

# NORTH MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council Mrs Ruth Millard

## Minutes of a General Meeting of North Marston Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30 pm

### Open Forum for Parishioners: (under adjournment)

Monday Club is concerned about the state of the Hall; light that don't work, no toilet rolls, no bin bags.

Poetry evening there were no toilet rolls. Chairs – no chairs in the hall. Previously there have always been 20 chairs in the kitchen. Lately all the chairs have been in the shed.

### Actions; Cllr IM will

- remind the Pre-School to leaved 20 chairs in the kitchen and make sure that there is toilet paper in the toilet area, on a Monday.
- will organise for the light fittings to be addressed.
- Check the shed door which is warped therefore the bolt has dropped.

Other items that were bought to the Councils attention were;

- the booking of the Hall.
- Flooding in Portway
- Manhole cover on High Street.
- Manhole cover still broken – BT will be out in its own time.
- Pond verge opposite BSL is supposed to be 3 foot is now about 6 inches where the contractors for the broadband have been working and parking on the verges. The verges are like a ploughed field. It is impossible to visit the new churchyard, by going to it on foot.
- Various pot holes were reported – action Cllr Paul Ketteridge
- Query if there would be a magazine this month. A resident had an advert that she had asked to be put in the magazine. She hasn't seen it in printed.
- The complaint that a resident has with the former Parish Council has been taken up a level.

**100 Club draw** January – 1<sup>st</sup> Ruth Millard, 2<sup>nd</sup> D Bunyan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Robin Cartwright

**01/16 Attendance;** Cllr Ian Mordue (IM), Cllr Paul Ketteridge (PK), Cllr Rob Symonds (RS), Cllr Diana Hogbin-Mills (DH-M),

Clerk Ruth Millard

**Also;** 7 residents, Cllr Kevin Hewson,

**Apologies;** Cllr Sarah Winkelman(SW), Jack Webb (JW).

### Cllr Ian Mordue chaired the meeting

**02/16 Members Interests;** Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the North Marston Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011. None declared.

**03/16 Approval of Minutes;** To agree the minutes from the General Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

**Resolved;** after amending the minutes in 127/16, the Council agreed that the minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to be a true representation of the meeting and the Chairman signed them.

### 04/16 Planning;

**15/03858/APP** – 35 Quainton Rd North Marston, Erection of Shed at the rear.

**Resolved;** No Objection; with a suggestion to leave enough room between the neighbours fence and the shed for maintenance, when it is installed.

**15/04025/APP** – 8 Schorne Lane North Marston

**Resolved;** to request an extension until after the February meeting. Also **resolved** to agree dates for planning meetings every 2 weeks, either as part of the Parish Meeting or separate, notice of dates for the whole year to be placed on the notice board, the Clerk doesn't need to attend as filling in the request for the Parish Council comments would be the minute, which a Councillor could fill in. When the request for the Parish Council comments arrives by email, the Councillors can agree by email that there will be a meeting for the application will be debated a list of the planning applications to be debated can be placed on the notice board or a notice saying that the planning meeting is cancelled.

### The Clerk advised that;

- Meetings had to be in a public hall, not at the pub.
- The separate notice, for the meeting, had to be served with 3 clear days between the day it was put up and the meeting date.

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- At least 3 members of the Council had to attend to make any decision.

## Meeting closed to let Cllr Kevin Hewson give his report;

- He spoke about Oving considering a community bus service which might include the 3 villages. It would have to be manned and developed by the Councils. The Clerk at Oving is used to a community bus scheme at Stoke Hammond with the help of Community impact Bucks. If there was any interest he would take it back to Oving Parish Council. BCC are starting to hold some major events regarding the transport situation, the first one is being held at Waddesdon, the following Tuesday. He invited the Councillors to the meeting, as his guest, if anyone was interested. Similar meeting will be held at Winslow. He had a discussion with BCC to talk about the Bus Service, how they would cut the service and what they would cut, not to add anything extra. If Parishes wanted to set up a community facilities to do weekly by weekly services that would be great. This is how the Council may go about it.
- He also made the suggestion that North Marston becomes part of the Waddesdon LAF as it has far more rural discussions, more in keeping with North Marston.
- He asked for any feedback on the Broadband service. Cllr IM said that the people that are connected to it the feedback is very positive. The roll out hasn't been as quick as expected however some big step changes happening in the last week or so means that a lot more people will be on it. The contractors working on it have changed. They did certain parts of it without connecting the middle up. The new contractors have now connected up these parts so that a lot more people can get connected. At the moment there are 2 contractors working on it. As a user it is far better than anything already in the village.
- He talked about the budget for AVDC which it looks like going up 2%. Government are intruding 'negative budgeting' whereby Councils that are perceived to be in wealthier areas will be contributing to the central pot for Councils that are less well served. So where business rates will come in, which gives AVDC money, AVDC will be contributing therefore cancelling out the extra money. Still in the early stages the move now is they are opening companies, aimed at residents 'open guard services' and 'inkjet' aimed at corporate services.
- Regarding the AVLPL, the consultation is ongoing and should be publish in the Spring March/April time. He asked if the Council has had any feedback.

