

NORTH MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of North Marston Parish Council held in the Village Hall
on Tuesday 16th March 2010 at 8.00pm

Attendees: Cllr Parks (Chair), Cllr Finnemore, Cllr Gomm, Cllr Martin, Cllr Williams, Cllr Symonds, Sue Mordue (Clerk) and 5 members of the public attended.

36. **Receive Apologies:** Cllr Gillett, District Cllr Polhill, County Cllr Glover.
37. **Open Forum for Parishioners:** (under adjournment)
38. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda:** Cllr Finnemore advised of her personal interest in item 44 as Chair of the Village Shop Committee, Cllrs Finnemore, Symonds and Martin declared their prejudicial interest as Trustees on the Poores Piece and Clocklands in item 43 and Cllr Gomm declared his personal interest in item 43.
39. **Formal announcements** from the Chair: none
40. **The minutes** of the last meeting held on Tuesday 16th February 2010 were confirmed as a true record.
41. **To update on matters arising** from the minutes of the last meetings:
 - a. Dog on Portway – The Parish Council had requested that the NAG be involved in ensuring it stops running loose and fouling. The matter is being dealt with by TVP, VAHT and the RSPCA.
42. **To consider correspondence** and other communications received since last meeting:
 - a. An approach has been made to plant a memorial tree in memory of Rowland Linnell at the pond. The Council thought it would be better to plant a tree on the Village Hall field next to the Quainton Road hedge as the work on the pond required recently involved removing trees as they are taking too much water out of the pond. Cllr Martin would pass on this suggestion to the family.
 - b. A watching brief will be kept on BCC's Energy form Waste facility as they are reviewing both original candidates i.e. WRG's bid based at Calvert is back in play.
 - c. Cllr Parks would respond to ICOCO, which has been commissioned by BCC to review community cohesion in the County.
43. **Planning: To discuss planning applications and make recommendations:**

Adjournment to allow interested Cllrs to speak.

Cllr Finnemore, Symonds and Martin left the room- meeting reopened

 - a. 10/00307/APP – Three Corners Piece - siting of a storage container for storage of equestrian equipment – the Council resolved that it opposed this application. The applicant had not consulted immediate neighbours as stated; a similar application had been refused in 2006 and resulted in enforcement action for the removal of a container. The Council agreed that containers are not in keeping with the rural environment. However the Council would consider an application for a container if it were housed in a wooden constructed barn and the latter were constructed first.

Cllr Finnemore, Symonds and Martin rejoined the meeting.
44. **Village Shop Planning Application:** Cllr Finnemore updated on the application which had been submitted to AVDC for the shop. The Parish Council is the applicant and Cllr Finnemore is the agent detailed on this. Cllr Symonds requested a further meeting in order for the Council to discuss the contents of the application in full. Terms and conditions for the occupancy of part of the car park would be discussed at a future meeting.
45. **Highways, Footpaths & Footways, Street Lighting:**
 - a. To report and update on issues and repairs: School patches had at last been filled but not sealed so will probably happen again. New pot holes outside The Old Bakery High Street and at Quainton Road junction. Chevrons on gypsy corner still not re-erected. Meeting with Simon Dudley on Friday 19th with the Gates to try and sort out the pavement. Hedge on Oving Road needs cutting back.
 - b. Street light in Shepperds Close: to agree whether to accept the quotation from E-On and an update on liability payment: The Council resolved to accept the quotation from E-On to fit a new column and lamp. Countrywide Oils have admitted full liability and the PC wished to thank Linda Rowett for her assistance with this.
 - c. Update on bus shelter on Granborough Road and to agree to the purchase of a litter bin: bus shelter is completed and the Council expressed its thanks to Colin Beckett and Roy Randles for their work on this.

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Roy had also fitted a new noticeboard FOC. The Council resolved to order a new litter bin to be put on side of shelter.

- d. Graffiti was reported on the back of the sportsfield building and also in the bus shelter on Portway. These would be photographed and copies sent to the Police/ NAG.

46. North Marston and Granborough Community Sports field:

- a. To receive recommendations and reports: 20 tonnes of soil had been spread on a volunteers day and a further 20 tonnes would be delivered and spread on 27th March. A security light and sensor had been put up by Ian Mordue. Mesh is required on dipping platform and a fence around the older pond as it is very deep. Still pursuing LEADER for funding. School wants to use the field for projects eg. For pond dipping. The sign at the front is being pushed over by the wind Cllr Parks will look at this.
- b. The Council resolved to agree to a loft light and an additional light socket for the main area up to a cost of £100 Cllr Parks would arrange.

47. Village Hall

- a. The Council resolved to agree to set up the Village Hall as a Sub Committee of the Parish Council and to bring back responsibility for the finance and minutes to the Parish Council. The draft Terms of Reference for the Village Hall Sub-Committee, previously circulated, were adopted.
- b. To agree 2 Councillors as the Parish Councils representatives on this committee – the Council resolved that Cllr Martin should continue on the Committee and Cllr Parks would be the other representative.

48. Finance:

- a. The Council resolved to sign off as reviewed the accounts year to date January 2010.

- b. The Council resolved to issue the following cheques:

Sportsfield Account:

A Lane & Son	103	£549.50
Linnell Bros Ltd	104	£211.50
100 club	105	£30.00
100 club	106	£20.00
100 club	107	£10.00

Parish Council Account:

A J North	890	£587.50
Colin Beckett	891	£3,013.29
Clerks Pay & Expenses	892	£367.32

- c. The Council resolved to the reappointment of the Internal Auditor Gus Orchard for the year 2010/11.
- d. The Council countersigned the letter to the bank to open up new accounts in the name of the Village Hall and Schorne Well.

49. Play Area:

- a. Confirmation of weekly inspection and agree work if required: Cllr Martin confirmed there were no issues to report. One of the bins had been moved out of the fenced play area and the new fence and quicks had been planted by Andrew North.
- b. Damaged Springer – the clerk updated that the previous supplier of the springer had stopped trading, a new springer cost in the region of £800. Therefore we are still waiting to see whether Fenland Leisure can source just a top for the springer. Due to the cost it is worth waiting for their response.

50. **Community Led Plan:** Agree any actions required for the first public meeting, promotion of the event and any actions required: Each organisation would have a table for display. Cllr Gomm confirmed that he would bring twelve display boards for post it notes to be stuck on and there would be no charge. There would be flip chart paper and pens available and a sign in sheet. Tea and cakes would be available for those attending to enjoy. Flyers had been put through every door and it hoped there will be a good turn out.

51. **Open Forum for Cllrs and Officers:** adjournment.

52. **The date of** the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 20th April 2010 in the Village Hall at 8pm.

Closed Session (Members of the Public and Press were excluded)

53. **Grass Cutting Tender** – the Council resolved to award the contract to for the year 10/11 to Lynch Garden Services.

The meeting closed at 9.57pm

Signed Date