**Draft minutes of the North Marston Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 10th October 2017 at 8.00 pm**

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**Attendees:** Cllr Mordue (chair), Cllr Hogbin-Mills, Cllr Boyt, Cllr Du Plessis, Cllr Hewson, Clerk Rachel Callander & 9 Parishioners

**100 Club Draw**: 1st prize number 44 Dave Rayner, 2nd prize number 26 Cathy Lane, 3rd prize number 4 Mandy Putman

**102/17 Attendance and apologies;** Cllr Symonds, Cllr Martin, Cllr Blake

**103/17 Members Interests:** None

**104/17 Minutes: Approved** Minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 11th July and 12th September 2017

**VALP update:**

* Cllr Kevin Hewson provided an update on the VALP plan: On the 2nd November the plan will go to the Public Consultation phase for 5/6 weeks and then onto the formal inspection. The 31st March is the critical date as after this date the allocations will be included in the VALP plan and land owners will find it harder to pursue further developments.
* It has been advised that although this is the final VALP it does not mean that North Marston will not be given an allocation. Therefore, a Neighbourhood plan would be advisable. A NP grant will be looked into and a decision taken at the November meeting.
* The Final draft presentation of the VALP can be found on the Parish Council website [www.northmarston.org](http://www.northmarston.org) under Parish council, new homes update

**105/17 Planning**

**Resolved: 17/03631/APP** 16 High Street – No Objections

**106/17 Environment;**

1. **Highway**

* No update was given on the following. Cllr Symonds to update in the next meeting:

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* 46035291 Intermediate 40mph sign on NM hill flattened by hedge cutting vehicle.
* 46010044 and 46031824 Blocked gulley and drains on NM hill. Tfb date tbc
* 46033044 Pavement in Granborough Road reported in December being looked at again 7th March. Tfb date tbc
* 40038437 Collapsed Granborough road by Sportsfield. Tfb date tbc
* Schorne lane potholes. Tfb date tbc
* School Hill – carriageway subsidence at two locations Tfb date tbc
* School Hill -‘Unsuitable for HGVs sign’ update
* Portway new patches have come away
* 40047445 water stop cock outside Dudley Close Tfb date tbc
* 40047556 Potters farm pothole Tfb date tbc

✦ Traffic Calming in the village

* + - * Resolved: Winslow LAF on the 28th September confirmed that a second Sentinel piece of equipment will be purchased by BCC and the host Parish will be decided in the next meeting. NM to raise an interest.
      * Resolved: Overall cost of new MVAS utility drawings/socket/posts confirmed as £803 + VAT and this would not go ahead.
      * Resolved: Tfb confirmed that the general rule for a 30mph repeater sign is if a road is subject to a system of street lighting where lighting columns are spaced at regular intervals then the road is subject to a 30mph speed limit unless there are other signs stating otherwise. There are no long gaps in street lights down Quainton road and therefore there is no need for a 30mph repeater sign.
      * Resolved: The first set of Sentinel data is now on the website which will continue to be updated. An overview of Sentinel and MVAS will be put on the website: [www.northmarston.org](http://www.northmarston.org) under NMCSW.
      * Agreed that Tfb would be asked for advice on additional signage to slow cars down at the bottom of Quainton Road

1. **Hedges/Village Upkeep**

* Confirmed: The unmown grass on Marston Fields and the path at the back of the pond is due to dog fouling. Cllr Symonds to follow up with Lynch Garden Services.
* Agreed to look into purchasing cameras to monitor dog owners. Under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 failure to clean up dog fouling is an offence subject to a maximum fine of £1,000

1. **Street Lights**

Confirmed: the following lights have been reported

* No. 3 junction of school hill/church street
* No.2 11 School Hill

**Parish Action Plan/Projects:**

1. Animal Antiks – Manor Farm

Sarah from Animal Antiks provided an update. It was set up 4 years ago to support young people with special needs and those that currently go there are aged between 4-24 years old. It is 95% self-funded and will be a working farm. The average number of adults/children attending each day (Mon-Fri) is 20 between 9.00-16.00.

