

NORTH MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of North Marston Parish Council held in the Village Hall
on Tuesday 16th June 2009 at 8.00pm

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

21. **Receive Apologies:** none.
22. **Declaration of Acceptance of office** as Chairman was signed by Cllr Symonds and the Clerk.
23. **Open Forum for Parishioners:** Residents can comment on any item of council business.
24. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda:** none.
25. **To minutes** of the last meeting held on Tuesday 19th May 2009 were confirmed as a true record.
26. **To update on matters arising** from the minutes of the last meetings: Cllr Gomm advised that the name of a driver caught speeding could not be published as previously advised. The Police had notified that only a car registration number could be published if caught speeding. The Cllrs agreed that no action should be taken on this issue at the moment.
27. **To consider correspondence** and other communications received since last meeting – nothing requiring a response.
28. **Highways, Footpaths & Footways, Street Lighting:** To report and update on issues and repairs.
 - a. Pot hole outside Chapel House Quainton Road is still coming back already.
 - b. Stones are dangerous at end of Church Street and Portway junction.
29. **To discuss planning applications and make recommendations:**
 - a. 09/00826/ACD – 14 High Street - demolition of barn – retrospective – the Council resolved it had no objections to this application.
 - b. 09/01026/APP – 14 High Street – erection of barn as side extension to studio (replacement of dismantled structure) – the Council resolved it had no objections to this application.
 - c. 09/00989/APP - 6 Dudley Close – single storey front extension – the Council resolved it had no objections to this application.
30. **North Marston and Granborough Community Sports field:**
 - a. Update from Cllr Parks and Martin on progress – report attached.
 - b. The Council resolved to purchase additional security by the way of an alarm for the pavilion.
31. **Finance:**
 - a. The Council signed off as reviewed the accounts year to date April 2009.
 - b. The Council resolved to issue the following cheques:

Sports field account:

Sign Wizzard	£56.88
AVDC re plants	£171.65
Agripower net amount paid pending VAT reclaim	£48,304.00
Trevor Lane re keys	£27.25
Fenland Leisure Products	£3,868.60
Fenland Leisure Products reissue chq 025	£9,505.75

Parish Council account:

Lynch Garden Services	£65.00
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PRA Randles	£180.00
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NM Village Shop Committee	£1,000.00
 - c. The Clerk confirmed that the accounts for the year end March 2009 had been signed as correct by the Internal Auditor Gus Orchard. The accounts were then signed off by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.
32. **NAG:**
 - a. Update from Cllr Gomm on NAG issues:

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- i. Youth event will happen annually and there will be a youth group within the NAG
 - ii. Dog Watch – meeting will discuss this in July
 - iii. Speedwatch – will be monitoring junction of Carters Lane and Pitchcott Road. Police attended North Marston Speedwatch on 20th May and caught 47 drivers of which 50% were local. They came again on the 2nd June and only 2 drivers were stopped. It is hoped that using this device will be educational.
 - iv. Request for Speedwatch people to also monitor HGVs if possible when collecting data.
- b. ASB and Graffiti – The Clerk had been liaising with the Police, BCC and others regarding trying to get the graffiti cleared and statements signed etc concerning the graffiti through North Marston. There had allegedly been ‘tit for tat’ graffiti undertaken by youths in North Marston and Whitchurch. Those responsible had received a caution by the Police and had allowed their contact details to be passed on by the Police so that they could pay for their damages. The Clerk had been in contact and those responsible had assisted Roy Randles in repainting the bus shelters. The remaining bill had been sent to them for payment. (Police advise if they do not pay they can be taken to small claims court however they are remorseful and have indicated they would pay for their damages). Cllr Gomm would obtain a poster from the Police and this would be displayed then fines could be imposed up to £1000.
- c. To update on and decide whether any further action can be taken regarding the dog that runs loose from flats on Portway – dog from flats has been allowed to roam free and it has caused distress to many residents now including children and elderly people. The dog had been reported to the Police and VAHT to take action to ensure that it is not allowed to roam freely as it is concerning what it might do as it had already killed chickens, and is fouling the area around Portway and Schorne Lane. Cllr Gomm agreed he would progress this and ensure action is taken through the NAG .

The public were asked to leave the meeting.

33. Closed session An anonymous complaint letter had been received concerning the actions of a Councillor. The Councillor in question declared their interest and left the meeting. The Council resolved that no further action would be taken in this matter as they had agreed to ‘draw a line’ under the episode and as the letter was anonymous a response could not be given.

34. Date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 21st July 2009 in the Village Hall commencing at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed Date