

NORTH MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of North Marston Parish Council held in the Village Hall
on Tuesday 20th October 2009 at 8.00pm

Attendees: Cllr Parks (Chair), Cllr Finnemore, Cllr Gillett, Cllr Symonds, Cllr Martin, Cllr Williams, Cllr Gomm, County Cllr Glover, Sue Mordue (Clerk) and 9 members of the public attended.

73. **The Council resolved** unanimously to elect Cllr Parks as Chair of the Council and her Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office was received by the Clerk.
74. **Receive Apologies:** District Cllr Polhill.
75. **The Council resolved to adopt the following documents** as prepared by Cllrs Parks and Finnemore with the assistance of AVDC Head of Legal and Estates Joanna Swift and advice from BALC:
- new standing orders
 - new protocol
 - new Complaints Procedure
- Cllr Gomm requested it be minuted that he had not read any of the new documents but agreed to adopt all three. Similarly, Cllr Symonds stated that he had not read the complaints procedure but agreed to adopt. Cllr Parks advised that Joanna Swift AVDC Monitoring Officer and Head of Legal and Estates had offered to train and support Councillors with these new processes/protocols if requested.
76. **The Council resolved to appoint the following Cllrs as representatives to the outside bodies:**
- Cllr Gomm was elected as the Parish Council representative for NAG. NHW would continue with Paul McSweeney.
 - Cllr Parks was elected to represent the Parish Council on the BCC Local Area Forum and in her absence the Vice Chair would attend.
77. **The Council resolved to appoint to committees /working groups as follows:**
- Cllr Martin was elected to be the Parish Council representative for Village Hall Committee
 - Cllr Martin was elected to be the Parish Council representatives for Sportsfield Working Party along with Cllr Parks who attends as a member and is Chairman of the Working Party.
78. **All Cllrs reviewed their** Register of Interest and necessary changes were advised to the Clerk.
79. **Open Forum for Parishioners:** adjournment.
80. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda:** Cllr Gomm declared his prejudicial interest in item 92.
81. **Formal announcements from the Chair:** none.
82. **The Council resolved to confirm the minutes** of the last meeting held on Tuesday 15th September 2009.
83. **To update on matters arising** from the minutes of the last meetings including:
- The Skate Park / i-van project is to be held on 24th February 6.00pm -8.00pm in the car park at the Village Hall, advertisements to follow nearer the time.
 - VAHT progress update on issues: An application for a revamp of the flats on Portway has been made with fencing and paving as phase 2. Hedges and lawns at the flats are now on a rota for permanent cut backs with VAHT contractor and should be maintained throughout the year on a regular cycle. Parts of the ditch on Schorne Lane have been dug but the length needs doing to allow the water to drain away. Clerk will contact to progress this. Ivy on electric pole – still liaising with E-On.
84. **To consider correspondence** and other communications received since last meeting including: AVDC Gambling Act – agreed no comments were required. Allianz Insurers requests the Council minute the weekly play Area inspections – this was accepted by the Council.
85. **Highways, Footpaths & Footways, Street Lighting:**
- Light at the end of St Johns Lane has a cover missing on its electricity box.
 - Update from the Clerk re Street Light accident in Carters Meadow – no response had been received to the Clerks letters or payment of the monies due. The Council agreed the Clerk should write one stronger letter and then if not to put matters in the hands of the Insurers to recover the monies due.
 - Site meeting with BCC to be requested regarding Quainton Road outside 49 and Cllr Glover agreed to look into the safety issue of the footpath outside 1 Portway Cllr Finnemore would provide pictures of the problem.

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- 86. To receive recommendations and reports** from North Marston and Granborough Community Sports field:
- a. **Grant funding for new Clubhouse:** Sport England - their new Rural Communities fund was 15 times oversubscribed and they only agreed to take forward 30 out of the 300 applications and ours was not one of them. This is very disappointing as we are unable to get funding (or even an interest free loan) from ECB and are very unlikely to get any funding from the Football Foundation. This said, we are reviewing our plan and costing to tie down what the minimum funding would be required to get a decent building up and running. We will then go back to WREN, AVDC and the Community Chest to see how they might be able to help. We also plan to approach LEADER and do another search on other funds.
 - b. **Aylesbury Vale Joint Sports Council – North** At a recent meeting it was confirmed that they are likely to have their grant fund dramatically slashed next financial year. With this in mind we are getting an application in (assuming they have funds remaining in this year's budget) to purchase football related equipment – goal post, nets, corner flags and line marker.
 - c. **Other news:** Sand dressing and over seeding was completed by Agripower recently. In the end they used less sand than anticipated (the surface wouldn't take any more) so our bill from them is much smaller which covers the cost of cricket wicket maintenance work done voluntarily by the cricket club. New security up and running for storage building.

87. Pond: The Vale Volunteers had done an excellent job with help from parishioners to pull out some of the bulrushes. However it has proved that this job cannot be done by hand and a mechanical digger is required to re dig the pond and remove the bulrushes. It was emphasised that the pond would therefore look untidy for a season whilst the work is undertaken and it recovers, however there are no other option. The Council resolved that the Clerk should ask George Cheshire to meet with members and discuss the options and provide a quotation for re digging the area of the pond. Paul Holton from AVDC had agreed to pay half the cost of the digger.

88. Finance:

- a. The Council agreed the accounts year to date August 2009 as reviewed.
- b. The Council resolved to issue the following payments:

<i>Parish Council Account:</i>	Lynch Garden Services	871	£130.00
	Mazars (completion of audit)	872	£327.75
	E-On	873	£302.45
	E-On	874	£184.00
	AVDC	875	£232.02
	E-On	876	£204.00
<i>Sports field Account:</i>	100 club	077	£30.00
	100 club	078	£20.00
	100 club	079	£10.00
	Agripower	080	£3,839.85
	Keys	081	£40.50
	A Lane & Son	082	£394.38
	E-On	083	£17.45

- c. The Council resolved to apply for the following schemes under the BCC Delegated Budget Scheme for 2010/11:
 - i. Dropped kerbing at the bottom of Church Street with High Street / Portway
 - ii. Footpath along Quainton Road
 - iii. Repeater 30mph roundel signs on Quainton Road

89. Play Area Gates:

- a. The Council resolved the Clerk should ask Jim Tattam to fit a new gate and gain a quotation for a new gate from Denne Engineering rather than trying to fix the gate as the price would be similar.
- b. A stronger spring is also required for the Quainton Road Gate.

90. Open Forum for Cllrs and Officers: adjournment.

91. The date of the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 17th November 2009.

Members of the public, and Cllr Gomm having declared his interest, left the meeting

Closed session:

92. The Council resolved to accept the quotation from AJ North to resurface the basket ball area.

The meeting closed at 9.27pm

Signed Date