

# NORTH MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of North Marston Parish Council held in the Village Hall  
on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2009 at 8.00pm

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**Attendees:** Cllr Symonds (Chair), Cllr Finnemore, Cllr Gillett, Cllr Gomm, Cllr Martin, Cllr Parks, and 3 members of the public attended. Cllr Symonds took the minutes.

46. **Receive Apologies:** Cllr Williams, Cllr Finnemore, Sue Mordue (Clerk).
47. **Open Forum for Parishioners:** Residents questioned the positioning of the children crossing road sign on the green outside 3 High Street.
48. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda:** none.
49. **The minutes** of the last meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2009 were confirmed as a true record. Cllr Gomm requested 3 changes to wording.
50. **To update on matters arising** from the minutes of the last meetings including:
  - a. Update from the Clerk on repayment of costs for graffiti damage – no response had been received to letters therefore the Clerk had reported that she had contacted the Police again who had advised that she should write again stating payment is required or the Council will take the matter to small claims court. The person involved is over 18 so this could be done however the mother had contacted and advised her son now has a job and will pay £40 per week until the debt is repaid. Received £40 cash so far. Also sent bill for new litter bin to same person. (Total amount owed due to graffiti damage is £235.80).
  - b. VAHT – update from Cllr Symonds from his meeting with VAHT- progress to date has been limited however 35 Portway a dehumidifier will be fitted, 29 a security light fitted. Outstanding matters still being progressed are 35 Portway – a new kitchen, 27 Portway lose dog is being monitored in line with the tenancy agreement, ivy clearance and new fencing, 29 Portway new parking area, fencing and vegetation clearance, 37 Portway vegetation clearance, 25 & 27 Schorne Lane – ditch clearance should be done by 22/9/09.
  - c. Affordable Housing - Bucks Community Action will give a briefing on 20<sup>th</sup> October commencing at 7.30pm before the Parish Council meeting.
  - d. Pitchcott Parish – following letter sent by the Clerk the outstanding amount has now been received.
  - e. New litter bin has been put up at pub bus shelter to replace the one covered in graffiti.
51. **To consider correspondence** and other communications received since last meeting including:
  - a. BCC review on bus usage – North Marston routes not effected therefore no comments required.
  - b. AVDC Consultation on review of facilities – the Council resolved that Cllr Symonds would complete this questionnaire on behalf of the Council.
  - c. Letter from Louise Foster re her tenant parking on High Street instead of in their parking spaces at the back stating that her tenant said the Parish Council had given permission for them to park obstructing the road – the Council resolved that Cllr Symonds would speak to Louise Foster.
52. **Highways, Footpaths & Footways, Street Lighting:** To report and update on issues and repairs: vegetation on the pavement at Elmers Meadow – Cllr Symonds to speak to new residents at 2B Granborough Road and BCC re this area which still belongs to the Developers.
53. **North Marston and Granborough Community Sports field:** Fencing now complete – Jim Tattam finished the final run adjacent to Mrs Woodward's field. He repaired the damaged section near the pond (vandalism?) and put in two stiles in each run (4 in total) to allow people to jump over if needs be. Weed killer has been put down around and at the back of the store building ahead of strimming down the thistles and stingers so that the remaining bark chips can be moved there. Fun Day planning complete. Costs will be roughly £270 so we need to ensure enough income to at least cover the costs of running the event and of course check the weather forecast for that day before deciding to go ahead. Meeting held with Football Club to review options for funding and feedback from their approach to the Football Foundation. Essentially, the type and scale of building they would require would mean a re-design of the existing plans and increase the cost by easily 4 to 5 times the current £70/80k. In addition they have no funding left for the next 12 months and when funding available again it would only be for 50% of the total required. Focusing therefore on our approach to Sport England. Open Gardens 2010 – date has been set of June 6<sup>th</sup>.

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54. **Pond:** it was agreed that the pond clearance date should be brought forward and Cllr Symonds would contact to re arrange.
55. **Play Area:** To discuss and agree for the tarmaced area on the basketball court at the park to be repaired as per the recommendation from RoSPA: Andrew North to provide a written confirmation of his verbal quote of £500 to repair as agreed the basketball area and reset the goal posts.
56. **Finance:**
- a. The Council resolved to sign off as reviewed the accounts year to date June 2009.
  - b. The Council resolved to issue the following cheques:
    - Parish Council acc:

Glasdon	£55.80
Anglian Water	£23.66
Lynch Garden Services	£65.00
Allianz	£124.77
Lynch Garden Services	£65.00
    - Sportsfield acc:

Giffords	£782.00
Otto Uk Ltd	£141.66
100 club - Keegan	£30.00
100 club - Bussell	£20.00
100 club - Bowden	£10.00
Agripower	£7,245.60
EJ Tattam	£390.00
R Bradshaw	£260.00
NM Village Hall	£30.00
57. **Police matters:** NAG / Speedwatch: Update from Cllr Gomm was:
- a. that next action would be at Pitchcott
  - b. Any abuse offered whilst on Speedwatch duty we are advised to take the registration number and report to the Police.
  - c. NAG Youth Group now taking interest in problems caused through use of drink and drugs.
  - d. Profile of Action now ready for dog watch and includes environmental health input as required.
  - e. Police shop to open in Winslow details to follow.
58. **Date of the next meeting** will be Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009 in the Village Hall commencing at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed ..... Date .....