

# North Marston Parish Council

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## MINUTES

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

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### **87/25 Present and Apologies:**

**Present:** Present Councillors I Mordue (Chairman), A Boyt (Vice Chairman), D Hogbin-Mills, B Newman, S Hill and M Tanner.

**Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor K Du-Plessis. The Clerk, Jan Brandon, also sent her apologies (formerly Jan Roffe).

### **88/25 Members Interests:** To record any declarations of interest from Members.

There were no declarations of interest

**Open forum for Parishioners:** (under adjournment – 20 minutes. 3 minutes per person speaking) to include 100 Club Draw.

**100 Club Draw for June 2025:** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £30 No.69: Cathy Gouldstone, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £20 No.23: Graham Jenner and Third Prize £10 No.27: Peter Dowcra

**89/25 Buckinghamshire Council update:** In Councillor Gomm's absence there were no updates.

**90/25 Minutes:** The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025, were approved and signed.

### **91/25 To consider the following Planning application:**

#### **25/01588/APP - NORTH MARSTON**

Manor Farm 26 High Street North Marston Buckinghamshire MK18 3PD  
Householder application for the erection of a single-storey rear extension

**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

### **92/25 Update on BESS and/or solar farm proposals:**

**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council to ask the Clerk to write a letter of objection to the MP and Buckinghamshire Council Planning.

**93/25 Update on the dispute over the land to the north of Quainton Road: Update:** The Parish Council explained that the next step in the process would be to go to a Tribunal hearing as, unfortunately, a settlement at mediation could not be reached.

### **94/25 To receive relevant updates and agree any actions on the following:**

1. Village Hall – no update
2. Shop storage area – no update
3. Play Area -no update
4. Village Pond and Parsnip Pond – Councillor Hogbin-Mills will cut back the bullrushes.
5. Defibrillators – all status checked by Christina Hutson and emergency-ready.

### **95/25 To receive any updates and agree any actions on the following:**

#### **Environment**

##### **1. Highways**

- (i) Any new and resolved road issues

**RESOLVED:** To ask the Area Technician about the possibility of striped lines to make more of a visual impact upon entering the village to help reduce speeding.

- (ii) Parking – no updates
- (iii) MVAS **RESOLVED:** Councillor Mordue and Councillor Tanner to download data.
- (iv) Streetlighting – no updates

**2. Grass and Hedges** (i) Footpath No. 4 between Elmers Meadow and Gibbings Close overgrown. **RESOLVED:** To ask for quotations for cutting back the hedging and Councillor Mordue to cut back in the meantime to make passable.

**96/25 Projects: To receive updates, discuss and agree on any actions on the following:**

- (i) Replacement of the posts around the village's upper and lower greens (Councillor Mordue). **RESOLVED:** Councillor Mordue is waiting for a written quotation from UK Timber for 90-120mm square oak posts with weather point at the top and then the council to arrange installation.
- (ii) The Parish Barn (Councillor Hill) – Update: The Parish Council to continue to explore the terms in which the barn could be used by a local resident. Construction and 3<sup>rd</sup> Party insurance to be investigated as well as Public Liability.
- (iii) Website (Councillor Tanner) – no updates.
- (iv) New streetlight opposite Sports field entrance (Councillors Mordue and Hill) – no updates
- (v) Encouraging Wildlife/Aylesbury Vale Wild Project (Councillors Hogbin-Mills and Du-Plessis) – no updates.

**97/25 Sportsfield relevant updates (Councillor Mordue)**

Following the success of last year's fundraising dog show, Grandmarstonbury, a dog show and music event, will take place on Saturday, 13th September 2025, at the Sportsfield. This event is being organised in partnership with the North Marston School PTA. Volunteers from both Granborough and North Marston are invited to help make it a success fun-filled day for everyone.

**98/25 Finance**

1. **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council acknowledged receipt of the Internal Auditor's Report.
2. **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council approved the purchase of the Internal Auditor's preferred case of wine for up to £125.00.
3. **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council ratified the payment of the Insurance premium of £1,988 with Ecclesiastical Insurance.
4. **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council approved the payment of the annual £1k grant support to the Sports field
5. **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council approved the following Receipts and Payments of Accounts:

**Receipts and Payments of Accounts**

**Payments received by the Parish Council**

HMRC VAT Return 2024-25 - £7,508.51, no VAT

Buckinghamshire Council – Devolution Grant - £2,155.59, not VAT

Yet unidentified receipt - £16.64

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

SSE Energy – Streetlighting 01/03 – 30/04 - £111.09, £6.92 VAT

SSE Energy – streetlighting 01/04– 30/04 - £98.66, £4.70 VAT

HP Instant Ink – Printer ink contract – Papers for Internal Auditor and mediation - £24.49, £4.08 VAT

Clear Insurance Management Ltd – Annual Insurance premium - £1,988.93, no VAT

LLP Law Group – continued instruction regarding Quanton Road land dispute - £504.00, £84.00 VAT

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

North Marston History Club – Small Grant award new laptop - £200.00, no VAT

North Marston School PTA – Small Grant award for storage shed - £500.00, no VAT

VAT portion due to VH - £481.66 paid by transfer

VAT portion due to SF - £270.37 paid by transfer

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

Clerks Salary for May - £\*\*\*. \*\* no VAT

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

Employers N.I £\*\*. \*\*

Office Reimbursement for May £26.00, £12.60 mileage (audit) and £3.25 sundries. Total £41.85, no VAT

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

North Marston ECC – Small Grant award towards sound system - £300, no VAT

### **Village Hall**

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

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

E-on Next - electricity Village Hall – 1<sup>st</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 - £77.98, £3.71 VAT

E-on Next - electricity Schorne Room – 1<sup>st</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May - £56.09, £2.67 VAT

Speedy Fuels – Oil Delivery 02/06/25 (while prices low) - £235.99, £11.24 VAT

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

Schorne Pre-school – VH hire Spring Term 2025 - £2,383.80, no VAT

Schorne Pre-School – VH hire Autumn Term 2024 (invoiced late) - £2,959.20, no VAT

Post Office Counters - Monday Club VH Hire 2025-26 - £152.00, no VAT

Post Office Counters – Cash donations at VE Day Event - £229.60

Buckinghamshire Council – VH hire for Local Elections - £300.00, no VAT

Alicia Peasely – VH hire for child's party - £98.00, no VAT

VAT portion due from VAT return from PC account - £481.66

### **Sportsfield**

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

E-On Next Ltd - SF electricity 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April '25 - £66.69, £3.18 VAT

Rebecca Parker-Marvellous Marigolds May cleaning - £72.90, no VAT

Anglian Water – 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – 8<sup>th</sup> May '25 - £37.03, no VAT

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

Granborough Parish Council Small grant award - £1,000, no VAT

1st Granborough Scout Group – hire of facilities 2025.26 - £500.00, no VAT

VAT portion due to SF from PC account - £270.37

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

#### **June 100 Club Prizes**

000854 100 Club 100 Club 1st prize £30.00, no VAT

000855 100 Club 100 Club 2nd prize £20.00, no VAT

000856 100 Club 100 Club 3rd prize £10.00, no VAT

**99/25 Date of the next meeting:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

*Minutes taken by Councillor Ian Mordue, Chairman of North Marston Parish Council, in the Clerk's absence.*

*Typed up and formatted by the Clerk, Jan Brandon*

*3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025*