

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 10th November 2015 at 7.30 pm

Open Forum for Parishioners: (under adjournment)

100 Club draw October – 1st Dave Rayner, 2nd Freda Holden, 3rd Guy Woollett

Other items that were brought to the Councils attention were;

- Query about the re-instatement of the verges by AV Broadband.
- Query regarding the smallness of the printing of the PC minutes in the magazine
- A resident remarked on the remedial work that AV Broadband have not completed and the rubbish that is being left behind

111/15 Attendance; Cllr Ian Mordue (IM), Cllr Paul Ketteridge (PK), Cllr Rob Symonds (RS)
Cllr Diana Hogbin-Mills (DH-M), Jack Webb (JW).
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Also; 10 residents & District Cllr Kevin Hewson

Apologies; Cllr Sarah Winkelman(SW),

112/15 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. None declared.

113/15 Approval of Minutes; To agree the minutes from the General Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on 13th October 2015.

Resolved; after amending the minutes the Council agreed that the minutes of the 13th October 2015 to be a true representation of the meeting and the Chairman signed them.

114/15 Parish Councillor Roles:

Village Hall & The Club; Cllr Ian Mordue, Cllr Jack Webb & Cllr Diana Mills

Highways; Cllr Paul Ketteridge; Cllr Rob Symonds

Planning & VALP Consultation; Cllr Diana Mills & Cllr Rob Symonds

Playground; Cllr Sarah Winkelman;

Cllr IM said that the Playground had a consultation about it a few years ago when the Village did a Parish Plan. Ian said that he thought that Sarah might be interested in reviewing it.

Budget; Cllr Diana Hogbin-Mills & Cllr Jack Webb, the Clerk would circulate to the Parish Council a preliminary budget for discussion, if needed Cllr DH-M, Cllr JW and the Clerk would work on it and recirculation to the Council

115/15 Planning;

15/03187/APP BSL Contract Lighting Ltd, The Old Forge High Street, Conversion and change of use of existing B1 © light use to residential use (Amendment to 14/01401/APP).

Cllr DH-M said that when the Council had looked at the application the previous month it had thought this was an application to change the building to residential use which was why it had made the comments it had. But that had already been granted. The application was to put a second storey into the roof & put in windows. The Parish Council agreed that it couldn't object to the application.

116/15 Enviroment;

a) Highways, Footpaths & Footways and Street Lighting;

Cllr IM reported that there is a seriously large pot hole in Townsend Road/Marsden Field Road. Also the road going up to the Church and around the School is in bad condition. **Cllr RS** offered to check with Neil Tucket the exact location and also look at the Church Road around to the School and report it all to BCC.

Cllr IM reported that the hedges 7, 9 & Mill House had clubbed together to have the hedges cut.

b) Parish Council Action Plan/Projects:

- i. Parish Barn; Cllr RS reported that this was finished and an invoice should be with the Clerk in the near future.
- ii. Playground; The Parish Council agreed that the Playground needed some sprucing up with maybe a couple of pieces of new equipment and agreed that Cllr SW would lead on it.

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iii. Pond refurbishment; Cllr IM proposed asking George Cheshire if he would be interested in quoting to dig out the Pond and if possible get another two quotes

Resolution; Cllr RS & Cllr PK would speak to George Cheshire and another to see if anyone was interested in helping with the Pond ie getting it back into a stable condition. **Action; RS & PK**

iv. MVAS and Speed-watch; Cllr RS reported that he had spoken to the company that had supplied the MVAS regarding getting it updated to take number plate recognition. To date he had not had a reply. He requested that the Clerk contact them and ask the question. **Action; RM**
He would be moving the sign from Portway to Grandborough Road.

c) Village Hall:

a. Village Hall extension; no further forward. Cllr IM had not had any quotes back regarding the ground works, he had asked Colin Becket & Archie Dancer. Cllr DH-BM said that she had just had a contractor to do some work for her. He lived at Grandborough if IM contacts her husband, Andrew Mills, he would give him the contact details. **Action; IM**

b. Village Hall roof and electrics; Cllr IM agreed that the electrics needed to be done, he suggested that if the Clerk himself and Cllr JW get together to look at last years quotes and get them updated and look at applying to WREN.

Action; IM, JW & RM

c. Schorne Pre-School, Cllr IM has still had nothing back from the Pre-School & would email them again.

d. Oil inspection; Cllr IM reported that John Martin has been inspecting and there is oil.

