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

**on ‘Zoom’ Tuesday 8th September 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 Boyt, Cllr Hogbin-Mills, Cllr Du Plessis, Cllr Raven, Clerk Rachel Callander & one Parishioner

**100 Club Draw**: August Draw: 1st prize 88 Tricia & Paul McSweeney, 2nd prize 30 Carrie Smythe , 3rd prize 71 Paul Bagni. September Draw: 1st prize 35 Stuart Lane, 2nd prize 95 Gordon Bowden, 3rd prize 13 Peter Morton

**074/20 Attendance and apologies;** none

**075/20 Members Interests:** None

**076/20 Minutes:** Approved minutes of the meeting dated 14th July 2020.

**077/20 Buckinghamshire Council:** Cllr Raven reported the government is introducing a new White Paper on planning systems, the aim being to speed up neighbourhood plans approval of 2 years. Local councils will work with relevant bodies to ensure these are streamlined, as well as looking at new possible measures to ensure houses fit with the local design. Consultations will hopefully help make these relevant and user friendly for individual councils. Currently, to ensure developers are working with local stakeholders to create developments that fit well with the local area, the Council are blacklisting companies who do not work with Parish Councils and other stakeholders during the planning process. Discussions to take place 21st of October of the possible changes to the system.

**078/20 Planning Applications**

* Resolved – 20/02469/App Hillview Paddocks - No objections
* Resolved – 20/02409/APP Honeysuckle Cottage, 41a Quainton Road - No objections
* Resolved – 20/02420/ALB The Brambles, 35 Quainton Road - No objections subject to heritage report
* Resolved – 20/02419/APP The Brambles, 35 Quainton Road - No objections subject to heritage report
* Resolved – 20/02920/ADP (19/02873/AOP) Land in front of 7 Dudley Close - No objections but commented of the concern with the number of cars in the close and access and would seek Highways to approve.

**079/20 Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr Du Plessis reported –

The indicative settlement boundary has been agreed that will be used for the draft plan. This indicates the envelope within which the parish is prepared to allow **INFILL** development. The Sportsfield and the Playground areas are included to enable us to designate them as protected green spaces. Any Settlement Boundary agreed by the parish may be subject to amendment by one or both of Buckinghamshire CC and the Plan's independent inspector.

The draft plan will commence end September and a "final" initial draft will be produced which will be presented to the PC in the February 2021 meeting, for approval or amendment prior to the formal 6-week local consultation beginning. After the local consultation the Group will consider representations and amend the Draft as appropriate to produce a Final Plan. The PC will approve the plan before it moves forward.

The new UK Government Planning Proposals may impact upon the scope of Neighbourhood Plans in the future and because of the possible implications one particular area of the Plan is very detailed. A detailed Design Code for any new houses, to be agreed and inserted prior to the first submission to the PC. This is because the new proposals indicate that Design is one area in which Neighbourhood Plans may well/will have more influence with the "building better and building beautiful" government objective.

**080/20 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**
* **Resolved: 40135275 7&7a Church Street**
* **Resolved: 40138037 5 Granborough Road**

**Cllr Raven reported the reporting system is not a focus for review at this time.**

ii. **Hedges/Village Upkeep**

* Agreed village classification for hedge cutting will be coded on the village grass cutting map. Cllr Symonds to supply this to Cllr Hogbin-Mills. To classify the hedges in the village looking at PC/non PC hedges and those classified as garden hedges.
* Approved the quote of £760 Lynch Garden Services for the preparation and scarifying of the approved wildflower verge opposite the sportsfield, which commenced in September.
* Acknowledged that a grant for the kerbing around the churchyard can be applied for from the Winslow Community Board when they have a process in place.
* Agreed that the landowners of identified overgrown stiles will be asked to maintain the hedges in line with the cutting season.
* Agreed to ask for quotes for a paving slab from the Quainton road play area gate to the pavement.

