

# NORTH MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of North Marston Parish Council held in The Village Hall,  
on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at 8.00pm

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**Attendees:** Cllrs Symonds(Chair), Finnemore, Gillett, Williams and Martin and Sue Mordue (Clerk). 1 member of the public attended.

112. **Apologies:** Cllr Gomm.
113. **Open Forum:** No comments made.
114. **Declaration of interest:** None.
115. **The minutes of the last meetings** held on Tuesday 18th November 2008 were confirmed as a true record subject to an amendment that Cllr Gillett also declared an interest in item 95 and left the room during the discussions.
116. **To update on matters arising** from the minutes of the last meetings – all covered by agenda items.
117. **To consider correspondence** and other communications received since last meeting including:
- a. Response from BCC re Stones from pond area – BCC responded that they had been removed due to being a hazard as a food delivery lorry had not attempted to reverse to turn around, but instead gone over the verge and had caused damage to his vehicle by going on the stones. The Council requested the clerk to respond that the driver was at fault and that the stones should be returned as they are ancient village property and need to be reallocated in the village to be maintained. The village was recycling unwanted stones and they should be returned for this purpose. Also that the rekerbing of the area should be considered within the delegated budget scheme as the majority of villagers want the kerb reinstated as this has always been a single track road and the verge should not be allowed to be eroded.
  - b. Response from BCC re Pitchcott junction – the Council requested that the clerk responded to Tim Fowler advising that it is not acceptable that the hedge is not cut down in height as this road would be used more frequently by villagers if it were not so much of a danger on exiting. This is now environmentally unfriendly as people are forced to drive a longer route through Oving and Pitchcott rather than taking the shorter route of using this road. County Councillor Quinitin Ing-Chambers should be asked to get involved again to progress this to a sensible conclusion.
  - c. Letter had been received from the North Marston Village Shop Committee requesting that the Parish Council considers making a donation towards the initial costs of this project as it is providing a village facility as it did the same with the start of the Sportsfield project. They reiterated that if the project is successful all profits will be put back into this Parish community.
118. **Notice boards:** James Tattam had declined to quote for a new noticeboard therefore the Clerk had asked Roy Randles to quote for providing a similar noticeboard. AVDC are currently looking into whether planning permission is required as it should replace the old noticeboard which was removed when the new fence was put up, but we need to ensure this permission is still in force. Once a response is received this will be put back on the agenda for agreement to the quotation and size.
119. **North Marston and Granborough Community Sports field:** Cllr Martin advised that Mark Guerney had started refurbishing the pavilion, the Football Club was trying to obtain funds and the Cricket Club had confirmed no funds were available at the moment. The School took the children up to the field and did lots of planting. Planning Permission had been sent to AVDC regarding the new Pavillion.
120. **Play Area:** Cllr Symonds and Martin updated that the new sign had been put up and new springs had been purchased for the gate on Quanton Road. Cllr Symonds had measured up the large gate in need of repair and they will continue to work through the other small items which require attention.
121. **Freedom of Information Act** – the Council agreed to publish the New Model Publication Scheme as it applies to North Marston as drafted by the Clerk.
122. **Highways, Footpaths & Footways, Street Lighting:**
- a. The new kerbing at the corner on Quanton Road outside 69 has had shrinkage of the soil resulting in a gap between the stones.
  - b. The Council requested the Clerk to write a letter to Jack Selmes thanking him for cutting down his hedge height on the bend at the bottom of Quanton road as this assists visibility for traffic in this area. They

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requested the Clerk approaches the Tattams to ask if they will now reduced their part to 4ft 6inches as well as recommended by Ian Marshall of BCC Highways. Letter also to be written to the Franklins regarding their hedge being cut along Portway as this also assists with visibility.

- c. Quainton Road – uneven road surface outside the Chapel on Quainton Road – BCC advise that due to budget restraints this work would not be done until the new financial year 2009/10.

## 123. Finance:

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

BALC	£12.00
Clerks Pay and Expenses	£336.48
A Lane & Son	£659.47
- c. It was decided to discuss and agree the budget and Precept for 2009/2010 at the next meeting. Cllr Martin advised that the Village Hall Committee would also appreciate it if the budget included an amount towards the cost of the Village Hall roof repair (approx £1000), as the total cost will be in the region of £25,000. They will be seeking grants for the majority of the cost in the New Year.

## 124. To receive an update on potential breaches of planning permissions.

- a. Hart Hill Barn – Litremetre – work continues to the car park and AVDC Planning Officers are in contact and discussing the requirements for the lighting planning permission.
- b. Three Corner Piece – no progress to report.
- c. 41 Quainton Road – the hedge line had now been replanted by the present owners, rather than the original builder, as per the planning permission condition.

125. **Date of the next meeting.** Will be Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

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