## Meeting restarted;

### 05/16 Environment;

#### a) Highways, Footpaths & Footways and Street Lighting:

- To report and update on issues and repairs. Additional light outside 11 School Hill, light at the top of School Hill and the junction of Church Street is still out. Cllr IM proposed that when a light went out the Council checks if it is an old fitting, if it is then it might be better to renew the lamp, as a rolling plan. We need to investigate whether it is an old fitting and if it is, get all the numbers of all the lights in the village and mark out a plan of replacing them. He suggested that the Clerk asks for a free quote to replace all the lights in the village with a new compact florescent that would be the assessment done as they would have to itemise the lot. The Clerk said that she thought that they would just count how many lights in the village and times that by the price of a compact florescent lamp. Cllr IM said to request how much it would cost to change just the high mercury lamps.

Cllr IM also had a request from residents for a new lights on Quanton Road and Portway

**Resolved;** that the Clerk gets a quote for a list of assets and a list of the condition of the lights, the price of the new bulbs and the price of a complete insulation. Cllr RS will get the number of the lamps that are not lit.

- The devolution offer from BCC, hear any update. Cllr RS gave a copy of a 2014 report from AVDC of the overall price for their grass cutting by John O'Conner of £10587. The Clerk reported that Lynch Garden Services now had the Ten Million Public liability Insurance Cover therefore they could give the Parish a quote for the BCC agreement. IM said that the Council didn't need quotes for the work until it knew how much money they were getting for example £1000, £10000 or some where in between.

**Resolved:** for the Clerk to get clarification of the amount of money that BCC will give to North Marston Parish Council for the devolvement project.

#### Parish Action Plan/Projects:

- Playground; monthly report; none given
- Pond refurbishment; there is water in the pond therefore it has a good clay bottom and the only reason it didn't have so much was because the water evaporated.
- MVAS and Speedwatch – to hear an update; none given
- AVBroadband work in the Play Area, Cllr IM reported that he had spoken to Andrew Mills and the contractor would be digging 300 mm, it will go on top of any of the services. If there is any damage he will make good.

#### Village Hall:

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- a. Village Hall extension; Cllr IM and JW have approached 3 people and they are all putting grant applications together. Cllr RS said could they contact Jon Martin as he would like to be involved. Andrew North has been approached for a quote for the footings before March.
- b. Village Hall roof and electrics; to hear any update
- c. Schorne Pre-School, hire form review, Cllr IM said, they had said that they would be in contact through January no one has been in contact yet.
- d. Oil Inspection; no update as Jon Martin couldn't undo the lock, he will be going back in day light tomorrow and check it.

**The Club:**

- i. Agreement with The NM&G Social Club has been signed. They have been working in the club during the Christmas break. The Clerk reported that the licensing department at AVDC had been in contact, with her, questioning who was running the Club, query regarding the licence, the amount of members there were on the books. He would be in contact with Sarah to explain the licensing laws.

**Resolved;** that the Clerk contacts Sarah Branch for her to confirm that the licensing people have contacted her. For her to confirm that she has 25 members and that the licence has been paid for.

**06/16 Committees & Working Party:**

- a. Village Hall working party – Still trying to get that back together.
- b. Sportsfield committee – Meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016. The trim trail needs a bit of refurbishment, some of the boarding has rotted and therefore the bark is falling out. Jim Tattern has given a quote for doing the work. Cllr IM asked if the Clerk could send a copy of the Sportsfield's latest bank statements to Andy Keegan, for them to have an accurate list of who has paid into the 100 Club, before the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

**07/16 Finance; Receipts and Payments of Accounts;**

- a. To note the financial statements of accounts and bank reconciliations, to the month end.