**081/20 Parish Action Plan/Projects:**

* **Playground –** Phase 1 of the new playground is complete. Groundworks to level the play area will commence 21st September and will be re seeded end September. Phase 2 which will see a path connecting the 2 play areas and a central pagoda will commence after the groundworks. All the play equipment has been passed by RoSPA Play Safety. Chemical free weedkiller will be used for the ongoing maintenance of the paths. The plastic material used for the paths is recycled and is not a microplastic issue and creates an effective pathway. Quotes for an additional paving slab outside the Quainton Road exit will be reviewed in the October meeting. Quotes for a new fence and gates will be discussed in the next meeting. A table & bench has been donated to the play area for which we are very grateful.
* **Village Hall** – Agreed Cllr Mordue would review the unfinished parts of the extension. Acknowledged the pre school sent a thankyou to the PC for the outdoor tap. Reported signs relating to Covid are visible in the VH for hirers.
* **Pond** – Agreed that Trevor Jenkins would continue the management of the pond and would be asked to supply quotes for the planned proposal he supplied. A water connection point has been established at the bottom of School Hill and Anglian Water and the Well water would both be tested prior to filling the pond when needed. The feasibility of using Anglian Water will be followed up by Cllr Boyt.
* **Website –** ReportedCllr Mordue attended the NALC Website Accessibility Requirement online seminar 18th August to ascertain how the current website needs to be updated to conform to the new regulations by 23rd September 2020.This involvescertificates, legal statements and the entire website must be able to be read via a website reader. Cllr Mordue to communicate to the councillors what needs to be done.
* **Magazine –** Agreedthe magazine will continue for another 6 months with a review after this time. Volunteers are necessary for the magazine to be viable.
* **Traffic Calming –** Agreed that the request to review cycle friendly speed bumps would be passed to the NMCSW Team to provide a proposal.
* **Memorial Bench –** Agreed that the memorial bench for Guy Woollett would be best placed by the pond.

**082/20 Finance:**

**Receipts and Payments of Accounts**

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

001606 Brook Farm Aggregates £93.60, £15.60 VAT included

001607 Clerk July expenses £179.72, £8.66 VAT included

001608 Clerk August salary £\*\*.\*\*, (incl 10 hours May magazine) no VAT included

001609 Buckinghamshire Council (consortium) £119.55, £19.92 VAT included

001610 Bibby Financial Services (New Era) £318.00, no VAT included

001611 Rospa Play Safety £474.00, £79.00 VAT included

001612 E.on Electricity 01.04.20-31.07.2020 £823.21, £117.08 VAT included (4 months. A credit of £120.48 to be received)

001613 More Solutions £72.00, £12 VAT included

DD ICO renewal £40.00, no VAT included

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

001614 Clerk September salary £\*\*.\*\*, (incl 7 hours May magazine) no VAT included

001615 Clerk August expenses £89.24, £9.95 VAT included

001616 Ian Mordue (paint/swing parts/gazebo) £7,249.63, £1,208.29 VAT included

001617 BMKALC (website course) £41.55, no VAT included

001618 Lynch Garden Services () £60.00, no VAT included

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000685 JR Plumbing Ltd £150.00, £25.00 VAT included

DD E.0n Schorne Room (17.06.2020-19.07.2020) £14.21, £0.68 VAT included

DD E.on VH (17.06.2020-19.07.2020) £38.97, £1.86 VAT included

DD E.0n Schorne Room (19.07.2020-03.08.2020) £12.32, £0.59 VAT included

DD E.on VH (19.07.2020-03.08.2020) £32.59, £1.55 VAT included

DD Wave (09.05.2020-08.08.2020) £62.29, no VAT included

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

000686 Lynch Garden Services (VH) £60.00, no VAT included

000687 Emma Lynch (25.07.20-06.09.20) £70.00, no VAT included

000688 P.R A Randles (VH repairs) £58.00, no VAT included

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

The following cheques have been raised for the SF during **August**

DD E.on SF (17.06.2020-17.07.2020) £50.64, £2.41 VAT included

DD E.on SF (17.07.2020-17.08.2020) £60.21, £2.87 VAT included

DD Wave (09.05.2020-08.08.2020) £7.79, no VAT included

000675 100 Club 1st Prize £30.00 Tricia & Paul McSweeney

000676 100 Club 2nd Prize £20.00 Carrie Smythe

000677 100 Clun 3rd Prize £10.00 Paul Bagni

The following cheques have been raised for the SF during **September**

000678 100 Club 1st Prize £30.00 Stuart Lane

000679 100 Club 2nd Prize £20.00 Gordon Bowden

000681 Lynch Garden Services £200.00, no VAT included

000682 100 Clun 3rd Prize £10.00 Peter Morton

**083/20 Next Parish Council meeting:**

* October 13th 2020 Meeting place

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