

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 Tuesday 14th July 2015 at 7.30 pm

Open Forum for Parishioners: (under adjournment)

100 Club draw – 1st 10 Cathy Lane, 2nd 37 Rob Symonds, 3rd 19 Andy Swain

Kevin Hewson asked if anyone had any problems he could help with in his capacity as a District Councillor.

ST gave an account of the difficulty of School Parking.

Kevin Hewson said that the first step would be to contact the Local Area Technicians (LATs) to see what advice they can give. He asked to be copied in.

DH-M suggested that the school communicates with its neighbours, to keep them well informed with any events taking place, especially the dates.

Kevin Hewson gave his report saying that the main issues he is asked about is the Planning. Twenty five thousand houses are needed just for AVDC area needs. Thirty to thirty five thousand to take in the expected overflow from the Chilterns and Wickham area. AVDC is reconstructing its working teams, currently the Planning Area and Environmental Health. AVDC has introduced training sessions for Planning, he encouraged Councillors to attend.

78/15 Attendance; Cllr Sarah Thompson (ST), Cllr Rob Symonds (RS), Cllr Ian Mordue (IM), Cllr Scott Raven (SR), Cllr Diana Hogbin-Mills (DH-M), District Cllr Kevin Hewson
Clerk Ruth Millard

Parishioners; 7

Apologies; Cllr Paul Ketteridge (PK) and County Cllr Janet Blake

79/15 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.

80/15 Approval of Minutes; To agree the minutes from the General Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on 9th June 2015.

Resolved; the minutes of the 9th June 2015 to be a true representation of the meeting and the Chairman signed them.

81/15 Matters arising;

a) Highways, Footpaths & Footways and Street Lighting:

- i. To report and update on issues and repairs, A resident asked when the work would start on the pavement that was to be re-laid. The pavement has been postponed until after the fibre installation throughout the village. A resident reported the footpath between Elmers Meadow and Gibbons Close is overgrown. RS said that he had reported this to TfB on the 7th July and had been told that it would be looked at within a fortnight. A resident reported that the other footpath on Elmers Meadow was also in need of being cut. RS said that he would have a look and follow up on his previous report to TfB. IM asked if there was a map for North Marston showing the different grass cutting areas and who was responsible. The Clerk said that she didn't have one.

Resolved; that RS reports the footpaths to TfB and the Clerk requests a map from the LAT, of BCC responsibility for grass cutting. **Action; RS & RM**

- ii. A resident reported that the dog bin at Townsend situated at the overflow graveyard needs emptying. SR proposed putting notices up around the village reminding residents of the safety issues of not picking up after their dog, he volunteered to produce and put the notices up on suitable sites.

Resolved; that the Clerk reports the full Dog Bin to Community Spaces and Cllr SR puts notice up in the village to make the residents aware of the necessity of picking up after their dog. **Action; SR & RM**

- iii. Cllr RS reported that the light outside 10 Church Street was not working.

Resolved; that the Clerk reports the light to the contractor.

Action; RM

- iv. Parking at the School is becoming an issue, please see report of District Cllr KH in the open forum.

Resolved; that the Clerk request advice from the LATs.

Action; RM

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Parish Action Plan/Projects:

a. Parish Barn; Cllr RS reported that Jon Martin and Kevin would be refurbishing the Barn in the first week in August. Cllr IM asked at whose expense. It had been agreed that they would do the labour and the Parish Council would pay for the material.

b. Playground; Report of the annual Rospa Inspection. This item would be carried forward to the next meeting for discussion, as the information had not been circulated. **Action; RM**

c. Oil Inspection; IM reported that Jon Martin was checking the oil once a week.

d. Pond refurbishment;
There had been a couple of complaints of the state of the Pond at the moment. Cllr RS reported that he was keeping an eye on it. Archie Dancer would be cutting the area. The water level was very low at the moment and he and AD would be getting out the bullrush stumps and any stones that had been thrown in.

Action; RS

e. MVAS and Speedwatch – Cllr RS reported that all the equipment had appeared on his doorstep and at the moment was in his garage. He didn't know anything about the devices and therefore hadn't done anything with them. Cllr IM offered to help with recharging and setting them up.

Resolved; that Cllr IM and Cllr RS would get the MVAS up and running again. **Action; RS & IM**

Village Hall:

a. Village Hall extension; to discuss and decide how to progress. Cllr IM said that ideally the footings for the extension for the stage area, at the back of the hall, needed to be started. This would hold the planning application that had been approved. There was a deadline of March 2016.

b. Village Hall roof and electrics; the Clerk reported that she had 3 quotes for tiling the roof, and 2 quotes for the electrics, these were out of date now and needed to be re-quoted for when the Parish Council knew where the funding was coming from. She proposed that the Parish Council may be able to pay for the electrics out of its general funds.

c. Key Safe; Cllr IM said that the Clerk needed to place a notice inside the cover of the key-safe with her mobile number stating that in the event of the number for the key-safe not working, please contact the clerk. He would then change the number every 3 months.

