

# North Marston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of North Marston Parish Council held in the Village Hall  
on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 8.20pm

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**Attendees:** Cllr Parks (Chair), Cllr Finnemore, Cllr Gillett, Cllr Martin, Cllr Williams, Cllr Symonds, County Cllr Glover, Sue Mordue (Clerk) and 14 members of the public attended.

1. **Receive Apologies:** Cllr Gomm, District Cllr Polhill.
2. **Open Forum for Parishioners:** (under adjournment)
3. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda:** none.
4. **Formal announcements from the Chair:** none.
5. **The Council resolved to confirm the minutes** of the last meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009.
6. **To update on matters arising** from the minutes of the last meetings including:
  - a. Pond: George Cheshire had confirmed his quotation in writing and hopes to commence work next month. Clerk to contact Paul Holton AVDC with details as he had agreed to contribute towards the costs.
7. **To consider correspondence** and other communications received since last meeting including:
  - a. Walk Your Local Paths Initiative – the Council resolved that Cllr Williams will progress this initiative.
  - b. Welcome Pack for new villagers – the Council resolved that the magazine is a good source of local information and contacts. Magazine distributors normally knocked on doors of new people and gave them a first copy. Sarah Thompson to be contacted about suggestions for some improvements and to enquire whether extra copies can be made available for new arrivals.
  - c. Milton Keynes Cabinet boundary review – the Council agreed to keep a watching brief on this issue with a view to the expansion of Winslow as well. They agreed to write to AVDC to confirm the PCs support and copy the LAF and Newton Longville PC.
  - d. BALC Liaison Project – Cllr Parks and Cllr Finnemore agreed to meet with Lesley Blue BALC with the Clerk to discuss.
8. **Planning: To discuss planning applications and make recommendations:** none
9. **Highways, Footpaths & Footways, Street Lighting:**
  - a. Street Lighting – light opposite 10A Portway is out and outside 12 Granborough Road – clerk to report.
  - b. Clerk is meeting with BCC's Area Technician, David Hedley and will discuss the following issues which have been identified: Indentation on road surface outside shared driveway of 3 Granborough Road; pothole outside 18; Drain by 47 High Street is blocked; Quainton Road – some edging stones required; Elmers Meadow dropped kerbstone on LHS as pulling off the Granborough road still not repaired. Sheperds Close the footway has dropped; road sunk outside Chapel House 49 Quainton Road; pot holes outside the school still not filled.
10. **To receive recommendations and reports** from North Marston and Granborough Community Sports field: The padlocking of the gate has been required due to burglaries although the pavilion is now fully alarmed. However the Committee/Parish Council will look at fitting a pedestrian gate as soon as possible to resolve this temporary inconvenience to users. A Volunteers Day had been held over Christmas and was very successful. An overflow pipe was fitted to the new pond, the area alongside the hedge had been strimmed, new rubbish bin installed, and the loft has been boarded to provide additional storage. An application for funding has been submitted to Aylesbury Vale North Sports Council for new adult and junior goal posts, corner and centre flags and a line marker. Funding for the new club house building is proving very difficult as a result of the recession and a recent change by the Govt in relation to Landfill Tax money. Biffa did not approve the recent application because like WREN they would no longer fund new buildings. However WREN has confirmed they would fund the internal fit out – plumbing, electrics, kitchen and wash rooms. An application has been made to the LEADER Fund for £50,000.
11. **Bus Shelter Granborough Road** – The Clerk had held a meeting with David Hedley BCC who had agreed in principle to the location of the shelter. Clerk is to follow up in writing now that plans / specification had been received from Roy Randles. It would be smaller than the other shelters with

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wise as the space is smaller however it would be in keeping with the design of the rest of the village shelters.

## 12. Finance:

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

### Parish Council Acc:

E-On	878	£204.00
CPRE	879	£29.00
Clerks Pay & Expenses	880	£338.59

### Sportsfield Acc:

A Lane & Son	093	£411.30
Buildbase (Jon Martin)	094	£38.38
A Lane & Son	095	£99.27
100 club	096	£30.00
100 club	097	£20.00
100 club	098	£10.00
E-On	099	£36.90

- c. The Council resolved to ratify cheques issued in December 2009 for the 100 Club draw:

100 club	090	£60.00
100 club	091	£40.00
100 club	092	£20.00

## 13. Play Area:

- a. Weekly inspection had been undertaken -see item 13 c below. There was a lot of glass bottles around the collection bins due to the fact that the recycling had not been collected now for several months.
- b. To update on outcome of applications made to Winslow & District LAF and Community Chest re grants for new play equipment – BCC Local Area Forum Local Priorities Budget had agreed to donate £1577 towards a new see-saw for the play area and the Community Chest grant had also been agreed for £800 towards a 'twister'. Orders will be placed for the equipment to be installed asap.
- c. Damaged Springer – the Clerk had received a call over Christmas from an adult who had unfortunately broken the springer by playing on it! The clerk has asked Roy Randles to assess what is required and will order a replacement and mend. The person had advised they will reimburse the cost of repair.

## 14. Community Led Plan:

- a. The Parish Council meeting was preceded by a presentation from Paul O'Hare from Bucks Community Action. He talked about 'Community Led Planning' and members of the public were able to ask questions and discuss this initiative openly.
- b. The Council resolved it will lead and organise a public meeting to progress this initiative which will involve parishioners being able to make their inputs. This will inform the construction of a Parish-wide questionnaire (delivered to all householders). The results will be analysed and fed into a Parish Plan which will help prioritise issues and raise funds as and when required. Paul O'Hare has agreed to make a donation towards any cost involved up to £500.

## 15. Open Forum for Cllrs and Officers (under adjournment).

16. **The date of** the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010 venue to be confirmed by agenda as MADS would be using the Village Hall.

## Closed Session

It was resolved to exclude the press and public from discussions regarding the following items owing to the confidential nature of the business:

17. The Council resolved to accept the quotation from Roy Randles for a new bus shelter opposite Gibbings Close.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

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