

North Marston Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the meeting of North Marston Parish Council Held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 10th January 2017 at 8pm

Attendees: Cllr Mordue (Chair), Cllr Symonds, Cllr Roffe, Cllr Ketteridge, Cllr Martin, Cllr Hewson, Cllr Janet Blake, Cllr Neil Blake, Clerk Rachel Callander and 8 members of the public

100 Club draw: 1st: number 48, Cathy Goulstone; 2nd: number 19, Andi Swain; 3rd: number 23 Graham Jenner

01/17 Attendance and apologies; Apologies from Cllr Kinnaid, Cllr Hogbin-Mills

02/17 Members Interests; None

03/17 Approval of Minutes; Minutes of meeting held on 6th December 2016 were approved

Update on two new unitary councils was given by Cllr Hewson. The Parish Council also had the privilege of Cllr Janet Blake and Cllr Neil Blake, Leader of AVDC, attending the meeting at the end.

District councillors across Buckinghamshire will vote on Monday 16 January whether to submit the business case for two new councils for Buckinghamshire to government.

The proposal is to abolish all five county and district authorities and replace them with two new unitary councils, one in the north alongside the existing unitary of Milton Keynes and one in the south to cover the area of the three southern district councils. This will save tax payers almost £58million over a five-year period. Under the new proposals each unitary council would be responsible for the delivery of all council services.

Cllr Hewson also updated the Parish Council on Aylesbury receiving Garden Town status:

This status does not mean Aylesbury will have to accept more houses than already planned. Aylesbury Vale is set to have around 27,000 new homes built in the next 15 years, with Aylesbury itself expected to accommodate around 15,000 of them. Getting Garden Town status gives AVDC the opportunity to develop Aylesbury and the surrounding area in a more visionary and sustainable way.

Berryfields Development: Kevin explained that there are funds available to build effective habitats for specific species that will be lost due to the development of Berryfields.

04/17 Planning;

- ◆ Resolved: 16/01678/app Dancers: At the DMC on 15.12.2016 the vote for the application was refused
- ◆ Resolved :16/04376/App, 69 Quainton Road: no objections

05/17 Outstanding issues with previous clerk - RTI & HMRC update
Resolved: HMRC has confirmed unpaid tax was being paid back and the Parish Council would receive no penalties or need to make any payment.
Outstanding: RTI has still not been returned. Due to legal obligations this will now be investigated further with the Monitoring officer.

06/17 On line banking update:
Online banking issues with TSB cannot be resolved. Cllr Hogbin-Mills was absent from meeting and will propose alternative options in Februarys meeting

07/17 Websites review and discuss plan moving forward:

- Facebook page set up update: To be discussed in Februarys meeting as Cllr Hogbin-Mills was absent
- Layout of booking calendar was confirmed to be in progress.
- Resolved: northmarston.org.uk, owned by Keith Parnell, will be released.
- Resolved: All events in the village will be logged on www.northmarston.org by the clerk. All entries to be sent to northmarston@gmail.com

08/17 Environment;

i. **Highway:**

- ◆ Granborough Road footpath: Confirmed this had been identified by Tfb.
- ◆ Village walk around with Transport for Bucks is yet to be scheduled.
 - Tfb ref 46010044 (highway flooding Marston Hill): status to continue to monitor any deterioration.
 - Tfb ref 46032696 (Sign problem at Church street): to be actioned.
- ◆ Traffic Calming in the village
 - Confirmed: Letters from parishioners were shared.
 - MVAS location update - Awaiting approval from Swarco to move the camera to Portway. Confirmed the equipment records and data can be downloaded.
 - Speed checks - Cllr Kinnaird was absent from the meeting. Village Speed checks are ongoing and the Community Police have carried out a speed check with on the spot fines. Both to be continued.
 - Bid for feasibility study following LAF meeting in December - Cllr Symonds was unable to attend the meeting.
 - Confirmed: Build an Awareness Campaign - Clerk to action.
 - Resolved: Tfb confirmed that a Sportsfield crossing sign is not feasible as visibility is clear both ways on a straight road and its within the 30mph zone.
- ◆ Dog Fouling:
 - Discussed the increasing problem with dog fouling in the village, especially on the sportsfield at night. Dog excretion can cause blindness if it comes into contact with eyes. Additional measures will be taken to educate people about the risks towards the children of the village.

