
Draft minutes of the North Marston Parish Council held at the Sports Field on Tuesday 13th February 2018 at 8.00 pm

Attendees: Cllr Symonds (Acting Chair), Cllr Boyt, Cllr Du Plessis, Cllr Blake, Cllr Hewson, Cllr Martin, Clerk Rachel Callander & 9 Parishioners

100 Club Draw: 1st prize number 6 Alan Still, 2nd prize number 10 Lisa & Bradley Simmons, 3rd prize number 21 Jon & Angle Martin

11/17 Attendance and apologies; Cllr Hogbin-Mills, Cllr Mordue

12/17 Members Interests: None

13/17 Minutes: Approved Minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 9th January 2018

14/18 Planning:

- No Objections:18/00014/APP Stonehill Farm, Quainton Road
- Opposed:18/00264/APP Copperkins, 53 Quainton Road
- No Objections: 17/04723/APP 16 High Street
- Opposed:18/00234/APP 14 High Street

Comments on all planning application can be found on:

<https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/search-planning-licensing-applications>

15/18 AVDC:

Cllr Kevin Hewson gave an update as follows:

- VALP – Confirmed this is on schedule to be submitted by 31.03.2018
- Unitary – Confirmed the decision on Unitary is close. More information can be found at <https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/news/approval-two-new-unitary-proposal-submission>
- AVDC budgets – AVDC has balanced its budgets for the next 4 years and its latest budget report was approved. This is the result of a long term strategy of the implementation of changes over the last 8 years saving the council more than £18.5m
- New waste refuse - £3.2m investment in the new fleet will lead to improved waste and recycling services
- Planning application 17/03624/AOP for 17 dwellings on land south of Hogshaw Road, Granborough has been refused by AVDC planning Authority.

BCC Report from Cllr Janet Blake gave an update as follows:

- Ofsted report on children's service showed that children's services in Bucks are still inadequate
- Ofsted Report on Adult Services are being reviewed to see how they can be made more effective and cost effective.
- Local Government Grants have declined from £61m to £8m during 2017/18 and in 2019 there will be no grant
- Highways – Although the budget for 2018/19 increased from £10m to £15m for resurfacing, Stoke Hammond by pass has incurred additional costs of £4.5m
- Categorisation of potholes – Rural and 'C' roads category 1 is now defined as a much larger measurement before the pothole will be mended. Main roads are much smaller.
- Council Tax charges will increase by 3.48% in respect of a Band D property from April 1st 2018

These subjects can be found on: <https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk>

16/18 Neighbourhood Plan:

- Confirmed that 7 parishioners and Cllr Du Plessis have volunteered to be part of the working party. Community Impact Bucks and ADVC specialists will be approached.
- Confirmed a grant can be applied for 1st April 2018
- Cllr Hewson explained the positive reasons for having a Neighbourhood Plan.
- A meeting will be set up with the working party and the parish council, initially, to set the guidelines for the North Marston plan.

17/17 Environment :

i. Highway

- Maintenance:
 - Confirmed there has been no update on the following.
 - 46010044 and 46031824 Blocked gully and drains on NM hill
 - 46033044 Pavement in Granborough Road
 - 40038437 Collapsed Granborough road by Sportsfield
 - School Hill – carriageway subsidence at two locations
 - Quainton Road kerb damage response
 - 30mph signage at bottom of Quainton Road
 - Footpath outside 49A Portway
 - 40058072 Hillview paddock
 - 40059932 1 schorne Lane
- Resolved: An apple tree can be planted outside no.8 Granborough Road in line with no.6
- Resolved: North Marston will not be entering the Best Kept Village 2018
- Traffic Calming in the village

Confirmed: No Monthly Sentinel and MVAS reports for January as the team were advised not to due to day light hours and bad weather

ii. Hedges/Village Upkeep

- Acknowledged the loss of Lynch Garden Services who have done a great job keeping North Marston looking tidy. The grass cutting will be put out to tender and approved in the March meeting.
- Agreed that the draft plan on managing Village verges and hedges on roadsides was a good step in creating biodiversity in the village. The draft will be placed on the notice board & website under Parish Council Information. Any comments are greatly received before 13th March 2018 when the plan will be signed off. Please contact northmarston@gmail.com. Agreed Cllr Du Plessis and Cllr Symonds will recommend a cutting plan for verges and hedges for the next meeting.

iii. Street Lights

- Agreed the PLL lamp was preferable to the LED light. Clerk to check on LED vs PLL costs and a decision will be made in the March meeting.
- Resolved: the timer on all street lights should be 12pm – 6am. Clerk to action

Parish Action Plan/Projects:

- i. Playground – Confirmed there will be an update on draft proposals and grant applications in the March meeting. Action:Cllr Du Plessis
- ii. Pond – Agreed the quote of £4,950 incl VAT (deposit £1732.50 to be paid asap) from Denchworth Pond & Garden Services and will action a start date. The microgrant for the liner has been submitted and Cllr Du Plessis will produce a pond ‘plant’ plan.
- iii. Councillor Vacancy – Confirmed that there had been one enquiry during January. The notice will be placed again.
- iv. Village communication of information – Confirmed there will be an update in the March meeting. Action:Cllr Hogbin Mills

Village Hall:

- i. Approved quote from Taylor Plastering for £1,760 to plaster the village hall extension.
- ii. A brief update on the village hall was given in the absence of Cllr Mordue.

18/17 Finance:

- Resolved: Renewal of Office 365 subscription , expiry 01/03/2018

Receipts and Payments of Accounts

The following cheques have been raised for the Parish Council

001397 Clerk expenses £163.69, £3.36 VAT included
001398 Clerk Salary £**.***, no VAT included
001399 Aylesbury Mains Ltd £71.76, £11.96 VAT included
001400 SLCC Enterprises Ltd £36.00, £6.00 VAT included
001401 Aylesbury Mains Ltd £138.48, £23.08 VAT included
001402 Lynch Garden Services £250.00, no Vat included

The following cheques have been raised for the Village Hall

DD E.on £13.32, 0.63 VAT included
CREDIT E.on £42.96, £2.05 VAT included
000545 Thame Double Glazing £900.00 deposit, no VAT included
000546 Western Power Distribution £2,382.35, £397.06 VAT included
000547 Ian Carnell £850.00, no Vat included
000548 Emma Lynch £95.00, no Vat included

The following cheques have been raised for the Sportsfield

DD E.On £80.83, £3.85 VAT included
000551 1st place 100 club Alan Still £30.00
000552 2nd prize Lisa & Bradley Simmons £20.00
000553 3rd prize Jon & Angie Martin £10.00

19/18 Posts and Consultations

- Neighbourhood and Urban renewal in post Brexit seminar 9th May 2018
- Parish Liaison Conference 20th February 2018

20/18 Next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 13th March 2018, 8.00pm, location Village Hall.

Rachel Callander - Parish Council Clerk

