

NORTH MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of North Marston Parish Council held in The Methodist Chapel
on Tuesday 17th February 2009 at 8.00pm

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

- 142. Receive Apologies:** Cllr Martin.
- 143. Open Forum:**
- a. Request for a litter bin for the new shelter on Portway – to be added to next months agenda.
Cllr Gomm joined the meeting.
 - b. Request for the Notice boards to be put up urgently as it was detailed in the minutes months ago – Cllr Gomm advised he had been busy but would put them up - see item 148b below.
 - c. Request for the pond to be cleared as promised in the minutes a year and a half ago – Cllr Gomm disputed this fact with parishioners and Councillors as he thought it was a year ago. He advised that he had done some clearance in December however due to the breeding season and time he had not had a chance to do it yet. Council agreed this would be put on the next agenda for discussion as to whether to gain tenders for the work.
 - d. Church Street – discussion re vehicle access when people park and obstruct the road so farm and large vehicles cannot get through. The Church had some 'No Parking' cones and would purchase some more. See item 147a below.
- 144. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda:** Cllr Gomm declared his interest in items 147c and 151b.
- 145. The minutes** of the last meeting held on Tuesday 20th January 2009 were confirmed as a true record subject to amendment that 16 cars were 'stopped' not 'cautioned' as MOT and tax issues were prosecuted and speeding were cautioned.
- 146. To update on matters arising** from the minutes of the last meetings: Two junior swing seats have been replaced as recommended by RoSPA.
- 147. To consider correspondence** and other communications received since last meeting including:
- a. Parking problems around the Church – Church would look to purchase some additional 'no parking' bollards and the Clerk would obtain a quotation for a sign which could be erected on the wall as a Polite Notice to stop parking along this stretch as farm vehicles require access at all times.
 - b. To discuss response from Clark Construction re speeding lorries - Letter received back from Clark Construction that they take these matters seriously and they advise they have had no communication with the local Police and nor have their drivers. They will act on information received which must include number plate and they will then interview the driver.
 - c. To discuss whether costs can be paid for Cllr Gomm to attend a course on enforcement – Cllr Gomm offered the Councillors the opportunity to take advantage of his membership to the CLA to attend a seminar in Tunbridge Wells on enforcement appeals. The Council resolved that the issue of enforcement was dealt with by AVDC and therefore did not want to attend this meeting.
 - d. VAHT advised would clear rubbish from around the flats on Portway and are in contact with E-On re cutting down the hedge height at the front of the flats.
 - e. Dog at 16 Granborough Road- further complaint received regarding the dog at 16 Granborough Road which is allowed to roam freely as the garden is not fenced off. It is fouling in neighbouring gardens and footpaths and tearing up and spreading the contents of rubbish bags. Council agreed Dog Warden should be contacted. (Cllr Gomm advised that the dog might have gone now so Clerk to check first).
 - f. Footpath 4 (Granborough Road) BCC advised it was cleared for access and is on the annual clearance schedule. Clerk to respond that it is the height of the trees along the footpath which need reducing as they impact on the neighbouring gardens.
- 148. Notice boards:**
- a. Notice boards for bus shelters – Cllr Finnemore suggested we ask someone else to put them up or she herself would assist as the decision was made in August to erect them. Cllr Gomm advised he has been very busy and declined the assistance and advised they he would put them up as soon as possible.
 - b. The Clerk has gained agreement from the school to the application for Planning Permission for a notice board to be placed on the school fence. The Council agreed this application could now be submitted.

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149. **North Marston and Granborough Community Sports field:** Cllr Symonds attended the meeting. The major activity at the moment is alternative fund raising for the pavilion as the funds have not been drawn down from WREN so cannot reapply to them at the moment. No response received from Mrs Woodward re laying the hedge. Planning approval has now been gained for the pavilion.
150. **NAG: Community Speedwatch device:** Cllr Gomm had calculated the split of costs between parish councils based on the electoral roll. The amounts were Whitchurch £475, North Marston £450, Granborough and Oving £425 and Pitchcott £270. Clerk is to be given the information for checking these calculations then North Marston would pay the full amount (£2045 plus VAT) and invoice the other Parish Councils to enable the VAT to be claimed back.
151. **Highways, Footpaths & Footways, Street Lighting:**
- BCC responded that they would not want to remove the gradient from the pavement at 1 Portway and 57 as they would have to pay for the pavement costs and this could only be done with the resident's permission and there would be costs involved for them. Nothing further can be done.
 - Cllr Gomm had received requests to turn the street light off at 1am rather than 12pm. E-On advised that the cost implications of this are huge as each light would need its own electronic time switch as 12-5pm is the one made for the industry as standard. Their advise is if resident are out late they should use a torch which is cheaper than running all the street lights.
 - The Council resolved to continue with E-On's 'Street Lights Pay as you go' contract as this had proved to be a cost saving over the previous quarterly maintenance contract.
 - Clerk to request BCC to clear the gully on the bottom of North Marston Hill as it is full of rubble.
152. **Finance:**
- The accounts for the year to date end January 2009 were reviewed as correct.
 - The Council resolved to issue the following cheques:

E-On	chq 000816	£40.25
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Clerks Pay & expenses	chq 000818	£337.38
CPRE	chq 000819	£29.00
Anglian Water	chq 000820	£23.53
AVDC	chq 000821	£75.00
PRA Randles	chq 000822	£20.00
J Heffer re Methodist Chapel	chq 000823	£10.00
<i>Sportsfield AC:</i>		
Buildbase	chq 000024	£317.73
153. **To receive an update on potential breaches of planning permissions:**
- Hart Hill Barn – Litremetre – the car park is now finished and the lights now meet the planning permission case closed.
 - Three Corner Piece – No breach of planning permission has been found case closed.
154. **Date of the next meeting.** Will be Tuesday 17th March 2009 in the Village Hall commencing at 8.00pm

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed Date