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**Minutes of the North Marston Parish Council held at the**

**Sports Field on Tuesday 13th February 2018 at 8.00 pm**

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**Attendees:**, Cllr Symonds (Acting Chair), Cllr Boyt, Cllr Du Plessis, Cllr Blake, Cllr Hewson, Cllr Martin, Clerk Rachel Callander & 9 Parishioners

**100 Club Draw**: 1st prize number 6 Alan Still, 2nd prize number 10 Lisa & Bradley Simmons, 3rd prize number 21 Jon & Angle Martin

**11/17 Attendance and apologies;** Cllr Hogbin-Mills, Cllr Mordue

**12/17 Members Interests:** None

**13/17 Minutes: Approved** Minutes from Parish Council Meeting dated 9th January 2018

**14/18 Planning:**

* + - * No Objections**:**18/00014/APP Stonehill Farm, Quainton Road
      * Opposed:18/00264/APP Copperkins, 53 Quainton Road
      * No Objections: 17/04723/APP 16 High Street
      * Opposed:18/00234/APP 14 High Street

Comments on all planning application can be found on: https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/search-planning-licensing-applications

**15/18 AVDC:**

Cllr Kevin Hewson gave an update as follows:

* + - * VALP – Confirmed this is on schedule to be submitted by 31.03.2018
      * Unitary – Confirmed the decision on Unitary is close. More information [can be found at https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/news/approvaltwo-new-unitary-proposal-submission](https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/news/approval-two-new-unitary-proposal-submission)
      * AVDC budgets – AVDC has balanced its budgets for the next 4 years and its latest budget report was approved. This is the result of a long term strategy of the implementation of changes over the last 8 years saving the council more than £18.5m
      * New waste refuse - £3.2m investment in the new fleet will lead to improved waste and recycling services
      * Planning application 17/03624/AOP for 17 dwellings on land south of

Hogshaw Road, Granborough has been refused by AVDC planning Authority.

BCC Report from Cllr Janet Blake gave an update as follows:

* + - * Ofsted report on children’s service showed that children’s services in Bucks are still inadequate
      * Ofsted Report on Adult Services are being reviewed to see how they can be made more effective and cost effective. A session has been arranged for all councillors to discuss transformation of all services.
      * Local Government Grants have declined from £61m to £8m during

2017/18 and in 2019 there will be no grant

* + - * Highways – Although the budget for 2018/19 increased from £10m to £15m for resurfacing, Stoke Hammond by pass has incurred additional costs of £4.5m
      * Categorisation of potholes – Rural and ‘C’ roads category 1 is now defined as a much larger measurement before the pothole will be mended. Main roads are much smaller.
      * Council tax increase proposed of 2.99% plus 3% social care precept. This equates to £1.40 per week for a Band D property.

These subjects can be found on: https://www.**aylesburyvale**dc.gov.uk

**16/18 Neighbourhood Plan:**

* + - * Confirmed that 7 parishioners and Cllr Du Plessis have volunteered to be part of the working party. Community Impact Bucks and ADVC specialists will be approached.
      * Confirmed a grant can be applied for 1st April 2018
      * Cllr Hewson explained the positive reasons for having a Neighbourhood Plan.
      * A meeting will be set up with the working party and the parish council, initially, to set the guidelines for the North Marston plan.

**17/17 Environment :**

**i. Highway**

* + - * Maintenance:

Confirmed there has been no update on the following.

* + - * 46010044 and 46031824 Blocked gulley and drains on NM hill
      * 46033044 Pavement in Granborough Road
      * 40038437 Collapsed Granborough road by Sportsfield
      * School Hill – carriageway subsidence at two locations
      * Quainton Road kerb damage response
      * 30mph signage at bottom of Quainton Road
      * Footpath outside 49A Portway
      * 40058072 Hillview paddock
      * 40059932 1 schorne Lane
      * Resolved: An apple tree can be planted outside no.8 Granborough Road in line with no.6
      * Resolved: North Marston will not be entering the Best Kept Village 2018
      * Traffic Calming in the village

Confirmed: No Monthly Sentinel and MVAS reports for January as the team were advised not to due to day light hours and bad weather

1. **Hedges/Village Upkeep** 
   * Acknowledged the loss of Lynch Garden Services who have done a great job keeping North Marston looking tidy. The grass cutting will be put out to tender and approved in the March meeting.
   * Agreed that the draft plan on managing Village verges and hedges on roadsides was a good step in creating biodiversity in the village. The draft will be placed on the notice board & website under Parish Council Information. Any comments are greatly received before 13th March 2018 when the plan will be signed off. Please contact northmarston@gmail.com. Agreed Cllr Du Plessis and Cllr Symonds will recommend a cutting plan for verges and hedges for the next meeting.
2. **Street Lights** 
   * Agreed the PLL lamp was preferable to the LED light. Clerk to check on LED vs PLL costs and a decision will be made in the March meeting.
   * Resolved: the timer on all street lights should be 12pm – 6am. Clerk to action

**Parish Action Plan/Projects:**

* Playground – Confirmed there will be an update on draft proposals and grant applications in the March meeting. Action:Cllr Du Plessis
* Pond – Agreed the quote of £4,950 incl VAT (deposit £1732.50 to be paid asap) from Denchworth Pond & Garden Services and will action a start date. The microgrant for the liner has been submitted and Cllr Du Plessis will produce a pond ‘plant’ plan.
* Councillor Vacancy – Confirmed that there had been one enquiry during January. The notice will be placed again.
* iv. Village communication of information – Confirmed there will be an update in the March meeting. Action:Cllr Hogbin Mills

**Village Hall:**

* + 1. Approved quote from Taylor Plastering for £1,760 to plaster the village hall extension.
    2. A brief update on the village hall was given in the absence of Cllr Mordue.

**18/17 Finance:**

• Resolved: Renewal of Office 365 subscription , expiry 01/03/2018

**Receipts and Payments of Accounts**

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

001397 Clerk expenses £163.69, £3.36 VAT included

001398 Clerk Salary £\*\*.\*\*, no VAT included

001399 Aylesbury Mains Ltd £71.76, £11.96 VAT included

001400 SLCC Enterprises Ltd £36.00, £6.00 VAT included

001401 Aylesbury Mains Ltd £138.48, £23.08 VAT included 001402 Lynch Garden Services £250.00, no Vat included

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

DD E.on £13.32, 0.63 VAT included

CREDIT E.on £42.96, £2.05 VAT included

000545 Thame Double Glazing £900.00 deposit, no VAT included

000546 Western Power Distribution £2,382.35, £397.06 VAT included

000547 Ian Carnell £850.00, no Vat included

000548 Emma Lynch £95.00, no Vat included

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

DD E.On £80.83, £3.85 VAT included

000551 1st place 100 club Alan Still £30.00

000552 2nd prize Lisa & Bradley Simmons £20.00

000553 3rd prize Jon & Angie Martin £10.00

**19/18 Posts and Consultations**

* + - * Neighbourhood and Urban renewal in post Brexit seminar 9th May 2018
      * Parish Liaison Conference 20th February 2018

**20/18 Next Parish Council meeting:** Tuesday 13th March 2018, 8.00pm, location Village Hall.

RachelCallander - Parish Council Clerk