ii. **Footpaths:**

- ◆ Confirmed the restoration of footpath 6 is in progress

iii. **Hedges**

- ◆ Confirmed the hedge down Quainton Road opposite 31-39 has not been attended to. A follow up will take place.
- ◆ Confirmed quotes to weedkill Portway path to be presented in Februarys meeting

iv. **School Hill road sign**

- ◆ Awaiting confirmation from Transport for Bucks meeting

v. **Street Lights**

- ◆ New light in Portway was discussed but still no resolution.
- ◆ Approved No.1 Quainton Road to be mended.

Parish Action Plan/Projects:

- i. Playground: Cllr Kinnaird was absent. Proposed plan to be presented and update on other funding possibilities in Februarys meeting.
- ii. Pond: 3 quotes to be presented from George Cheshire, Andrew North and Colin Beckett. No decision was taken on a preferred contractor. Further to the discussion with Cllr Hewson, Cllr Roffe will investigate an application for funds from the ecology project of AVDC prior to deciding.

Village Hall:

- i. Village Hall extension: Cllr Mordue confirmed waiting for decision on the Wren application. Resolved:Community Chest - recommendation of £18,000 has been awarded towards the new roof.
- ii. Village Hall refurbishment: NALC loan approved and to wait until Wren grant confirmed.
- iii. Agreed that risk assessments for the village hall and village should be written and reviews annually.
- iv. Confirmed the change of licence will commence in January
- v. JM Fencing - not resolved until the second tank has been moved

Sportsfield:

- i. Resolved: Artificial Wicket contractor, Notts sports, was signed off.
- ii. Resolved: Parish Council will purchase the bark for the Trim Trail as discussed in December 2015. 2 quotes were supplied. Sportsfield committee to advise.
- iii. A contribution of £1,000 towards the drainage of the Sportsfield was discussed and will be on Februarys agenda.

09/17 Winslow LAF and NBPPC:Cllr Symonds missed the LAF meeting but will attend the NBPPC on the 25th January

10/17 Review of VALP:

- iv. Confirmed letters from Parishioners had been received and that all parishioners should be assured that no plan will be submitted until the village has had an input.
- v. NMPC to formulate possible locations for the housing plan for North Marston. An open day date will be set in February's meeting to share with parishioners.
- vi. Ongoing: To identify from Anglian Water the actual sewage capacity for additional housing plan.

11/17 Queens Birthdays medals: Confirmed 3/4 of the medals have been distribution.

12/17 'Play around the parishes' for the holidays

Agreed to propose a combined day involving the School, Granborough and the Sportsfield.
Clerk to action

13/17 Finance;

- a. Resolved: The purchase of a new laptop for Clerk to use for PC business
- b. Resolved: 2017/18 forecast budgets were approved
- c. Resolved: A Precept of 4% was signed off

d. Receipts and Payments of Accounts

The following cheques are to be raised for the Parish Council

001325	£**.** to clerk for salary (Dec), no VAT included
001327	£99.98 clerk expenses for November, no VAT included
001328	£75.00 Lynch Gardening, no VAT included

The following cheques are to be raised for the Village Hall

000481	£30 Samantha Heanen refund deposit , no VAT included
000483	£108.00 James Radwell new immersion heater, £18.00 Vat included
000484	£235.20 Lovell Fuels, oil for VH, £11.20 VAT included
000486	£60.00 Emma Lynch, no VAT included
000487	£23.00 AVDC license transfer, no VAT included
000488	£270.00 AVDC new license, variation & fee, £270.00 no VAT included

AOB: KS1 and KS2 at North Marston Village School are carrying out a clean up day on 28th February and 3rd March. It was agreed that the PC will supply support for this initiative.

14/17 Date and time and venue of the next meeting; The next Parish Meeting will be held at the Village Hall, North Marston on Tuesday 21st February 2017 at 8.00 pm

Rachel Callander - Parish Council Clerk 11th January 2017