

# NORTH MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of North Marston Parish Council held in the Village Hall  
on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 8.00pm

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**Attendees:** Cllr Parks (Chair), Cllr Finnemore, Cllr Martin, Cllr Symonds, Cllr Gillett, Cllr Williams, Cllr Gomm, County Cllr Glover, Sue Mordue (Clerk) and 3 members of the public attended.

76. **Election of the Chairman of the Council:** Cllr Parks was unanimously elected to the position of Chair and her declaration of acceptance of office was received by the Clerk.
77. **Receive Apologies:** District Cllr Sue Polhill.
78. **To elect a Vice-Chairman of the Council** Cllr Finnemore was unanimously elected to the position of Vice Chair and her declaration of acceptance of office was received by the Clerk.
79. **To appoint** representatives to outside bodies:
  - a. Cllr Parks was elected to represent the Council at the BCC Local Area Forum.
  - b. Cllr Gomm was elected to represent the Council at the NAG.
80. **To appoint** committees / working groups:
  - a. The Sportsfield Working Group and the Village Hall Committee were reappointed as sub committees of the Parish Council.
  - b. Cllr Parks and Martin were both elected to represent the Council on the Sports Field Working Party Committee.
  - c. Cllr Parks and Cllr Martin were both elected to represent the Council at the Village Hall Committee.
81. **To review** and confirm the standing orders: accepted with no changes.
82. **To review** and confirm the adoption of the Complaints Procedure and Protocol for Councillors and Officer Relations – accepted with no changes.
83. **Open Forum for Parishioners:** (under adjournment)
84. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda:** Cllr Finnemore and Cllr Gillett declared their personal or prejudicial interests in item 92.
85. **Formal announcements from the Chair** - none
86. **The minutes** of the last meetings held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010 were confirmed as a true record.
87. **To update on matters arising** from the minutes of the last meetings:
  - a. Cllr Polhill had contacted the recycling dept and had arranged for collections to be fortnightly.
  - b. Tanya Gates had contacted AVDC directly regarding the new sign outside her house as it needs to be moved up the hill past her property as she is on Portway and people are getting confused with the sign there that they are on Church Street not Portway.
  - c. Cllr Symonds confirmed he would move the grit bin.
88. **To consider correspondence** and other communications received since last meeting:
  - a. Probationers – BCC have responded that they would need a full days work for the probationers and they would need a representative from the Council to assist with instruction throughout the day. The Council provided a list and confirmed they would assist.
  - b. Letter received from the Newbys who are very concerned about the traffic speeds and safety of pedestrians and cyclists on Granborough Road. They suggest that a footpath would make it safer. The Council resolved that it would take the safety matter to the Local Area Forum and to the Neighbourhood Action Group to try and address the speeding issues. The Council does take the matter very seriously and the main issue is funding as only BCC can spend money on footpaths. They suggest that walkers use the footpath through the fields rather than walking on the main road. They requested the Clerk to write to Granborough Parish Council asking for their support as more people are coming down to the Sportsfield.
89. **Planning:** To discuss planning applications and make recommendations: none

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## 90. Highways, Footpaths & Footways, Street Lighting:

- a. The Clerk confirmed that Countrywide Oil had paid the cost of replacing the damaged light.

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- b. BCC still has many previously reported issues outstanding– Chevrons on Quanton Road Corner, Chapel House Quanton Road – still dip in the road. Pot holes – Gibbings Close/Granborough Road junction and outside the Village Hall, Morton Lane/ Schorne Lane outside the Chapel and at the top of Church Street.

91. **North Marston and Granborough Community Sports field:** To receive recommendations and reports: Quotation had been received from Jim Tattam to put in fencing around the pond and from the Storage Building across to the sign to stop access onto the grass from the road side. The Council resolved to accept this. There had been 2 successful fund raising events – the cricket clubs “Girls Night” raised £545 and was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and the plant sale raised £145. There is a plan to do a race night, a boys night and the Christmas Bazaar. An application had been submitted to LEADER for funding for the pavilion.

92. **Village Shop** – to consider a request from the Village Shop committee for a contribution for this year 2010/11. As the money is required to fund a new car park the Council resolved to give £2k to be used on Phase 1 of the project for the car park. This was thought to be of great benefit to the whole community and especially Village Hall users and would be on the Parish Councils Land. The Council agreed to add to the next agenda the issue of a formal lease for the shop.

## 93. Finance:

- a. The Council resolved to sign off the year end accounts March 2010 prior to submission to the internal auditor. This included confirmation of the risk assessment.

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

Lynch Garden Services	909	£65.00
PRA Randles	910	£36.00
Clerks Pay & Expenses	911	£472.70
Fenland Leisure Products	912	£1,938.75
Fenland Leisure Products	913	£1,645.00
Archie Dancer	914	£12.00
Fenland Leisure Products	915	£186.04

## 94. Play Area:

- a. Confirmation of weekly inspection and agree work if required – no issues to report.
- b. The Clerk confirmed that the New Play Equipment had been installed and the Damaged Springer had been replaced. An invoice to reclaim this money will be sent to the person who had reported they had caused the damage. Photographs would be taken and sent to BCC and AVDC as their funds paid for the new equipment.

95. **Community Led Plan:** Agree on questionnaire content and next steps: Cllr Parks would circulate a final version following which they would be copied and distributed by the Cllrs. The data would be collected and processed by Cllr Parks and the Clerk.

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

97. **The date of** the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June in the Village Hall commencing at 8pm.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

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