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

**Village Hall on Tuesday 12th February 2019 at 8.00 pm**

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**Attendees:** Cllr Mordue, Cllr Martin, Cllr Hogbin-Mills, Cllr Boyt, Cllr Du Plessis, Clerk Rachel Callander & 6 Parishioners

**100 Club Draw**: 1st prize 91 Bill McWhirter, 2nd prize 14 Pat Robinson, 3rd prize 75 John Spargo

**127/19 Attendance and apologies;** Cllr Raven, Cllr Garey, Cllr Symonds

**128/19 Members Interests:** None

**129/19 Minutes:** Approved minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 8th January 2019

**130/19 AVDC/BCC:** Cllr Scott Raven provided the following council budget update for the meeting

* To increase the annual Council Tax by the maximum permissible, £5.00 (3.35%) at Band D for district councils
* A General Fund budget that results in net expenditure of £14,671,100 and a District precept of £11,314,900.
* Approve a pay award for staff, which meets the Living Wage and provides for 2.5% being payable across all grades for 2019/20, for which provision has been made in these budget proposals.
* Use £1.48m of New Homes Bonus to meet the costs of the Connected Knowledge Programme in 2019-20 - ( this was with the hope that the new unitary council will continue using these systems - which are far superior to any other council’s. The programme makes the council services much more user friendly than others).
* An expenditure total of £902,300 and a precept of £849,300 in respect of Aylesbury Special Expenses giving an unchanged band D Special Expense Council Tax of £45.00 for 2019-20.

**131/19 Neighbourhood Plan:**

* The questionnaires are being analysed and the findings shared at the May AGM meeting
* Agreed the Community and Environment Fund of HS2 will be looked into since Padbury have received a small grant from this source and is of a similar distance.

**132/19 Environment :**

 i. **Highway:** **The following update was given:**

* Ongoing - 46033044 Pavement in Granborough Road
* Resolved - SMOGWT64 open reach BT Manhole Porthole 49a
* Ongoing -40086375 First ash tree after 1st cattle grid
* Ongoing -40089310 By 6 Marston Fields
* Ongoing -40093437 2 Granborough Road
* Resolved - 40093431 Bollards & railings by Wesley Centre
* Traffic Calming in the village
* The NMCSW will receive a demonstration on the Seirzega GR33L and will borrow a BT Connect machine to test. It was agreed that based on these tests and the data that can be collected, the next microgrant will be allocated towards one and maybe 2 SID machines.
* No update on this months Sentinel and MVAS data
* Agreed the MVAS machine will be serviced after the next data download

ii. **Hedges/Village Upkeep**

* Agreed: Sports Field Hedge – the road hedge will be cut on all sides before the end of February. The hedge by the nature trail will not be cut this year in line with RSPB guidelines.
* Resolved:The Quainton roadsign will be replaced by the end of February by BCC but the Granborough roadsign will not.
* Agreed: The ‘dog mess’ in the village has increased in certain areas around the village. More Thames Valley Police signs to be put around the village
* Resolved: Permission given to Western Power to cut the trees on the footpath by Gibbins Close and the willow tree at the top of Church street behind the church due to the trees encroaching on the power lines.

**133/19 Parish Action Plan/Projects:**

1. **Playground –** Cllr Du Plessis reported the Wren deadline is the 12th March and is awaiting collated data from the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire. Waiting for quotes for the levelling of the area. Budget funding needs to be increased to account for the levelling costs.
2. **Sportsfield/VH –** Gigaclear will provide a plan for the wifi connection at the SF and VH.
3. **Pond & pond area –**The standpipe to enable the filling of the pond will be addressed and the spring plants were signed off at a cost of £180. Aylesbury Mains quoted £687.45 to provide a feeder pillar at the pond for a pump to be fitted for circulation. Western Power Distribution to provide a quote for the connection.
4. **Village magazine –** The reaction to the magazine has been great with 8 new advertisers this month. Local company sponsorship for one month each will be sought. An application will be made to Granborough Small Grants Scheme for a contribution from Granborough.
5. **Village Hall -** Resolved: the disabled toilet building work is complete. Quotes for decorating the toilet block, to flatten the threshold by the front doors for wheelchair access, and new doors between the village hall and the extension will be available for the March meeting.
6. **Defibrillator –** Agreed that a second defibrillator should be positioned further towards the pond area of the village to enable the defibrillator location to be recognised by 999 in an emergency. The defibrillator at the village hall is over the 400m requirement. The exact location and funding is tbc as the microgrant does not cover defibrillators.
7. **Donate a Gate –** Agreed this would be discussed as part of the 2019/20 precept budget allocations
8. **Orchestra Land –** agreed that the Parish Council will not work with or be in any discussion with Orchestra Land property developers until after the results of the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire and the community has been consulted.

**134/18 Finance:**

* Approved Clerk pay for January Magazine 18 hours £192.17
* Resolved: The devolved service contract until 31st March 2020 was signed off.
* Resolved: Re-purchase of Office 365 at £59.99 was signed off

**Receipts and Payments of Accounts**

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

001471 Clerk January salary £\*\*.\*\*, (incl 18 hours overtime) no VAT included

001472 Clerk December expenses £59.90 no VAT included

001473 Creative Digital Printing £331.00, no VAT included

001474 Aylesbury Mains Ltd £654.80, £145.18 VAT included

001475 Chapman Planning (Neighbourhood Plan) £1650.00, no Vat included

001476 Lynch Garden Services £150.00 no VAT included

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

000024 Whitchurch Surgery refund £8.00, no VAT included

000025 Lovell Fuels £257.25, £12.25 VAT included

000601 J. Brunswick £80.00, No VAT included

DD E.On electricity Schorne Room £14.27, £0.68 VAT included

DD E.On electricity Village Hall £29.74, £1.42 VAT included

000602 P.R.A Randles £393.00, no vat included

000603 Rachel Woolrich party refund £50, no VAT included

000604 Complete Built Ltd £6,318, £105.3 VAT included

000605 Complete Built Ltd £1,578, £263.00 VAT included

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

000601 100 Club 1st Prize Bill McWhirter £30.00, no VAT included

000602 100 Club 1st Prize Pat Robinson £20.00, no VAT included

000603 100 Club 1st Prize John Spargo £10.00, no VAT included

DD E.On electricity Sports Field £35.25, £1.68 VAT included

000604 J.M Fencing £225.00, no VAT included

**135/18 Posts and Consultations**

* BCC Scrutiny News: CC budget plans
* New Homes Bonus Schemes
* High Court refuses permission for Ox-Cam challenge

**136/18 Next Parish Council meeting:**

* March 12th 2019 Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall at 8pm

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