Animal Antiks welcome people to come and visit but please call first due to the vulnerable nature of the adults/children that attend. They are open to working with the community.

1. Playground: Confirmed there will be an update in the next meeting.
2. Pond: Agreed the pond will return to its original size of 19m long x 10m wide with a depth of 1m at its deepest point with shallow sloping sides. Runoff water will not be pursued as a means to top up the pond. A cost for the pond will now be sought and then a budget will be allocated for the project. The Microgrant scheme application for the pond will be investigated.
3. Neighbourhood Watch: Confirmed that there have been a few enquiries at a low level of involvement. Any more volunteers who would like to find out more please email northmarston@gmail.com
4. Councillor Vacancy: Confirmed there were no applications. The position will be re-advertised. Please contact [northmarston@gmail.com](mailto:northmarston@gmail.com) if you are interested.
5. Community Development: Agreed that there are ways the village clubs/voluntary groups can benefit from having shared workshops on specific areas such as data protection, skills in publicity/marketing, web site building, identifying grants and fundraising. John Spargo has volunteered to begin the process.
6. Communication of Village information: Agreed that there is a need to look at how the Parish news can be communicated to a wider audience to meet the needs of the community. Cllr Hogbin-mills and Cllr du Plessis will look at this for next meeting.

**Village Hall:**

1. Village Hall extension: Confirmed the new extension will be completed w/c 16th October and the inside knocked through w/c 23rd October
2. Village Hall refurbishment: Confirmed the Schorne floor date tbc, decorating will commence December.
3. VH fence: Confirmed the fence and gates will be mended 25th October
4. Pre school rental plan: Confirmed that the Parish Council will consider a lower rent for the Pre School, a date for discussion to be set. It was confirmed that sadly the ASC will stop at the end of the Autumn term due to lack of funds.
5. Agreed that wifi will become available in the hall if AVB can provide this.

**107/17 Finance;**

* 1. TSB signatory forms: Confirmed that Cllr Boyt will arrange his signatory
  2. Lynch Gardening Services renewed quote: Agreed to review this in the November meeting.

**Receipts and Payments of Accounts**

**The following cheques have been raised for the Parish Council**

001375 Clerk expenses £\*\*, no VAT included

001376 Clerk salary £\*\*, no VAT included

001377 E-ON street lighting £394.54, £18.79 VAT included

001378 Lynch Garden Services £495, No VAT included

**The following cheques have been raised for the Sportsfield**

DD Anglian Water £27.35, no VAT included

DD E-On £32.01, £1.52 VAT included

000534 100 Club first prize winner Dave Rayner £30.00 no VAT included

000535 100 Club second prize winner Cathy Lane £20.00 no VAT included

000536 100 Club third prize winner Mandy Putman £10.00 no VAT included

**The following cheques have been raised for the Village Hall**

DD E-On Schorne Room £25.56, £1.22 VAT included

DD E-On Village Hall £35.87, £1.71 VAT included

000520 JR Plumbing Solutions Ltd £9,672.00, £1,610.00 VAT included

000521 JR Plumbing Solutions Ltd £300.00, £50.00 VAT included

000522 Adept Roofing & Scaffolding £29,314.76, £4,885.79 VAT included

000523 R Hardman Carpentry £623.00 No VAT included

000524 Carla Duggan VH Refund £50.00, no VAT included

000525 Emma Lynch £109.00, No VAT included

**108/17 Posts and Consultations circulated**

1. Final version of VALP 15.09.2017
2. Winslow and District LAF Agenda 28.09.2017
3. B&MKALC Annual GM 10.11.2017

**109/17 Date and time and venue of the next meeting; The Parish Meeting will be held at the Village Hall, North Marston on Tuesday 14th November 2017 at 8.00pm**

RachelCallander - Parish Council Clerk 12th October 2017