

North Marston Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 8th October 2024

Present: A Boyt (Acting Chairman), D Hogbin-Mills, K Du-Plessis, B Newman, and S Hill and three members of the public.

265/24 Apologies: Apologies were received from Councillor Mordue and Buckinghamshire Councillor, Phil Gomm.

266/24 Members Interests: There were no declarations of interest.

Open forum for Parishioners: (under adjournment – 20 minutes. 3 minutes per person speaking) to include 100 Club Draw for October 2024.

There was nothing raised by the public attending the meeting.

100 Club October draw

1st Prize £30 No. 6 Alan Still, 2nd Prize, £20, No.12 Carolyn and Mark Scholes, 3rd Prize £10, No.1, Robert Webb

267/24 Buckinghamshire Council update: At Councillor Gomm's request, the Clerk read out the update provided which in brief outlined the following:

- (i) In August, Councillor Gomm had copied the Clerk into an email he sent to a resident on behalf of a few parishioners' who had complained regarding bonfires in the Portway area. (Clerk's note: The matter has been addressed by Buckinghamshire Council).
- (ii) Councillor Gomm once again encouraged residents to engage with the consultation regarding the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) by visiting the Buckinghamshire Council website on the following link:
[Tell us your views on our draft Buckinghamshire Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan \(LCWIP\) - Your Voice Bucks - Citizen Space](#)
The consultation closes on Sunday 13th October,
- (iii) Following the resurfacing of the High Street, there are a few surface rainwater issues which Councillor Gomm is working with Highways to resolve as soon as possible.
- (iv) Carters Lane is being repaired and restructured and then it will be resurfaced. There should be additional passing bays.
- (v) The speeding volunteer action group is building to use the new Sentinel speed guns and then bring in TVP. (Only the Police have the power of enforcement). Councillor Gomm asked the Parish Council for data from the village MVAS to share with TVP.

If you wish to report something that is within the remit of Buckinghamshire Council, you can contact Councillor Gomm rather than reporting it on the Buckinghamshire Council website: Email:

Philip.gomm@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

268/24 Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2024 were approved and signed.

269/24 Any relevant updates received from the Tribunal Office regarding the land to the north of Quinton Road:

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council had submitted its Statement of Case and that the Respondents have until 5pm on the 18th October to respond before the case is considered by the judiciary.

270/24 To consider the following Planning Applications:

24/02851/VRC - NORTH MARSTON

47 Quainton Road North Marston Buckinghamshire MK18 3PR

Variation of condition 2 (plans) attached to 24/00894 (Householder application for first floor side extension above existing extension, single storey side extension to form new entrance area and single storey rear extension) for changes to design.

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

24/02941/APP - NORTH MARSTON

The Old Matronage 11 Church Street North Marston Buckinghamshire MK18 3PH

Householder application for demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension.

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

271/24: To receive any relevant updates on/discuss the following:

1. The Parish Barn

To agree the final version of the History Club's proposal and Memorandum of Agreement

RESOLVED: The amended version of the Memorandum of Agreement was approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Acting Chairman. John Spargo and Councillor Simon Hall were thanked for all their work on this.

2. Village Hall

Thanks to Councillor Mordue for installing the new PA system.

3. Play Area

Councillor Newman advised that there are no major issues and submitted the monthly ROSPA safety checklist. Things to note:

- (i) Some litter and leaves need to be cleared from underneath the trampoline but as it is fixed it needs to be considered how best to do this.
- (ii) Some green netting had been installed as a temporary measure to cover a gap in the hedge leading out on to the Quainton Road.

RESOLVED: Councillors Boyt and Mordue to arrange a date to install some wire fencing to prevent children getting out on to the road through the gaps in the hedge.

(iii) When parties are held at the play area, a large amount of refuse is put in the bins filling them to overflowing, which then in turn causes a litter problem. It was suggested that those organising parties are requested to take all litter home with them.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to write to the school to ask if they could include the request that parents take litter home with them if using the play area for parties/large gatherings in any appropriate communication sent home to parents.

4. Village Pond and Parsnip Pond

No updates other than the Village Pond is looking lovely and very clear of algae at the moment.

5. Defibrillators: All status checked and no problems.

6. MVAS: no updates

7. Any other matters - none

272/24 To receive any updates and discuss actions on the following matters:

Environment

1. Highways

(i) Any new and resolved road issues

The High Street and side road resurfacing has been completed successfully; however, Highways have resurfaced up to almost the height of the granite sets on School Hill and surface water is running down the Hill. There is also surface water outside No.8 Portway from a blocked weir drain.

RESOLVED: Councillor Boyt to send the Clerk a video of the blocked weir drain and flood outside of 8, Portway and the Clerk to report to the LAT and on Fix My Street.

(ii) Streetlights at the bottom of School Hill and top of Church Street/Marston Fields junction

The streetlight at the bottom of School Hill was thought to have been repaired by Sparkx, but it is still on all day. The Clerk has already reported this to Sparkx again.