Resolved; to implement this policy.

Action; RM & IM

d. Schorne Pre-School, Cllr IM asked if everyone had read his notes from the meeting he and the Clerk had attended. They all had read his notes. He gave a short resume of some of the actions.

The Pre-School would be installing one large shed to replace the 2 smaller ones.

The Pre-School will be hiring commercial bins from AVDC Community Services.

The hot water system needs an adaptation to it to regulate the heat of the water coming out of the taps.

The Parish Council would pay for this as it had a duty to all its hirers. He offered to get quotes for the job.

The floor needed re-varnishing, he asked if anyone knew who had varnished it before. Cllr SR said it was

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The Pre-School is looking at a copy of the hiring agreement for general hirers and will come back to the Council with suggestions to amend it, to be agreed.

Shop lease: the Clerk explained that it had been agreed in Council to extend the lease for The Shop to 20 years. The original 5 years was coming to an end within the year. The Shop would be paying the invoice from the solicitor. This had been an ongoing item and the lease was now ready to be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk. After reading the lease the Council;

Resolved; that the Chairman and Clerk sign the lease.

Committees & Working Party:

- Village Hall working party – Cllr IM reported that he is no further forward. He is trying to persuade the residents, who were helping to get funding for the work needed on the Village Hall before, to help again.
- Sportsfield committee – no report.

82/15 Planning; 15/00061/FTHA - Paul Ketteridge Associates. Cllr RS said that the Parish Council had no objection to this application, it had been AVDC who had objected.

Resolved; that there was no action needed taking.

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83/15 Finance;

a. Receipts and Payments of Accounts; To note the financial statements of accounts and bank reconciliations, to the month end.

Account Balance: 30th June 2015

North Marston PC Account8137	£24514.44
North Marston PC Account5882	£9624.11
NM Sports-Field Account7128	£6598.01
NM Village Hall Account9968	£17213.33

Receipts: May 2015

Receipt	Date	Name	Amount
PC Account....8137	09 June 2015	Interest	0.97
SF Account....7128	19 June 2015	GPC Grant	1100.00
VH Account....9968	19 June 2015	NMSC	500.00
VH Account....9968	19 June 2015	Shotten	150.00
VH Account....9968	19 June 2015	MADS	294.00

Parish Council Accounts: to be paid in June 2015

Payee	Power	Cheque Number	Amount
North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium	LGA 1972, s 137	001237	20.00
Bucks Playing Fields Association	LGA 1972, s137	001238	20.00
Lynch Garden Services – 4022 & 4005	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	001239	150.00
ER Millard, May 2015 Remunerations	LGA 1972, s112	001240	Confidential
Playsafety Limited - 017079	LG(misc prov) A 1976, s19	001241	88.80
A.T.A. Lambourne, internal Auditor	LGA 1972, s111	001242	37.53
BALC, Councillor Induction training x 4	LGA 1972, s111	001243	105.60
HMRC – rest of 1st Quarter	LGA 1972, 112	001244	Confidential
ER Millard, June 2015 Remunerations	LGA 1972, 112	001245	Confidential

Village Hall: to be paid in June 2015

Payee	Power	Cheque Number	Amount
Anglian Water	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	DD	124.31
Emma Lynch - invoice 28 + wilko	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	000401	76.50
Nigel Price, return deposit	500375	000402	30.00
Patricia McSweeney, return deposit	500364	000403	50.00
Sophie Hale, return deposit	500374	000404	30.00

Sportsfield: to be paid in June 2015

Payee	Power	Cheque Number	Amount
Anglian Water	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	DD	25.12
Cathy lane, 10, 1st prize	Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976, s7	000423	30.00
Rob Symonds, 37, 2nd prize	Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976, s7	000424	20.00
Andy Swain, 19, 3rd prize	Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976, s7	000425	10.00

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

84/15 Correspondence Circulars and Consultations;

07.07.2015 Parish Liaison Meeting Wednesday 15th July

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85/15 Open Forum for Councillors: (under adjournment) Cllr SR introduced John Webb to the Council. John had sat through the meeting and he said a little of why he would like to be a Councillor.
Resolved; to invite Jack Webb to the next meeting to be co-opted on to the Council.

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86/15 Closed session; Resolution to exclude the press or the public under, Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2)

i. The complaint to the Council; to hear any updates and decide how to progress. The Council discussed how to respond to the complainant.

Resolved; to respond to the complainant within the week.

ii. Lease for The Club; the council is still waiting for a response from HB Public Law.

87/15 Date and time and venue of the next meeting; The next Parish Meeting will be held at the Village Hall, North Marston on Tuesday 11th August 2015 at 7.30 pm **TBC**

Meeting concluded at 10.00 pm

Chairman's signature Date.....