

NORTH MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of North Marston Parish Council held in the Village Hall
on Tuesday 19th May 2009 at 8.00pm

Attendees: Cllr Finnemore (acting Chair), Cllr Gillett, Gomm, Williams, Martin, District Cllr Sue Polhill and Sue Mordue (Clerk). 3 members of the public attended.

1. **To receive** Cllr Karen Park's declaration of acceptance of office and Register of Interests these were signed and received by the Clerk and Cllr Finnemore welcomed Cllr Park.
2. **Election of the Chairman of the Council:** Cllr Symonds was elected as Chair. It was agreed that the Council should receive the Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office at the next meeting.
3. **Receive Apologies:** Cllr Symonds.
4. **Election of Vice-Chairman of the Council:** Cllr Finnemore was elected as Vice Chair and signed her declaration of acceptance of office which was received by the Clerk.
5. **To appoint representatives to outside bodies:** Cllr Gomm was appointed as the Council's representative at the Neighbourhood Action Group. All other representations required would be agreed at the time.
6. **To appoint committees /working groups:** The Sportsfield Working Group would continue with Cllr Martin continuing to represent the Council at this group in addition to Cllr Park who would continue to be a member of the Working Group.
7. **The standing orders** were confirmed with no changes required.
8. **Open Forum for Parishioners:** Residents can comment on any item of council business:
 - a. Parishioners asked whether anyone knew any further updates concerning the pub being for sale. No further information was available.
 - b. Cllr Polhill requested whether she could put up adverts on the notice boards in the village to advertise Open Gardens in aid of the NSPCC 26th June. This was agreed by the Council.
 - c. Cllr Gomm presented an invoice for a donation towards the bulbs of £100. Council agreed this would be considered with other payments request under agenda item 18.
9. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda:** Cllr Parks declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application 09/00382/APP.
10. **The minutes** of the last meeting held on Tuesday 21st April 2009 were confirmed as a true record with the addition of the title 'Superintendent' to item 181b.
11. **Publication of draft Minutes:** the Council resolved to no longer publish draft minutes, only approved minutes would be displayed.
12. **To update on matters arising** from the minutes of the last meetings:
 - a. Cllr Gomm's refusal to sign letter acknowledging he takes responsibility for all items he removed from the Sports field together with the klargester: BALC have advised that by his stating he has taken the items at the previous meeting and this is minuted he has de facto accepted ownership, therefore nothing further is required in writing from him.
13. **To consider correspondence** and other communications received since last meeting: The submission of the request for the Precept has been moved to end of December by AVDC therefore approval would now need to be at the December meeting.
14. **Play Area:** the Clerk confirmed Roy Randles had done an excellent job of repainting the Play Equipment which was required on Health and Safety grounds.
15. **Highways, Footpaths & Footways, Street Lighting:** Verges and road side had eroded outside Brook Farm down to Potters Farmhouse and also opposite the Bungalows on Portway and Granborough Road. Parish Gang report – signs needed cleaning.

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16. To discuss planning applications and make recommendations:

- a. 09/00765/APP – 6 Gibbings Close – insertion of bay window with canopy over entrance – the Council resolved it had no objections to this application.
- b. 09/00382/APP – North Marston C of E School – erection of notice board: As the application was from the Parish Council all Councillors declared their interest in this item so no response could be made to AVDC in respect of this application.
- c. 09/00684/APP – 6 Schorne Lane – single storey rear extension and pitched roof over first floor flat roof – the Council resolved it had no objections to this application.

17. North Marston and Granborough Community Sportsfield:

- a. Update from Cllr Parks and Martin on progress: Following discussions with Tuckwells the invoice for the hedges was reduced by £140. Laurie Johnson from Bucks Community Action is assisting with advice on the move towards a management entity to run the sports field. They are currently considering an application with Sports England for the Pavilion. Garage has been fitted with locks and defenders as security. Groundworks are now complete with just the stone pick to be done. Site meeting has been arranged with Agripower before final application to WREN to draw fund for this part of the project. Irrigation is in place for the cricket square and Waitrose have donated £250 from their Community Matters Scheme. Jim Tattam has been able to finish off the fencing now that Agripower have left site. Plant Sale was very successful raising some £306. Now the focus will be on gaining the funding for the clubhouse.
- b. The Council resolved to agree to apply for a grant for the Pavilion under the Sports England Grant Scheme.

18. Finance:

- a. The accounts for the year end March 2009 were signed off.
- b. The Council resolved to issue the following cheques:

Lynch Garden Services	840	£65.00
PRA Randles	841	£280.00
Aylesbury Vale North Sports Council	842	£10.00
Lynch Garden Services	843	£65.00
Allianz Insurance	844	£2,418.25
<i>Sportsfield acc:</i>		
A Lane & Son	032	£1560.42
Karen Parks re paint	033	£8.60
E-on	034	£22.27
Robert Tuckwell	035	£1092.50
Gordon Bowden re locks	036	£54.81
- c. The Council considered Cllr Gomms invoice for £100 as a donation towards the bulbs and declined to pay this as it was not an invoice from the supplier for 600 bulbs as would be required by the auditor. They requested the original invoice and would then consider further.

19. **NAG:** Youth Event was a great success and will probably be an annual event – debrief meeting to be held. Dog Watch is now a big issue being discussed and if a resident sees an owner not picking up then they can now report this directly to the Police which will be followed up by a PCSO at the same time of day and a fine imposed when caught. All residents now in Farm Watch. Speedwatch has been used in the village and the hot spots are outside 49 Portway with speeds in the region of 47mph. Cllr Gomm requested the Council to consider naming speeders in the magazine and this would be considered as an agenda item at the next meeting.

20. **Date of the next meeting** will be Tuesday 16th June 2009 in the Village Hall commencing at 8.00pm. Cllr Finnemore thanked the Clerk and Cllr Polhill for their work and support to the Council in the year.

The meeting closed at 9.23pm

Signed Date