

# North Marston Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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Present: Councillors I Mordue (Chairman), A Boyt (Vice Chairman), D Hogbin-Mills, B Newman.

**19/25 Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Du-Plessis and Hall, and also from Jan Roffe, Clerk and Buckinghamshire Councillor, Phil Gomm.

**20/25 Members Interests:** There were no declarations of interest from Members.

**Open forum for Parishioners:** (under adjournment) Nothing brought to the Parish Council's attention.

### **100 Club Draw for February 2025:**

1<sup>st</sup> – 97: Laura Hawkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 95 Gordon Bowden, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 53 Richard Devas

**21/25 Co-option of Parish Councillor:** To formally receive an application for the office of Parish Councillor and to co-opt the candidate to fill the existing vacancy.

**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council unanimously voted to co-opt and warmly welcome Martin Tanner on to the Parish Council. The Declaration of Acceptance was read and signed.

**22/25 Buckinghamshire Council update:** Councillor Gomm sent his apologies.

**23/25 Minutes:** To approve minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and the extraordinary meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (circulated)

**RESOLVED:** The January minutes were approved and signed.

### **24/25 To consider the following Planning application:**

25/00235/APP - 16 Shepperds Close North Marston Buckinghamshire MK18 3PB

Householder application for replacement two storey side extension and single storey rear extension

**RESOLVED:** There were no objections to this application.

**25/25 Update on the dispute over the ownership of land to the north of Quainton Road.**

The issue is proceeding to mediation.

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Newman proposed a closed session at the end of the meeting to discuss the Parish Council's terms. Seconded by Councillor Boyt.

### **26/25 To receive relevant updates and agree any actions on the following:**

1. Village Hall – no updates

2. Shop storage area:

**RESOLVED:** Rent will be charged to the shop for the storage area to cover the costs for the Village Hall's Wi-Fi requirement.

3. Play Area – no updates

4. Village Pond and Parsnip Pond - no updates

5. Defibrillators – all status checked by Christina Hutson and no issues reported.

### **27/25 To receive any updates and agree any actions on the following:**

#### **Environment**

#### **1. Highways**

(i) Any new and resolved road issues – none reported.

(ii) Date for tree at Spinney Church Street to be coppiced: Barnes and Wells Tree Care are booked to coppice it on Monday 24th February.

(iii) Quainton Road verge: Following an enquiry from a resident to ask if the verge could be concreted over as it is so muddy, the Parish Council took advice from Highways, who would not support the project, nor pay for it.

**RESOLVED:** No action to be taken.

(vi) Parking – No updates nor actions.

(v) MVAS – No updates nor actions.

(vi) Streetlighting – No updates nor actions.

**2. Grass and Hedges** - no updates nor actions.

**3. CCTV – RESOLVED:** Remove item from the agenda as following research, the Parish Council has decided not to pursue CCTV at the village exits/entrances for the time being.

**28/25 Projects: To receive updates and agree any actions on the following:**

(i) The Parish Barn – no updates.

(ii) Website – The online booking process should be ready to agree at the next meeting. Special projects – the Clerk and Administrator to create regular content for the website

(iii) New streetlight opposite Sports field entrance – no updates nor actions.

(iv) Encouraging Wildlife/Aylesbury Vale Wild Project – Otters with their young have been spotted in the parish.

**29/25 Sportsfield:** The Race night was very successful and enjoyed by everyone who attended. The money raised (in the region of £800.00 tbc), will be used to support the bills at the Sportsfield for the rest of the year. Thanks was expressed to all who attended, and/or contributed to its success through sponsorship, the donation of auction and raffle prizes and those who helped organise and run the event.

**Forest School: RESOLVED:** The Parish Council will produce a formal lease for the Forest School to support their request for fund raising for more equipment.

**30/25 The following Payments and Receipts were approved:**

**Receipts and Payments of Accounts**

**Payments made on behalf of the Parish Council**

SSE Energy – streetlighting 01/12– 31/12 - £18.80 £2.06 VAT

HP Instant Ink – Printer ink contract 18/12-17/1- £5.49, £0.92 VAT

Tesco Mobile – parish phone contract - £8.09, no VAT

Blades – January grass cutting - £882.40, £147.07 VAT

Buckinghamshire Council – Dog bin contract 24/25 - £702.00, no VAT

Sparkx – replace photocell outside 12 Schorne Lane - £295.80, £49.30 VAT

Affrimable Ltd (Hostinger UK) – website domain transfer new website - £12.16, £2.03 VAT

SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) annual subscription - £183.00, no VAT

Wellers Law Group – Legal counsel land to north of Quainton Road - £2,400.00

VH Account – reimbursement to PC account for Jennings deposit refund paid from PC account by mistake - £50, no VAT

**Payments to be made on behalf of the Parish Council**

Clerks Salary for December - £\*\*\*.\*\*, no VAT

HMRC – Clerk's PAYE tax - £\*\*\*.\*\*

Employers N.I £\*\*.\*\* (if any payments are due on Gov.uk HMRC)

Office Reimbursement for December- £26.00, no VAT

Barnes and Wells Tree Care – coppice tree at spinney, Church Street - £960.00, £160.00 VAT

## **Village Hall**

### **Payments made on behalf of the Village Hall**

Katherine Wetherell – VH cleaning January - £112.50, no VAT

E-on Next - electricity Village Hall – 1<sup>st</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup> December - £90.96, £4.33 VAT

E-on Next - electricity Schorne Room – 1<sup>st</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup> December - £62.58, £2.98 VAT

To PC account - reimbursement to PC account for Jennings deposit refund as paid from PC account by mistake - £50, no VAT

## **Sportsfield**

### **Payments made on behalf of the Sportsfield**

Rebecca Parker-Marvellous Marigolds December cleaning - £67.50, no VAT

E-On Next - Electricity 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> December - £64.36, VAT £3.06

### **Payments received on behalf of the Sportsfield**

#### **Race Night**

Receipts of £1,868.29 (Income and Expenditure account for the event to follow).

### **100 Club subscriptions (all no VAT)**

L Hawkins - £30

Jean Wright - £15

Ludlow - £15

Hardman - £15

York - £30

Raynor - £15

Manser - £30

Scholes - £15

Dowcra - £15

Robinson - £15

Butler - £60

Jenner - £30

Quinn - £15

McSweeney - £15

Simmons - £15

### **Payments to be made on behalf of the Sportsfield**

#### **January 100 Club prizes**

000839 100 Club 1st prize £30.00, no VAT

000840 100 Club 2nd prize £20.00, no VAT

000841 100 Club 3rd prize £10.00, no VAT

**31/25 Date of the next meeting:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

#### **CLOSED SESSION:**

**Land at Quanton Road:** The Parish Council moved to a Closed Session to discuss its terms for mediation.

**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council agreed to wait to hear from its solicitor before deciding whether to have legal representation at mediation. Following the briefing with its solicitor, the Parish Council also agreed actions which remain confidential at this time as this is an ongoing legal dispute.

*(In the absence of the Clerk, the minutes were taken by Councillor Hogbin-Mills).*

**Jan Roffe, Clerk to North Marston Parish Council, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025**