

# NORTH MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of North Marston Parish Council held in The Village Hall,  
on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 8.00pm

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**Attendees:** Cllrs Symonds(Chair), Finnemore, Gillett, Gomm Williams, Martin, District Cllr Sue Polhill and Sue Mordue (Clerk). 2 members of the public attended.

126. **Receive Apologies:** none.
127. **Open Forum:** Mr Payne attended to answer any questions regarding his planning application at 16 Granborough Road.
128. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda:** Cllr Finnemore, Symonds and Martin advised they were Trustees of the Poors Piece and Clocklands Charity.
129. **Planning Application 08/02840/APP** – 16 Granborough Road – two storey side extension. This item was moved up the agenda as it had been the issue of questions in item 127. The Council resolved it had NO OBJECTIONS to this application as the application stated the removed hedge would be replanted. The Council still requested that the boundary was clarified.
130. **The minutes** of the last meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2008 were confirmed as a true record.
131. **To update on matters arising** from the minutes of the last meetings BCC advised that the kerbing on the Quainton Road bend would be looked at but due to budget constraints the road condition outside 49 Quainton Road would not be corrected until their new financial year.
132. **To consider correspondence** and other communications received since last meeting including:
  - a. Request from Alison Heath of Hill End Farm Hogshaw had been received by Cllr Gomm asking for support from the Parish Council to extend the Bridleway along the old railway line to the Claydons. A map illustrated where the bridleway was required and the Parish Council agreed that in principal it supported this.
  - b. Cllr Gomm had received questions regarding the Poors Piece and Clocklands Charity. Cllr Symonds advised that all questions should be put to the Charity Trustees not the Parish Council. However the question was how the money had been spent and Cllr Symonds advised that after maintenance expenses the split was 36% goes to the Church for the Clock and the remainder is available to any villager who come upon hard times. The current Trustees were continuing with this distribution and they would put an article in the village magazine to update everyone on the last financial year.
  - c. Cllr Gomm had received requests for the street lights to stay on until 1.00am rather than 12.00 regarding Street Light being turned off. The Clerk was asked to gain a costing to do this and it would be added to the agenda of the February meeting.
133. **Notice boards:**
  - a. Notice boards for bus shelters – Cllr Gomm advised they would be put up as soon as possible.
  - b. The Clerk advised that AVDC require Planning Permission for a noticeboard to be placed on the school fence. The Council agreed this application should be submitted and a cheque raised outside the meeting in order to speed this along.
134. **North Marston and Granborough Community Sports field:**
  - a. Cllr Martin advised that the next meeting is 27<sup>th</sup> January and they would be discussing the fund raising for the Pavilion. The wet is slowing things down but the dipping platform is in and Mark Guerney has finished his work to the current Pavilion and had done an excellent job along with Ian Carnell who has done the electrics.
  - b. Cllr Polhill again recorded that the Working Party have done an excellent job and all obviously are putting in a lot of free time to this project for the village and they should be commended on this.
  - c. The Council resolved to approve the following:
    - i. Laying of the hedge by Robert Tuckwell & Sons. Cost £950 to come from the most recent fund raising event and £500.00 from AVDC Biodiversity Dept.
    - ii. Fencing of Nature Trail and Ponds including two gates by Jim Tattam. Cost £780 to come from the most recent fund raising event.
    - iii. Materials for fencing should be approx £1443.00 to come from the most recent fund raising event .
    - iv. Various items were agreed in principle namely: 2 bins (Total £300); Signage (£500 in total); 2 benches for the nature trail (£400 total), wire mesh for platform (£100), Skip (£190). Itemised quotes will be provided before any purchases are made.
135. **Play Area:**
  - a. Clerk reported that Allianz insurance had requested the replacement of the two swing seats from the RoSPA report even though they are medium risk issues. The Council resolved to replace them.
  - b. Cllr Symonds had fitted new catch on the gate.
136. **NAG:**
  - a. Update from Cllr Gomm re speedwatch – Insurance would have to be paid for by Councils as no funds are available from the BCC Leaders Fund as Cllr Gomm had been unable to get in touch with Quintin Ing

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Chambers. The costs apportionment for Councils based on the electoral role will be checked by the Clerk and then the item would be purchased. The Cllrs would be trained on the use of the device and then adverts would be placed to recruit further volunteers from the village to use it. The Police had been in the area on the 5/1/09 and had stopped 16 people for no tax, MOT or speeding.

- b. Village youths had vandalised the Phone Box on the High Street and the Police had been involved.
  - c. Excess speeds of Clark Construction lorries – the Police had attended and cautioned many of the drivers. Some were going to Bruce Clarks residence in Granborough and others cutting through to Calvert. The excess speeds have caused great concern to many villagers as they are speeding, on their mobile phones and do not take care when driving past children. The Parish Council resolved to write a strong letter to Clark Construction insisting the drivers slow down to 30mph at the village signs and drive through the village appropriately. Cllr Gomm had been involved in trying to resolve the issue with the Police and directly with the company.
  - d. Cllr Gomm is now the Area representative for Aylesbury Vale UK Crimestoppers.
137. **Highways, Footpaths & Footways, Street Lighting:** Complaint made about the dangerous angle of the slope across the pavement into the Gates property on Portway. This issue had been looked into previously with BCC but the planning permission had been given and there was nothing that could be done regarding it. Clerk will contact BCC again and see if anything can be done as pedestrians have twisted their ankles and they and children on bikes and are pushed into walking in the road at this point rather than walk on the slant especially in this icy weather.
138. **Finance:**
- a. The accounts for the year to date November 2008 were reviewed as correct.
  - b. The Council resolved to issue the following cheques:

E-On	813	£205.89
Clerks Pay & Expenses	814	£326.80
Rob Symonds	815	£12.30

*Sportfield Fund:*

Ian Carnell	018	£255.00
Karen Parks Paint	019	£52.58
Agripower	020	£22,975.95
Mark Guerney	021	£1,380.00
Jewsons	022	£287.34
Buildbase	023	£483.43
  - c. The Council resolved to set the Precept for 2009/10 at £16,000 and the budget was agreed for 2009/2010.
139. **The Council discussed the following planning applications and resolved the following:**
- a. 08/02833/APP – North Marston C of E School erection of wooden shelter retrospective – the Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.
  - b. 10A Portway – First floor side extension and front porch – amendment to 08/01175/APP - the Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.
- All Councillors declared an interest in planning application 139c so were unable to give a Parish Council response :**
- c. 08/02763/APP – Sports Field Granborough Road – erection of single storey clubhouse with parking area application by the Parish Council.
  - d. 08/02844/APP – St Mary’s Church – single storey side extension the Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.
140. **To receive an update on potential breaches of planning permissions.**
- a. Hart Hill Barn – Litremetre – no progress to report.
  - b. Three Corner Piece – no progress to report.
- Cllr Polhill agreed to chase these up with AVDC as no action appears to be being taken.
144. **Date of the next meeting.** Will be Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2009 in **The Methodist Chapel at 8.00pm.**

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

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