

NORTH MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of North Marston Parish Council held in the Village Hall
on Tuesday 21st July 2009 at 8.00pm

Attendees: Cllr Symonds (Chair), Cllr Finnemore, Cllr Gillett, Cllr Gomm, Cllr Martin, Cllr Parks, Cllr Williams, County Cllr Netta Glover and Sue Mordue (Clerk). 2 members of the public attended.

35. **Receive Apologies:** District Cllr Sue Polhill.
36. **Open Forum for Parishioners:** Residents can comment on any item of council business.
37. **Declaration of interest:** Cllr Finnemore declared her prejudicial interest in item 42.
38. **The minutes of the last meeting** held on Tuesday 16th June 2009 were confirmed as a true record.
39. **To update on matters arising** from the minutes of the last meetings including:
 - a. VAHT – update on maintenance issues at the Flats on Portway – the Clerk advised that the grass had at last been cut and the front hedge. Another site meeting is to be held on 23rd July to discuss other outstanding issues and Cllr Symonds will attend.
40. **To consider correspondence** and other communications received since last meeting including:
 - a. BCC Resilience Team letter re Emergency Planning – it was agreed that Cllr Martin and Cllr Symonds would be the contacts for North Marston in the event of an emergency.
 - b. ROSPA Report – there were no High Risk Issues on the report which the Council must respond to however Cllr Symonds and Cllr Martin agreed to work through the list of minor recommendations over the next few months. It was agreed that if the goal posts could not be realigned that the North Sports Council should be approached to fund new ones.
41. **Highways, Footpaths & Footways, Street Lighting:** Clerk to report: Indentation in the road at the bottom of Church Street where it meets Portway. Potholes to be reported at the top of Church Street around the Church, outside the school and along Quainton Road by the Chapel.
42. **Village Shop:**
 - a. Cllr Finnemore updated that a meeting had been held with Ann Davies, AVDC Listed Buildings Officer and Lynn Hodgins AVDC Planning Officer. They advised the best place for the shop building is in line with the BT building and take out the picket fence and put it back in a straight line to allow extra parking spaces. The plan includes the resurfacing of the car park and to put a high specification Norwegian Log building approx 6m by 7m on the site.
 - b. **It was emphasised again that the shop would not be a commercial venture for profit but instead any surplus funds would go back into the community for the community's benefit.**
 - c. Cllr Finnemore asked whether the Parish Council would submit the application to AVDC at a later date as the building would be on Parish Council property and then require a lease. The Council voted and it was agreed that Cllr Finnemore would be named as the agent and the Parish Council would submit the application.
43. **North Marston and Granborough Community Sports field:** Update on progress:
 - a. The Trim Trail had been fitted by Fenland Leisure and on July 1st Celebration/Handover Ceremony for the main grant givers was a huge success with representatives from AVDC, VAHT, WREN, Agripower and the school paid a visit. Vast press coverage was obtained and Matt Cox of WREN has written to encourage us to go back to them if we have any difficulties getting funding for the building.
 - b. The Friday after the ceremony the TrimTrail, which is proving very popular with youngsters, had its first casualty. A young girl fell badly off one of the shorter pieces (a fall height of 0.92 metres) so although not at fault the Committee did review the situation and responded quickly by: Closing down any piece with a fall height over 1 metre (as advised by ROSPA) pending the fitting of safety surfaces to 6 stations. Putting up a sign on the main field gate advising children under 16 have to be supervised if using the Trim Trail and that anyone using the field and its facility do so at their own risk. Quickly arranged for the safety surfacing of 6 stations by AJ North. Suitable wood chip bark and materials and been ordered. All the parents/guardians who have children attending cricket practice were emailed to advise them about health & safety issue of supervising children on the field. A new Trim Trail sign has been installed with the correct plan and specific note about supervision when using any of those items. The 10 village guys successfully completed the Three Peaks Challenge raising in excess of £10,000 to be split equally across their three chosen causes – Leukaemia Research, Special Baby Care Unit at Stoke Mandeville and the Sportsfield. Planning has begun for the next Fund Raising event; a family

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orientated Fun Day on the afternoon of 22nd August at the Village Hall field. New locks have been purchased to strengthen security of storage building. Special brackets have been made (foc) and are about to be fitted.

- c. The Council resolved to agree to the purchase of fences and a new rotary mower and heavy duty strimmer required supplementing the groundkeeping equipment.

44. Finance:

- a. The Council resolved to sign off the accounts as reviewed for the year to date May 2009.
- b. The Council resolved to issue the following cheques:

Parish Council Accounts:

Orchard re Internal Audit	853	£60.00
Lynch Garden Services	854	£65.00
Playsafety Ltd	855	£75.90
Lynch Garden Services	856	£65.00
E-On	857	£204.00

Sportsfield Account:

100 club - Mick Hurrell	043	£20.00
100 club - J Forsyth	044	£10.00
Giffords	045	£897.00
Website host fee	046	£41.40
Lock & Key Centre (K Parks)	047	£89.70
100 club - Barry Kirwan	048	£30.00
100 club - Rachel Grey	049	£20.00
100 club - Rachel Callender	050	£10.00
Sign Wizzard	051	£152.40
Lock & Key Centre (K Parks)	052	£3.25

- c. The Clerk advised that she had not yet received the total amount owed by Pitchcott in relation to the purchase of the Speedwatch device and had written them another letter to request payment of the outstanding invoice. Cllr Gomm agreed to follow this up as well.

45. Police Matters:

- a. The Clerk advised that the youth who had admitted to putting the graffiti on the bus shelters had assisted with their repainting and a bill had been sent to him for payment for the rest of the labour and costs of repainting them. The Clerk advised that the litter bin on the bus shelter outside the pub needed to be replaced as the graffiti remained on this. The Council agreed to purchase a new bin and again pass on the cost to the offender as per the Police advice.
- b. To update on any NAG progress on:
 - i. Cllr Gomm gave the Clerk a posters from Crimestoppers re graffiti for display in the shelters.
 - ii. Dog who runs loose from flats on Portway – The Clerk advised that the VAHT had written to the owner of the dogs advising them they are breaching their tenancy agreement if they allow dogs to run lose on communal grounds. The Police and NAG were unable to take any further action as no more reports had been made. For their first offence they had been warned by VAHT. Cllr Symonds would be meeting with VAHT and will chase this one up. However the dogs had been seen out lose again and had fouled the area however a resident had approached the owner and they did clear the mess up on that occasion. Cllr Gomm advised that Dog Watch was still being set up by the NAG.
 - iii. Use of Speedwatch device in the village: Oving were now using the device. North Marston now had a few volunteers and there had been several reports of speeding on Quainton Road. The Police had now purchased 3 of these devices and it is hoped they will be out on the local roads. Cllr Gomm commented that the language and abuse being received by the operators of the device is unacceptable especially as there are now some younger volunteers. He requested people refrain from this abusive behaviour.
 - iv. NAG – Youth section now started and now looking for recruits aged 11-18 years. He would put a note in the magazine.
 - v. There is a multi agency Community Shop being opened in Aylesbury Hayleys Shopping Centre where members of the public can go to gain advice on crime safety BCC and other agencies represented.

Adjournment

46. **Date of the next meeting** will be Tuesday 18th August 2009 in the Village Hall commencing at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed Date