117/15 Committees & Working Party:

- Village Hall working party – Cllr IM reported that there are 3 people he has spoken too who have said that they would come back and work on the grants for the Village Hall when there is a Working Party. As he and Cllr JW have said that they would work together on the Village Hall he will get back to them and see if they would officially agree to help. The Clerk said that as a working Party they would work on the Grant Applications, probably Cllr IM & Cllr JW would bring the applications back to the Parish Council to read through and agree. Cllr IM said that is what they have asked for to be left alone as much as possible to get on with it.
- Sportsfield committee – Cllr IM reported that the Race Night had been cancelled. The Clerk queried that she had had a note from the Chairman of the Sportfield Committee asking if they needed to give a deposit. She advised that as the Sportsfield Committee was a sub-committee of the Parish Council, lwho were volunteering to fundraise for the Sportsfield, which was an asset of the Parish Council and the Village Hall was an asset of the Parish Council she couldn't see that the Parish Council would charge itself. One Councillor agreed and said it would be like charging yourself to sit in your own sitting room.

Resolved; that the Parish Council would not charge itself to use its own facilities, although the Clerk would keep an audit trail of paper work for what was used.

118/15 Finance;

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

The Clerk reported that she hadn't forwarded the bank reconciliations as she hadn't completed to the month end.

Account Balance: 30th October 2015

North Marston PC Account8137	£24518.54
North Marston PC Account5882	£17.78.78
NM Sports-Field Account7128	£5490.71
NM Village Hall Account9968	£19552.88

Receipts: October 2015

Receipt	Date	Name	Amount
PC Account....8137	09 Oct 2015	Interest	1.01
SF Account....7128			
VH Account....9968	12 Oct 2015	500381, David Allen,	250.00
VH Account....9968	12 Oct 2015	500382	90.00
VH Account....9968	24 Sept 2015	Anna Woodward	66.00

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Parish Council Accounts: paid in October 2015,

Payee	Power	Cheque Number	Amount
Mazars	LGA 1972, s111	001259	270.00
Lynch Garden Services, 4274	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	001260	150.00

Parish Council Accounts: to be paid in November 2015

Lynch Garden Services , 4289	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	001261	75.00
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Village Hall: to be paid in November 2015

Payee	Power	Cheque Number	Amount
Anglian Water, 21 October 15	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	DD	135.43
Julian Williams, deposit refund		000409	30.00
Dominic Shotton, deposit refund		000410	50.00
E.on	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	000411	98.42
Lovell Fuels	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	000412	338.10
Emma Lynch - invoice 31	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	000413	40.00

Sportsfield: to be paid in November 2015

Payee	Power	Cheque Number	Amount
Anglian water, 21 October 15	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	DD	28.34
Nov, 1 st prize – Dave Rayner	Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976, s7	000439	30.00
Nov, 2 nd prize –Freda Holden	Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976, s7	000440	20.00
Nov, 3 rd prize – Guy Woollett	Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976, s7	000441	10.00

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

119/15 Correspondence Circulars and Consultations;

- 04.10.2015 Consultation Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan
- 06.10.2015 AVALC - Notice of Annual General Meeting 23rd October, 2015
- 06.10.2015 BMKALC AGM - Tuesday 3 November
- 09.10.2015 Parish Liaison Meeting 14 October 2015
- 12.10.2015 Reminder - Nov 25th - town and parish councils event
- 13.10.2015 TfB's Winter depot open day - find out about our winter operations
- 14.10.2015 Rights of Way: 2026 cut-off date
- 19.10.2015 November Tranche 2 Devolution Meetings and Discussion. 19 November 2015 Buckingham Opportunities Centre
- 19.10.2015 Registration - Buckinghamshire Town & Parish Councils Conference, Nov 25th
- 26.10.2015 Pensions Update
- 25.10.2015 Promoting the local plan consultation. The end of the consultation is 4th December 2015
- 26.10.2015 Clean for the Queen
- 02.11.2015 News for the Parishes 4/15

Cllr Kevin Hewson spoke about the VALP consultations. The Council were very keen to get back as much input from everyone. Aylesbury Vale District Council were committed to building twenty one thousand new homes before 2033. Another ten thousand of the homes would come from the Chilterns and Wycombe, because of their green belt they would not be able to deliver on their own. Because Aylesbury Vale were grouped with them it would be passed their ten thousand surplus. He spoke about the East West railway which looked to be delivering late but none the less was a big piece of infrastructure coming across. There was also the 421 dual carriageway and the government are looking at putting a whole new major road in between the 421 and the East West Railway with the overall goal of linking Cambridge and Oxford, as a big ark of high tech, manufacturing industry, one big housing associated, this is how we get the road of London out to the Shires and obviously the heart goes straight through Buckinghamshire. Really you are asked to complete a series of questions with your views of what you think. If it is broken down to North Marston, and the options you have been given, North Marston has been classified as a large Village. He said it will be for you to make a case that North Marston is not a Large Village.

