

NORTH MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of North Marston Parish Council held in The Village Hall
on Tuesday 17th March 2009 at 8.00pm

Attendees: Cllrs Symonds(Chair), Finnemore, Gillett, Gomm, Williams, Martin, and Sue Mordue (Clerk). 4 members of the public attended.

154. Receive Apologies: none.

155. Open Forum:

- a. There will be a photo exhibition in the Chapel after Easter and the noticeboards have still not been put up and they need to advertise this event. Cllr Symonds advised that they could put the notices up on the lampposts until the noticeboards have been put up. This would also be discussed as agenda item.
- b. Concern expressed as effluent was transferred between vehicles on the public highway.
- c. Hedge along footpath 4 – BCC advised it is the owner of the land who should cut the height down and they advise it is not BCC. Clerk to respond that the land is owned by either BCC or AVDC or VAHT.

156. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda: Cllr Gomm and Cllr Martin declared their interest in item 159b.

157. The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 17th February 2009 were confirmed as a true record subject to amendment to:

- a. Item 143c that: 'Cllr Gomm disputed the fact (*that it was a year and a half ago*) 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.'
- b. Cllr Gomm also disputed the content of the letter from Clark Construction believing that they had denied speeding and using hand held phones when driving, however the Clerk believed this was not the case and declined to change the minute. It was agreed that this item would be on the agenda at the next meeting to clarify.

158. To update on matters arising from the minutes of the last meetings including:

- a. Dog at 16 Granborough Road had now left the property however it is understood it does return some times.
- b. Clerk had obtained a quotation for a sign for the wall of the church about parking. The Council agreed to purchase an aluminium one for £31.16 from Sign Wizzard.
- c. Council agreed to the purchase of a litter bin for the bus shelter on Portway.

159. To consider correspondence and other communications received since last meeting including:

- a. Letters from parishioners requesting support in their appeal process to obtain a place at North Marston C of E School: 4 residents of North Marston and 3 from Granborough were not offered places at North Marston School. Letters of support for their appeal had been written and agreed by Councillors outside the meeting due to deadlines for submissions. The Council ratified their issue.

Cllr Gomm declared his interest in the next item.

Adjournment. Cllr Gomm left the meeting for this item.

- b. Letter from Sportsfield Committee advising of the removal of the Klargester by Cllr Gomm without permission: Cllr Martin confirmed that Cllr Gomm had called him and advised he would remove the Klargester from the sportsfield along with **all** the rubbish. Cllr Martin spoke with Karen Parks and Trevor Lane and they agreed it would save on the cost of a skip as the value of the Klargester would be 'paid back' by the removal of the other rubbish. He returned the call to Cllr Gomm advising that he could remove it **all** however it now appears that Cllr Gomm was under the impression he had authority to remove what he liked and leave the rest. Council agreed that there had been a breakdown in communication and therefore a line should be drawn under this episode and a letter should be written to Cllr Gomm for him to sign and return to the Council accepting responsibility for the klargester tank and any other items which he removed from the site. Cllr Martin apologised that the situation has arisen as his understanding was that Cllr Gomm would take **all** the rubbish.

Cllr Gomm rejoined the meeting.

Cllr Gomm reiterated that he had understood he had authority to take the klargester.

160. Notice boards:

- a. Update from Cllr Gomm re notice boards for bus shelters – Cllr Gomm advised that he feels that he has been badly publicised concerning the noticeboards therefore he now withdraws his previous offer. The Council resolved that Roy Randles should be requested to make some more and put them up as soon as possible.

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- b. Update from Clerk re Planning Permission for new Notice board – AVDC had written advising that advertisement permission should be submitted for the noticeboard and this had been submitted. Another planning officer had now responded advising that full planning permission would be required therefore the Clerk now has to complete different forms along with a design and access statement and block plans.

161. North Marston and Granborough Community Sports field:

- a. Update from Cllr Martin: another meeting had been held and discussions were around the removal of the Klargester and fund raising for the pavilion including the 100 club. Karen Parks is in contact with Agripower to try and get the drainage work undertaken. A tidy up weekend is being organised to clear the area around the pavilion and the pond. The hedge had been laid following the agreement of Mrs Woodward however they are currently speaking to the contractor to try and get the work tidied up.
- b. To discuss and agree how the rubbish should be removed from the field and agree how to offer the Klargester tank for sale – this item was not discussed further as the Council had agreed to draw a line on this issue as per item 159b above.

162. Pond Area:

- a. To agree the specification for works required at the pond and who to approach to tender for this work: the Council resolved that the clerk should contact Paul Holton AVDC Biodiversity Officer to ask him to visit and advise on what should be done to the pond.
- b. The Council resolved to issue a further year's contract to Archie Dancer to continue with gardening work at the pond as they have been very happy with his work. Cllr Symonds agreed to advise Archie on weeding of the flower beds.

- 163. NAG:** Update from Cllr Gomm re speedwatch: cheque had been issued for the purchase of the devise and the split of costs was agreed by the members of the NAG based on traffic flow and electoral role as follows: Whitchurch £470, North Marston £445, Granborough £420, Oving £395 and Pitchcott £265. Cllr Gomm will put an advert in the village magazines asking for volunteers to use the devise and there will be a training evening for them. Cllr Gomm would keep the devise and it should be returned to him after use. Insurance needs to be covered by each individual Council and Cllr Gomm would advise the Clerk when he has the devise so that it can be put on the Insurance.

- 164. Highways, Footpaths & Footways, Street Lighting:** To report and update on issues and repairs: Clerk to advise BCC regarding the condition of the road surface between North Marston and Granborough and request a sweep. Carters Lane by the Old Dairy there are two parts of the road where the surface is very uneven, also St Johns Lane has many pot holes which need filling.

- 165. Grass Cutting:** 5 tenders were received for the grass cutting contract for 2009/10 and the Council resolved to continue with Lynch Gardens Services who had done an excellent job last year at an amount of £65 per cut.

166. Finance:

- a. The bank reconciliations for the accounts year to date February 2009 had not yet circulated to all Councillors so this item would be moved to next months meeting.
- b. The Council resolved to issue the following cheques:

BALC	£91.34
Reg Porter	£201.25
Wicksteed Leisure	£77.63
Clerks Pay and Expenses	£334.60
- c. The Council resolved to continue with the same internal auditor for 2009/10 this being Gus Orchard.
- d. The Council resolved to ratify the issue of cheque for community speedwatch device £2294.25.

167. To discuss planning applications and make recommendations:

Cllr Symonds declared his prejudicial interest in the following planning application and left the meeting

- a. 09/00171/APP – 10A Church Street – replacement of existing dormer and insertion of velux to rear elevation – the Council resolved it had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

Cllr Symonds returned to the meeting.

- 168. Date of the next meeting.** Will be Tuesday 21st April 2009 in the Village Hall commencing at 8.00pm

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed Date