Sparkx has advised that although it is not ideal, the junction box underneath the lamp at the junction of Church Street and Marston Fields is not dangerous.

RESOLVED: Clerk to ask Sparkx to quote for a new door/junction box.

(ii) Two new potholes have opened up at Deadman's Corner near Potter's Farm.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to report.

2. Grass and Hedges – no updates

4. CCTV To discuss progress since the last meeting regarding CCTV (Councillor Du-Plessis)

Councillor Du-Plessis has reached out to five different providers and is continuing to scope for the project.

5. Tree enclosed within the Church Street Spinney encroaching upon telephone wires.

The Clerk has two tree surgeons lined up to quote to coppice the tree.

273/24 Projects: To discuss or to receive updates on the following:

- (i) **New streetlight opposite Sports field entrance** – no update in Councillor Mordue's absence.
- (ii) **Website upgrade** – The Clerk had sent a reminder to voluntary groups and organisations to send up to date information to Martin Tanner for inclusion on the new website. Also to make sure that it meets accessibility compliance e.g. for those who are blind. The website is otherwise ready to launch and is waiting for Parish Council sign-off.
RESOLVED: To ask Martin Tanner for the link with a view to approving the website at the November meeting.
- (iii) **Encouraging Wildlife/Aylesbury Vale Wild Project**
Councillor Hogbin-Mills advised that from her research, to keep the wildflower areas flowering each year it should only be necessary to cut them twice a year and collect the grass and cuttings up – i.e. a full cut September/October and cut a 1 metre strip February/March. It was noted that the areas are unlikely to look as spectacular as they did in their first year of flowering. New seeds will be sown from time to time.

274/24 Sportsfield:

Update: A date in November has been proposed for the SF Race Night, but the Clerk realised that the hall is already booked on that evening. Since the meeting the SF Committee has agreed a new date of 1st February 2025 for this fundraising event.

275/24 Updates on the Stratera Battery installation, the proposed BESS installation South-West of Winslow and the Rosefield Solar Farm preview session held on Thursday 3 October.

Councillor Hogbin-Mills was unfortunately unable to attend the Rosefield Solar Farm preview session. The Parish Council has sent in its updated objections to Stratera's revised plans for the proposed BESS installation.

276/24 Finance:

1. Arrangements for the preparation of the Parish Council budget for 2025/26 financial year, which must be agreed at the December meeting together with the Precept Request to be made to Buckinghamshire Council.

RESOLVED: Councillor Mordue, and the Clerk to prepare a draft budget to present for the November meeting with figures for any areas that need to be broken down into greater detail.

2. Receipts and Payments of Accounts

Payments made on behalf of the Parish Council

SSE Energy – streetlighting 01/08 – 31/08 - £18.80 £2.06 VAT

HP Instant Ink – Printer ink contract - £5.49, £0.92 VAT

Tesco Mobile – August 24 - £8.09, no VAT

ICO – Data protection - £35.00, no VAT

Payments to be made on behalf of the Parish Council

Clerks Salary for September - £***.**, no VAT

Office Reimbursement for September - £26.00, no VAT

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

Payments received on behalf of the Parish Council

Buckinghamshire Council – 2nd tranche Precept payment - £17,364.50, no VAT

Village Hall

Payments made on behalf of the Village Hall

Katherine Wetherall – VH cleaning August - £97.50, no VAT

Alicia Peasley – VH hire deposit refund - £50.00, no VAT

Ayesha King – VH hire deposit refund - £50.00, no VAT

Ashleigh Oswin – VH hire balance - £45.00, no VAT

E-on Next - electricity Village Hall 1/8-31/8 - £62.51, £2.95 VAT

E-on Next - electricity Schorne Room 1/8-31/8 - £34.82, £1.66 VAT

Payments to be made on behalf of the Village Hall

Katherine Wetherell – VH cleaning September £150.00, no VAT

Payments received on behalf of the Village Hall

Amy Jacobs – VH hire deposit and balance - £80.00 no VAT

Sportsfield

Payments made on behalf of the Sportsfield

Rebecca Parker – Marvellous Marigolds September cleaning - £75.00, no VAT

James Radcliffe – mower fuel August - £67.12, £11.52 VAT

RT Machinery – mower maintenance - £369.96, £73.99 VAT

E-on Next – Electricity 1/8-31/8 – £69.17, £3.29 VAT

Payments received on behalf of the Sportsfield

From North Marston Parish & Granborough Cricket Club – 24/25 hire of facilities - £1, 500, no VAT

Payments to be made on behalf of the Sportsfield

000827 100 Club 1st prize £30.00, no VAT

000828 100 Club 2nd prize £20.00, no VAT

000829100 Club 3rd prize £10.00, no VAT

277/24 Date of the next meeting: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Jan Roffe, Clerk to North Marston Parish Council

10th October 2024