**Minutes of the North Marston Parish Council Meeting held virtually**

**on ‘Zoom’ Tuesday 9th June 2020 at 8.00pm**

**Due to the coronavirus meetings cannot be held in a public place Nalc briefing dated 3rd April 2020**

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**Attendees:** Cllr Mordue, Cllr Symonds, Cllr Du Plessis, Cllr Martin, Cllr Boyt, Cllr Hogbin-Mills, Cllr Du Plessis, Clerk Rachel Callander & no Parishioners

**100 Club Draw**: 1st prize 12 Mark Scholes, 2nd prize 73 Jane Dell , 3rd prize 30 Carrie Smythe

**054/20 Attendance and apologies;** Cllr Raven

**055/20 Members Interests:** Cllr Boyt 20/01441/APP Land R/O 10 Portway

**056/20 Minutes:** Approved minutes of the meeting dated 12th May 2020. Cllr Du Plessis check 051/20 playground if the remaining £2,510.68 will be sent to the PC directly or FCC pay for the pagoda directly.

**057/20 Buckinghamshire Council**

Cllr Raven reported there are new grants to support any eligible business based in Buckinghamshire who have started to make plans for how they can recover from the current Covid-19 crisis and are looking at activity to ensure their recovery, future resilience and growth. Business can apply for £3,000 - £120,000. Please contact Scott on ravenxscott@gmail.com for further details.

**058/20 Planning Applications**

* No objections - 20/01441/APP Land R/O 10 Portway
* No objections - 20/01523/Couar Hillview Paddocks, St. John’s Lane

**059/20 Neighbourhood Plan:**

* The Group are in the process of defining the settlement boundary. It was noted that reference to the NP must not say ‘in line’ with the NP until the settlement boundary has been defined. The overall plan has been delayed by 3 months due to Covid-19. One new volunteer has come forward to be part of the team.

**060/20 Environment :**

 i. **Highway****:** No update on the following:

* **40128797 2 blocked drains left side below** St John’s Manor
* **40131558 White lines at Junction of Schorne Lane & Church Street**
* **40130975 Outside 7 High Street**
* **40130662 Blocked drain High Street**
* **40131396 Outside 2c Granborough Road**
* **40132835 Kerb opposite 71 Quainton Road**

ii. **Hedges/Village Upkeep**

* The following areas were agreed to be included in the ‘Reconnecting North Marston with Nature’ document which will be reviewed in the September PC meeting:
1. Establishing a pilot wild flower area in North Marston with the help of bbowt.org.uk (Berkshire, **Buckinghamshire** and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust)
2. To classify the hedges in the village looking at PC/non PC hedges and those classified as garden hedges. All hedges should avoid being cut between February and September unless seen as a road safety issue. The PC will not authorise any tractor equipment between February – September and any tidying/trimming to be done by hand operated equipment.

**061/20 Parish Action Plan/Projects:**

* **Playground –** The playground equipment has been ordered from Kompan with an earliest start date of 29th June 2020. The existing equipment, with the exception of the swings/spinner and rocker, will be dismantled 26/27th June. Quotes for groundworks are still to be agreed.
* **Pond –** Agreed that the well water needed to be retested for nitrates. Cllr Hogbin-Mills to confirm with Trevor Jenkins. Aquam costs £32/week + £50 delivery/collection + VAT + water cost. Anglian Water connection would be approx. £1500-2000, Cllr Boyt to make an official application. A final decision to be made in the July meeting.
* **Quainton Road path from Shepperds Close –** Agreed that there would be no further action with the endura grid option on right hand side due to the expense and the levelling of the ground required.

**062/20 Finance:**

1. Agreed to sign the 2019/20 Annual Governance and Accountability Return in the July meeting
2. The £87,261 year end bank balance carried forward from PC/VH/SF into 2020/21 was discussed. The excess of £32,761 will be accounted for by £15,000 from SF for the drainage project + 25,000 for the playground. The question on whether the SF should form part of the external audit will be looked into and minuted in the July meeting.

**Receipts and Payments of Accounts**

The following cheques have been raised for the Parish Council

001595 Clerk June salary £\*\*.\*\*, (incl 12 hours May magazine) no VAT included

001596 Clerk May expenses £31.39, no VAT included

001597 New Era Printing £322, no VAT included

001598 Lynch Garden services £660, no VAT included

001599 Norris and Fisher Brokers Ltd £1,327.07, no VAT included

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

DD E.0n Schorne Room (19.04.2020-17.05.2020) £13.28, £0.63 VAT included

DD E.on VH (19.04.2020-17.05.2020) £32.82, £1.56 VAT included

DD Wave (09.02.2020-08.05.2020) £212.11, no VAT included

000680 Emma Lynch £25.00, no VAT included

000681 Lynch Garden Services £40.00, no VAT included

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

000666 JM Fencing £200.00, no VAT included

000667 100 Club 1st Prize Mark Scholes £30.00, no VAT included

000668 100 Club 2nd Prize Jane Dell £20.00, no VAT included

000669 100 Club 3rd Prize Carrie Smythe £10.00, no VAT included

000670 Lane’s Landscape Contractors £305.16, £50.86 VAT included

DD E.on SF (19.04.2020-17.05.2020) £28.19, £1.34 VAT included

DD Wave (09.02.2020-15.03.2020) £8.97, no VAT included

**063/20 Next Parish Council meeting:**

* July 8th 2020 Meeting place

 ***Rachel Callander - Parish Council Clerk***