**Account Balance: 31 December 2015**

<b>North Marston PC Account</b>	<b>...8137</b>	<b>£24520.59</b>
<b>North Marston PC Account</b>	<b>...5882</b>	<b>£14472.37</b>
<b>NM Sports-Field Account</b>	<b>...7128</b>	<b>£8000.62</b>
<b>NM Village Hall Account</b>	<b>...9968</b>	<b>£21949.84</b>

**Receipts: December 2015**

Receipt	Date	Name	Amount
PC Account...8137	09 Dec 2015	Interest	1.01
SF Account...7128	02 Dec 2015	Hillie&Vinte	15.00
SF Account...7128	03 Dec 2015	J Dancer	15.00
SF Account...7128	03 Dec 2015	C Hall	15.00
SF Account...7128	03 Dec 2015	Scholes CF&MS	15.00
SF Account...7128	04 Dec 2015	J Copnall	30.00
SF Account...7128	09 Dec 2015	J Scott	30.00
SF Account...7128	09 Dec 2015	Hitchen CJ&PJJ	30.00
SF Account...7128	10 Dec 2015	Cresswell JG&L	15.00
SF Account...7128	10 Dec 2015	S Skinner	15.00
SF Account...7128	11 Dec 2015	Parks KA&CA	30.00
SF Account...7128	11 Dec 2015	G Bowden	15.00
SF Account...7128	14 Dec 2015	Stephen Manser	30.00
SF Account...7128	15 Dec 2015	Worner & Smythe	30.00
SF Account...7128	21 Dec 2015	P McSweeney	15.00
SF Account...7128	24 Dec 2015	500096	1200.00
SF Account...7128	24 Dec 2015	500097	1200.00
VH Account...9968	07 Dec 2015	500386	36.00
VH Account...9968	07 Dec 2015	500387	16.00
VH Account...9968	16 Dec 2015	Schorne Pre-School Autumn Term	2556.40
VH Account...9968	18 Dec 2015	500388	177.10
VH Account...9968	18 Dec 2015	500389	16.00
VH Account...9968	30 Dec 2015	David Allen Guitar	420.00

**Parish Council Accounts: to be paid in January 2016**

<b>SLCC, subscriptions</b>		001268	31.17
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<b>ER Millard</b> , December 2015 Remunerations	LGA 1972, 112	001269	550.31
<b>HMRC</b> , third quarter	LGA 1972, 112	001270	131.00
<b>Swarco Traffic LTD</b>		001271	240.00

**Village Hall: to be paid in January 2016**

Payee	Power	Cheque Number	Amount
<b>Anna Woodward</b> , return deposit	Event date: .2015	000419	30.00
<b>Rose Abbot</b> , return deposit	Event date: .2015	000420	30.00
<b>Emma Lynch</b> , invoice 34	Local Gov (misc Provs) Act 1976, s19	000421	110.00

**Sportsfield: to be paid in January 2016**

Payee	Power	Cheque Number	Amount
Dec, 1 <sup>st</sup> prize – Ruth Millard	Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976, s7	000447	30.00
Dec, 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize – D Bunyan	Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976, s7	000448	20.00
Dec, 3 <sup>rd</sup> prize – Robin Cartwright	Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976, s7	000445	20.00

**b.** To draw cheques and ratify cheques drawn since the last meeting.

**Resolved:** that the Accounts and Bank reconciliations are correct and the invoices presented be paid.

**c. Budget;** The Clerk had circulated accounts to date and predicted year end figures. She had also suggested figures for the 2016/17 Budget for the Council to discuss.

**Resolved:** The Council agreed a budget of £23658.63. It also agreed a Grant towards the upkeep of the graveyard of £300.00. The Council also decided that in the letter to the treasurer of NMECC, stating how much the Parish Council are giving towards the maintenance of the graveyard, add that the Parish Council would be very grateful if he would consider helping the Parish Council with grants for the Village Hall. **Action;** Cllr IM to draft the letter to Colin price Treasurer North Marston Ecumenical Church Council.

**d. Precept;** After a lengthy discussion;

**Resolved:** the Council agreed a Precept of £24000.00, Twenty Four Thousand Pounds.

**08/16 Correspondence Circulars and Consultations;**

**09/16 Open Forum for Councillors:** (under adjournment)

**10/16 Date and time and venue of the next meeting;** The next Parish Meeting will be held at the Village Hall, North Marston on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm **TBC**

**Meeting concluded at 10.20 pm**

Chairman's signature ..... Date.....