**Minutes of the North Marston Parish Council held at the**

**Village Hall on Tuesday 13th March 2018 at 8.00 pm**

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**Attendees:**, Cllr Mordue, Cllr Symonds, Cllr Boyt, Cllr Du Plessis, Cllr Martin, Cllr Hogbin-Mills, Clerk Rachel Callander & 4 Parishioners

**100 Club Draw**: 1st prize 99 John Hillier, 2nd prize 20 Elizabeth Crocker, 3rd prize 13 Peter Morton

*A minute’s silence was held in memory of Kevin Hewson who died suddenly on the 22nd February. Cllr Hewson prided himself in helping the local communities as well as being the chairman of the Audit Committee and will be greatly missed by all*.

**21/17 Attendance and apologies;** Cllr Blake

**22/17 Members Interests:** Cllr Boyt 14/18 planning 10 Portway

**23/17 Minutes: Approved** Minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 13th February 2018

**24/18 Planning:**

* + - * Opposed:18/00014/APP Stonehill Farm, Quainton Road
      * Opposed:18/00015/APP Stonehill Farm, Quainton Road
      * Opposed:18/00016/APP Stonehill Farm, Quainton Road
      * No objections: 18/00288/APP 10 Portway
      * No objections: 18/00621/APP 24 High street

Comments on all planning application can be found on: https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/search-planning-licensing-applications

**25/18 AVDC:**

Cllr Blake asked for the statement on the future of local Government in Bucks to be read:

*The secretary of state, Sajid Javid, announced that he is ‘minded’ to implement BCCs proposal to replace the existing 4 councils in Bucks with one county-wide unitary*.

AVDC support the district’s proposal of 2 unitaries and will continue to challenge the decision made. The full announcement can be found on the website at northmarston.org under Parish council/notices.

**26/18 Neighbourhood Plan:**

* + - * Confirmed that 8 parishioners have volunteered to be part of the working party and will meet on the 19th March to start the Neighbourhood Planning Process.

**27/17 Environment :**

**i. Highway**

Confirmed there has been no update on the following:

* + - * 46010044 and 46031824 Blocked gulley and drains on NM hill
      * 46033044 Pavement in Granborough Road
      * 40038437 Collapsed Granborough road by Sportsfield
      * 40068673 School Hill – carriageway subsidence at two locations
      * Footpath outside 49A Portway
      * 40059932 1 schorne Lane – confirmed on a 2 day notice
      * Resolved: 40058072 Hillview paddock
      * Resolved: 40065725 Carters Lane

Placement of Gigaclear ‘green cabinet’ on Church Street

* Confirmed: Gigaclear need to demonstrate that they have followed the correct procedures with highways and conservation planners. The broken fence needs to be reinstated as per the original as it is in a conservation area and the concrete slab needs to be levelled off as currently a trip hazard.

Traffic Calming in the village

* Confirmed: No Monthly Sentinel/MVAS reports for February due to bad weather

1. **Hedges/Village Upkeep** 
   * Resolved: Lynch Gardening Service’s quote for village maintenance was approved.
   * Agreed Cllr Du Plessis and Cllr Symonds will recommend a cutting plan for verges and hedges for the next meeting.The draft plan for the biodiversity project can be found on northmarston.org under Parish Council/notices
2. **Street Lights** 
   * Resolved: To replace the 37 streetlights with PLL lanterns to save energy and electricity costs. The cost of £10,730 over a 5 year period was approved. Night switches (00.00-06.00) will be applied. A timing proposal based on the age of the lights will be agreed at the next meeting.

**Parish Action Plan/Projects:**

* Playground – Confirmed Cllr Du Plessis has identified potential grant funding with a 10.75% third party funding required. A proposal for equipment type and design will follow when demographics of children using the park has been identified. There will be an update on draft proposals and grant applications in the March meeting.
* Pond – Confirmed a microgrant of £900 for the liner has been awarded. Cllr Boyt to confirm start date and provide quotes for removal of the soil. Cllr Du Plessis will produce a pond ‘plant’ plan.
* Councillor Vacancy – Resolved: A new councillor, Simon Garey, was co-opted at the meeting.
* Village communication of information – Agreed that the Parish Council will work with the village magazine publisher to try and provide the magazine for free to NM&G with the financial help of the Parish Council. This will enable 100% of households to receive information and for advertisers to have a bigger audience. A proposal to be given at the next meeting.
* Village shop extension – Agreed that the Parish Council need to see a site plan.

**Village Hall:**

* + 1. Confirmed the extension and main hall are now connected internally, decorating and disabled toilets planned for Easter and a new floor in May.
    2. Resolved: Animal Antics are welcome to the village fete in the playing field with their alpacas

**18/17 Finance:**

* Approved: renewal of McAfee for 2 years £109.99 with £40 cashback
* Approved: DCK to do a partial exemption calculation for £195 for 2017/2018 VAT
* Agreed to provide a new VH compost bin
* Agreed that a 2nd microgrant would be applied for before September 2018 for a piece of playground equipment up to £1,000
* Resolved: transfer of £20 for use of Sportsfield for February’s meeting
* Agreed: Fire safety services annual inspection after the building works are complete

**Receipts and Payments of Accounts**

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

001405 Aylesbury Mains £109.92, £18.32 VAT included

001406 Clerk expenses £233.18. £30.89 VAT included

001407 Clerk Salary £\*\*.\*\*, no VAT included

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

DD E.on VH £42.90, £4.09 VAT included

DD E.on Schorne Room £32.87, £1.57 VAT included

DD Wave water £81.21, no VAT included

000549 PRA Randles £680.00, no VAT included

000553 Adept Roofing £8,594.40, £1,432.40 VAT included

000555 Double Glazing Buckingham £2,850, £475 VAT included

000556 Hurst Peirce & Malcolm £360.00, £60 VAT included

000557 IPM £1,761.60, £293.60 Vat included

000558 Lovells Fuels £288.75, £13.75 Vat included

000559 Emma Lynch £75.00 no VAT included

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

DD Wave water £23.44, no VAT included

DD E.on £90.83, £4.33 VAT included

000554 100 club 1st prize John Hillier £30.00, no Vat included

000555 100 club 2nd prize Elizabeth Crocker £20.00, no Vat included

000556 100 club 3rd prize Peter Morton £10.00, no Vat included

**29/18 Posts and Consultations**

* Draft freight strategy (2018-2036)
* GDPR information

**30/18 Next Parish Council meeting:**

* Tuesday 10th April 2018, 8.00pm, location Village Hall tbc
* May 8th Annual Meeting (elections)
* May 15th Annual Parish Meeting (voluntary groups)

RachelCallander - Parish Council Clerk