The Hierarchy Settlement, this is the key of the Village being classified as a large Village. In the last census the Village had 789 residences, the first question you score a point on is that you are less than 4 miles away from Winslow, a centre that is large enough to give you good services. Another point for having an hourly bus service, a point for having a Pub, a point for having a Shop, a point for a Village Hall, a point for a recreation ground and a point for having a school. This gives you seven points. Villages that are seven and above are considered a large Village. The Villages that are of a comparative group are about 31 and there are 7 that have over 2000 residence. Question 8 is about the Hierarchy this is the question you want to answer if you want to challenge that your village is in the large category. Sustainability is the key, if you have a village that is mainly older people and younger people you need to have a good reliable bus service for it to be sustainable etc. etc. It is for each Council to decide

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its parameters so in AVDC they have picked out 5 major settlements, then large settlements, smaller settlements and then tiddly ones. He said that there is scope to break down Large Villages into smaller groups. It stands to reason that Villages over 2000 is far more capable to take on 100 houses that a village less than 1000. If you look at the infrastructure across the whole of North Bucks it is in fact sprayed housing right across North Bucks. There are no major roads only little rural roads. If you add 50% new homes you are adding 50% more cars. BCC has no money for road improvements with government cut backs. There is no money to by pass Aylesbury which is already a catastrophe with the amount of traffic going through it. Infrastructure especially the roads, has to be the main criteria of where you put the homes. You put them beside the main rail links, where people want to drive to either south and it would be a good idea for them to be south of Aylesbury so that they don't have to drive through Aylesbury, or on the roads up to Milton Keynes. This is where you get to the options, so you complete the options.

110/15 Closed session; Resolution to exclude the press or the public under, Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2) for the remainder of the meeting.

Lease for The Club; John Matthias and Sarah Branch, two representatives attended to explain how they wanted to move forward with the Club. They wanted to remarket the Club as North Marston & Granborough Social Club, wanting new members, they wanted to be family friendly, any body booking the Hall for an event could also use the Club facilities. They were thinking of having a family night on a Friday night where members could come to the Village Hall with their children and the parents could use the Club. The Clerk asked about the legislation regarding temporary membership, her understanding was that was a 48 hour gap in between a person applying for membership and the acceptance and then using the Club. The answer was that when booking the Hall they would apply for temporary membership and there was an amount of guests that each temporary Member could invite.

The Chairman explained that the Parish Council would give them a formal rental agreement for a 6 month term. It wouldn't ask for rent straight away but after 6 months it would expect £500 with another 6 month agreement.

There was a discussion of them producing an insurance certificate and the licence with the change of name and management.

Cllr RS asked if they had made their business plan of what they intended to do.

Cllr IM said that as they had explained their objectives tonight he would produce a hiring agreement with them in i.e.

They would have a committee with regular meetings, they will publish their accounts and make them public, the Club would be none profit making and the Club would be integrated into the Community.

Resolved; To give them the normal rental agreement for 6 months, expect to have the rent paid at the end of that time. To then negotiate a further 6 months with them.

111/15 Open Forum for Councillors: (under adjournment)

Cllr RS asked the Clerk if she had received the letter from The Poores, Piece and Clocklands Charity give the names of the Trustees for next year. The Parish Council has to agree the Trustees.

Cllr RS asked what had happened on the walk about with BCC.

Cllr RS reported that he had asked BCC about the flooding provisions at Portway, he hadn't heard back, but expected to have a reply within 10 days.

Regarding the grass cutting, Cllr RS said that Jason Franklin had requested to be considered when the Parish Council put it out for Tender. He didn't mean the small amount that Terry Lynch does; he meant the whole of the grass cutting throughout the village. The Clerk explained that the Parish Council hadn't taken on the devolved services from BCC and therefore he couldn't tender for that.

The Clerk was attending a BCC conference on the 25th November to ascertain what is involved.

112/15 Date and time and venue of the next meeting; The next Parish Meeting will be held at the Village Hall, North Marston on Tuesday 8th December at 7.30 pm **TBC**

Meeting concluded at 10.00 pm

Chairman's signature

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