

# North Marston Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of North Marston Parish Council held in the Methodist Chapel on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 8.00pm

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**Attendees:** Cllr Parks (Chair), Cllr Finnemore, Cllr Martin, Cllr Gillett, Cllr Spargo, Cllr Minnitt, Sue Mordue (Clerk), Michelle Jackson (Minutes Secretary), PC Martin Siderman, PCSO Wendy Taylor, and 3 members of the public attended.

178. **Receive Apologies:** to accept apologies for absence.  
AVDC Cllr Sue Polhill, BCC Cllr Netta Glover, Cllr Radcliffe
179. **Open Forum for Parishioners:** (under adjournment) There had been a recent 'painting/graffiti' on 3 front doors in the village and a car on a Sunday afternoon which was being investigated by the Police. However the Police reassured us that this is a one off crime and would continue to investigate and take matters forward with information received.
180. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda:** to declare any personal or prejudicial interests.
181. **The minutes** of the last meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011 were confirmed as a true record.
182. **To update on matters arising** from the minutes of the last meetings: Covered by agenda.
183. **To consider correspondence** and other communications received since last meeting.
  - a. Village Freighter service – decide whether to continue this on a paid for basis – it was agreed not to proceed with this as the cost was too high.
184. **Planning: To discuss planning applications and make recommendations:**
  - a. Ratify response of No Objection for: 11/01932/APP – 7 Schorne Lane – two storey side extension and relocation of existing car port – Cllrs resolved that it had no objections to the application.
  - b. Stonehill Farm – Cllrs resolved that it had no objections to the application.
185. **Highways, Footpaths & Footways:**
  - a. To report and update on issues and repairs
    - i. The Clerk had met with David Hedley BCC concerning the water lying on the roads around Shepperds Close and Quainton Road. BCC agreed to jet the drains and if flooding persisted additional drains would be put into Quainton Road at this location.
    - ii. The Clerk to report that the drain by Jan Quinn's step in Schorne Lane had been missed when jetting had occurred last week.
    - iii. The drop kerb was sinking Granborough Road side.
    - iv. The Granborough Road at the corner of the village hall car park was prone to flooding and BCC should be asked to investigate.
    - v. Pot Holes outside the Methodist Chapel Schorne Lane
  - b. Update re Carters Lane Junction – Cllr Spargo reported on his discussions with Tim Fowler BCC who had advised that proposals for new lines and signage would hopefully be finalised before Christmas. The Clerk to arrange a site visit with Tim Fowler when he reviews the area.
  - c. To consider whether to put in wooden posts around the Greens along High Street to stop cars parking on this common land, cutting the grassed areas up and blocking access– it was agreed that the Clerk should obtain quotes.
  - d. To agree whether to purchase an additional dog bin for the end of the footpath NMA 4/2 (where track comes out at bus stop between 6 and 4 Granborough Road) – it was agreed to proceed with the purchase of an additional bin. A problem with dogs in fields was reported and it was agreed Cllr Finnemore would put the footpath rules on the website.
  - e. A response was still awaited from BCC Sian Thomas regarding possible traffic calming measures around the Village Shop and the Sportsfield.
186. **Street Lighting:** To report and update on issues and repairs – the Clerk to obtain costings and a proposed location for a light outside the Methodist Chapel Schorne Lane, Morton Close junction.

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- 187. North Marston and Granborough Community Sportsfield:** Update on progress and receive recommendations – one of the kitchen cupboard had fallen off the wall as it had not been fitted properly. This had been taken away for repair. Walton Wanderers Veteran team were continuing to make use of the pitch on a regular bookings basis at a cost of £55 per use. The possibility of a second entrance to the sportsfield was being investigated. The Clerk to meet with Les Kinchen AVDC Building Inspector to gain sign-off of the building. Cllr Parks to contact Osmocote regarding oil-based preservative stain for painting the outside of the building to be undertaken in the Spring. A race night had been organised for around Valentine's Day.
- 188. Community Speedwatch** – update from Cllr Spargo and agree any actions required – the speedwatch equipment had been returned from Granborough but malfunctioning. It had been easily reprogrammed with a new free SD card. Volunteers were needed to undertake speed checks. Cllr Spargo is researching permanent brackets for the mounting of the Speedwatch device which can be placed in the ground and left for use on future occasions. It may be possible to get a discount if bought in bulk along with other parishes.
- 189. Village Hall:** To update on progress and receive recommendations – the floor had been successfully stripped down and varnished. Costings for refurbishing the roof were being sought and possible grants would then be investigated.
- 190. Parish Action Plan:**
- a. Church Street pond – update from Cllr Martin and Radcliffe and agree any actions required – it was agreed to cut down bulrushes now and spray the pond again in the Spring to kill off the roots of the bulrushes. The pond would then need to be emptied and a decision made on whether a lining would be needed.
  - b. Youth Club or Café – update and agree any actions required – Cllr Parks awaiting a response regarding the requirement to be an affiliate to hire the Winslow Bus.
- 191. Finance:**
- a. To council resolved to sign off the month end accounts September 2011 as correct.
  - b. To ratify cheques issued outside the meeting.
  - c. To Council resolved to draw the following cheques:
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| <i>Village Hall Account:</i>  |      |           |
| Gates Plumbing and Heating    | 138  | £126.00   |
| ACH Flooring Service Ltd      | 139  | £1,992.00 |
| Guy Holden                    | 140  | £60.00    |
| Jane Dell                     | 141  | £70.94    |
| I Carnell                     | 142  | £20.00    |
| <i>Parish Council Account</i> |      |           |
| PRA Randles                   | 1016 | £145.00   |
| Lynch Garden Services         | 1017 | £25.00    |
| AVDC Dog bins                 | 1018 | £248.35   |
| Clerks Pay & Expenses         | 1019 | £374.66   |
| <i>Sportsfield Account</i>    |      |           |
| Karen Parks                   | 245  | £62.90    |
| Helen Shotton                 | 246  | £7.98     |
| E-on                          | 247  | £105.42   |
| Peter Morton 100 Club         | 248  | £30.00    |
| Pip Hitchin 100 club          | 249  | £20.00    |
| Dave Rayner100 Club           | 250  | £10.00    |
| Lanes Landscape               | 251  | £999.46   |
- d. The Clerk to investigate costs of other electricity suppliers.
- 192. Play Area:**
- a. Confirmation of weekly inspection and agree work if required - Roy Randles had repaired the gate, post and fencing following the vandalism of them.

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- b. Quotes to be obtained for a hard surface footpath to the play park from the car park across to Quainton Road and from Quainton Road to the Play Area to allow pushchair access to the equipment.

193. **Open Forum for Cllrs and Officers** (under adjournment) – Cllr Spargo had attended a meeting on the Public Sector Mapping Agreement. It was proposed and agreed that Cllr Spargo should register NMPC. Papers to be circulated for review by Cllrs.

It was proposed to purchase/have made a noticeboard to be located in the car park, costs of which to be split between the shop/village hall/NMPC and a small charge made for advertising. Money received from advertisers would be split between the shop/village hall/NMPC and the shop would manage the adverts. Cllr Finnemore to get costings for making a noticeboard from the spare wood from the shop. – To be confirmed at next meeting.

The Clerk to ask BCC to investigate the culvert under the road which had become blocked from the Sportsman to the other side of the Quainton Road.

It was agreed to have no more grass cuts until the Spring.

194. **The date of** the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 17 January 2012 at the Methodist Chapel.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

Signed .....

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