# **Draft Minutes of the North Marston Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall**

# **Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 8.00pm**

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**Attendees:** Cllr Mordue, Cllr Symonds, Cllr Du Plessis, Cllr Boyt, Cllr Newman, Cllr Hogbin-Mills, Cllr Martin, Cllr Gomm, Clerk Rachel Callander & 5 members of the public

Cllr Gomm chaired the meeting as an independent party for planning applications 21/04108/ALB 47 Portway and 21/04041/PIP 49 Portway. In the Open Forum parishioners had 15 minutes for agenda items excluding 47 & 49 Portway applications, followed by 15 minutes where parishioners could voice their questions regarding 47 & 49 Portway. Ian Mordue had the opportunity to speak for 3 minutes on each of the applications. Ian Mordue was absent from the room whilst the discussion and vote took place between councillors on both applications.

**100 Club Draw: March Draw:** 1st prize 5 Ed Shotton, 2nd prize 35 Stuart Lane, 3rd prize 23 Graham Jenner

**100/21 Attendance and apologies;** None

**101/21 Members Interests:** All Councillors 103/21-21/04108/ALB & 21/04041/PIP, Cllr Du-Plessis 107/21 playground paving quote, Cllr Newman 107/21 registry of common land.

**102/21 Minutes:** Approved minutes of the meeting dated 12th October 2021

**103/21 Planning Applications:**

 No objections subject to the heritage report: 21/04108/ALB 47 Portway

 Objection based on lack of information: 21/04041/PIP 49 Portway

No objections: 21/04022/APP 20 Shepperds Close

 Discussed 21/00657/ACL completed (Application for a Lawful Development Certificate) – large dormer windows overlooking Granborough Rd and Gibbins Close residents – Cllr Gomm to advise

**104/21 Buckinghamshire Council**

1. Drainage clearance still ongoing and in North Marston this is nearly complete and broken grates mended with a few exceptions
2. Highways closures are carefully being monitored to help residents
3. BCC looking to replace the water drains in the future to prevent road issues
4. Winslow and Villages Community board are allocating grants for various activities towards phase 2 of the Big Bucks Tidy Up. North Marston has requested BCC to help with litter picking as the activity to help the community. A team from the village has already started to form.

**105/21 Neighbourhood Plan:**

* The Neighbourhood Plan enforcement has been delayed. Amendments to the plan will be made and a final report circulated to councillors. Formal endorsement will take place at the December PC meeting on the 14th December. In the interim all other documents to support the plan can be finalised without endorsement. Consultation will be from 15th December and run for 8 weeks. This will be online, in community spaces and 2 open houses in January and February 2022.

There has still not been a formal announcement from BCC.

* The NP Steering group would like to thank Trevor Jenkins for his invaluable contribution to the Neighbourhood Plan and wish him well with his move
* Acknowledged the Design Code grant, NPG 12442 from Groundworks, for £4,730 has been awarded

**106/21 Environment :**

 Highway**:**

**Ongoing: 40131558 White lines at Junction of Schorne Lane & Church Street**

**Resolved: 40130662 Blocked drain High Street**

**107/21 Parish Action Plan/Projects:**

**Playground** -

* Fault report sent to Kompan October 2021 with 3 areas of concern:
1. Rubber matting installed August 2020 by Kompan sub-contractor. 15th October a 14cm hole was noted on a routine inspection under the big swing seat. Action: Kompan to repair
2. Tufts of grass around the matting. There is membrane under the matting to prevent grass growth. The tufts are due to air born seeds. Action: PC to arrange removal.
3. Several areas around playground rubber matting are starting to give, especially by the roundabout. Action: Cllr Du Plessis to review quote spec and discuss with Kompan.
* Agreed a fault report will be sent to Kompan regarding the slowness of the Zip wire. Action: Cllr Du Plessis
* Ongoing: 2 quotes from Lane Landscapes and an independent expert will be presented in the December meeting. Action: Cllr Du Plessis

**Registry of common Land –**

Discussion and agreed: The land going up the middle of the High Street is unregistered Common Land with the exception of the allotments. The Parish Council will investigate registering the land under the PC and provide Brett Newman, owner of The Pilgrim, to have easement for the green outside the pub, allowing the pub to continue full use of land in the same way it has done for many years. The conditions of the easement will be agreed once BCC have advised the process through their lawyers. The purpose of registering the land and the easement are to protect the land usage for the pub and village.

**Bench outside Pilgrim –**

Resolved: Cllr Newman to provide a quote in the December meeting

**Barn Parish Boundary** –

1. Noted an anonymous letter was handed to Cllr Gomm in the meeting regarding the piece of land opposite 33 Quainton Road.
2. Agreed the ladies who claim to ‘own’ the land have been asked to produce land documentation to BCC. Agreed by both parties that an independent Land surveyor can define the boundary between the barn and ‘the land’. Agreed Cllr Gomm will request the ladies to pay 50\50 for this to be done. On completion the PC will put up a fence asap.

**Village Hall** – Approved: JR Plumbing quote of £90 + VAT for new toilet and £70/hour labour

**Village pond and Small Village pond –**

1. Resolved: Trevor Jenkins will send a report to Cllr Mordue for the December meeting to discuss the way forward for both ponds.
2. Cllr Mordue also has the speedwatch equipment and documentation from Trevor Jenkins. Speedwatch will be discussed in the December meeting.
3. The parish Council would like to thank Trevor Jenkins for all his invaluable help looking after the 2 ponds in the village, his contribution to Speedwatch and the Neighbourhood Plan as well as all the help he has given the village and wish him well going forward.

**Elmers Meadow** – Approved the quote of £200 for the Ivy bush encroaching on 2A Granborough Road

**108/21 Posts and Consultations**

* Oxford-Cambs ARC consultation Parish Briefing
* Winslow & Community Board 14/10
* Queens Platinum Jubilee & BBTV notes

**109/21 Finance:**

**Receipts and Payments of Accounts**

**The following will be paid for the Parish Council**

Clerk November salary £\*\*.\*\*, (incl 8 hours October magazine) no VAT included

Clerk October expenses £40.16, no VAT included

Aquam Water services £42.00, £7.00 VAT included

SLCC (01/12/2021) £112.00, no VAT included

Tree Solutions £900.00, £150.00 VAT included

E.on Electricity (01/10/2021-31/10/2021) £169.03, £8.05 VAT included

**The following will be paid for the Village Hall**

Tanner deposit refund £50.00, no VAT included

E.on Next £34.60, £1.65 VAT included

**The following will be paid for the Sportsfield**

E.on Next £39.76, £1.89 VAT included

000717 100 club 1st prize Ed Shotton £30.00, no VAT included

000718 100 club 2nd prize Stuart Lane £20.00, no VAT included

000719 100 club 3rd prize Graham Jenner £10.00, no VAT included

**110/21 Next Parish Council meeting:**

* December 14th at 8pm in the Village Hall

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