. **Finance:**

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

AVDC Dog Bins	802	£271.28
E-On	803	£231.35
Lynch Garden Services	804	£90.00
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Clerks Pay and Expenses	806	£309.69
<i>Sports field Account:</i>		
Passmores	016	£176.25
- c. The Council resolved to increase the Clerks pay to SCP21 £9,579 with effect from 1st November as the annual pay award.

82. **To discuss planning application and make recommendations:**

08/02287/ATC – St Marys Church Crown reduction to No 17 Yews – the Council resolved it had no objections to this application.

83. **To receive an update on potential breaches of planning permissions.**

- a. Hart Hill Barn – Litremetre – car park is now being worked on and should meet the planning approval once finished. Light issue still outstanding.
- b. Three Corner Piece – No progress to report on this.

84. **Date of the next meeting.** Will be Tuesday 18th November 2008 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

This meeting was followed by a closed session where the Council resolved:

- 85 To continue the North Marston and Granborough Community Sports field Project as a Working Party and not to form a Committee at this stage. Once the field is operational with users then this decision would be reviewed again.

The meeting closed at 10.20pm

Signed Date