

NORTH MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of North Marston Parish Council held in the Village Hall
on Tuesday 17th November 2009 at 8.00pm

Attendees: Cllr Parks (Chair), Cllr Finnemore, Cllr Gillett, Cllr Martin, Cllr Williams, Cllr Gomm, County Cllr Glover, District Cllr Polhill Sue Mordue (Clerk) and 1 member of the public attended.

93. **Receive Apologies:** Cllr Symonds.
94. **Open Forum for Parishioners:** adjournment.
95. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda:** Cllr Finnemore declared her personal interest in item 100b.
96. **Formal announcements from the Chair:** none.
97. **The Council resolved to confirm the minutes** of the last meeting held on Tuesday 20th October 2009 with the addition of the word 'roundel' to item 88ciii.
98. **To update on matters arising** from the minutes of the last meetings including:
- Pond: to update from meeting with George Cheshire regarding works required for the pond – meeting was held. The pond will be dug deeper, the reeds on the LHS and trees will be removed. The perimeters will remain shallow. The RHS up towards the bench will be levelled to make it easier to maintain the new smaller pond. This levelled area will then be grassed. Quote will be provided and it is hoped that George will commence work early December. AVDC Biodiversity Dept has agreed to pay part of the costs.
99. **To consider correspondence** and other communications received since last meeting including:
- Dog Fouling in the play area and around the village – letter had been received in addition to several comments about the dog fouling; in particular in the Children's Play Area, around the pub and on the sportsfield. Article will be placed in the magazine. Clerk would send information on 'delegated areas' (where Dog Wardens can enforce fines) to Cllr Parks along with suggested wordings. Cllr Gomm will report back after the NAG on 25/11/09 about any help they can provide. Cllr Gomm also advised there were posters on the NAG website. Clerk to acquire more signs to post around the problem areas.
 - To consider the setting up of a Youth Council – Clerk to enquire whether there are any age restrictions on age of participants before approaching the school. It was agreed to include this idea in the community led planning activity.
 - AVDC Touring Arts and Holiday Activities Programmes – it was agreed that this information will be sent to the church to consider whether they wanted to take advantage on this opportunity.
100. **Planning: To discuss planning applications and make recommendations:**
- 09/01883/APP – Franklin and Sons Bed and Breakfast Manor Farm Stables, 26 High Street – alterations to front to reduce from three holiday units to one self contained holiday unit – the Council resolved it had No Objections to this application.
Cllr Finnemore having declared her interest left the meeting
 - 09/01951/ALB – St Johns Manor, St Johns Lane – removal of centre render, replacement of timber frame from first floor to Attic of North Gable, installation of new windows, removal of ground floor brick walls and plaster – the Council resolved it Supported this application.
Cllr Finnemore returned to the meeting
 - 09/01677/APP – 49A Quainton Road – creation of new access – the Council resolved to oppose this application as the exit is very close to the house next door and where cars park. It was suggested that the applicants should explore creating a turning circle within the grounds rather than creating another access onto Quainton Road.
101. **Highways, Footpaths & Footways, Street Lighting:**
- To report and update on issues and repairs – site meeting arranged for 24/11 with David Hedley. Will discuss road outside Chapel on Quainton Road, footpath up to the Cresswell's house, loose stones along the road and no white lines yet, flooding on Portway corner outside the Franklins, kerbstones outside 1 Portway.
 - Slope outside drive 1 Portway: Cllr Finnemore would send a photograph of the slope on the path to Cllr Glover to see if she can get anything done about the dangerous slope. Another child came off their bike on this section this week and fell off into the road and people have gone over on their ankles. It is very dangerous when icy and it is clear that this is very hazardous and BCC need to ascertain whether they would be liable for an accident on this piece of path or whether the Gates as the home owners would be.

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c. Update from the Clerk re Street Light accident in Carters Meadow – the clerk advised that she had received a cheque in full payment.

102. **To receive recommendations and reports** from North Marston and Granborough Community Sports field: Cllr Martin had attended a VAHT forum and entered a draw for funds but was unsuccessful. Currently the Working Party is exploring other grant opportunities. WREN can no longer fund buildings but they can fund internal fixture and fittings. Might be able to apply for funding from Biffa and this expression of interest is being finalised with Bucks Community Action. Community Chest fund may be able to do the match funding again. Cllr Glover will forward a list of potential funders in case any opportunities may have been missed.

103. **Rural Affordable Housing:** to discuss and agree whether to proceed with the first stage of this initiative by way of a questionnaire: the Council discussed the poor response rate to the survey last time and low level of eligible candidates. Great concern was expressed about the infrastructure capacity limitations, specifically sewerage and the fact that the school is already over subscribed. It was agreed not to take action at the moment but that this could be discussed under community led planning process.

104. **Bus Shelter Granborough Road** – to discuss and agree when to progress this project: it was agreed that the Clerk should start on this project immediately.

105. **Finance:**

- a. The accounts year to date September 2009 were confirmed as reviewed.
- b. The Council resolved to issue the following cheques:

PC Account:

Reg Porter	901	£207.00
Vale Countryside Volunteers	902	£90.00
Clerks Pay & Expenses	903	£324.48
PRA Randles	904	£28.28

Sports field Accounts:

Village Hall Deposit	084	£30.00
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D Tyler	086	£100.00
100 club	087	£30.00
100 club	088	£20.00
100 club	089	£10.00

- c. The Council resolved to accept the budget for 2010/11 and set the Precept at £17000.00.

106. **Play Area:** Cllr Martin had completed his weekly inspections and there had been a lot of litter and cans and bottles left around. Andrew North had completed the repair to the basketball surface and had reset the goal posts.

107. **Open Forum for Cllrs and Officers** (under adjournment).

108. **The date of** the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 19th January 2009.

Members of the public left the meeting.

Closed session:

109. **To agree the new appraisal process and performance review process for employees:** the Council resolved to adopt the process and documents presented by Cllr Parks and Finnemore. The Chairman and the Vice-chairman will conduct the appraisal interview with input from other councillors per the process documents.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed Date