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

**Village Hall on Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 8.00 pm**

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**Attendees:** Cllr Mordue, Cllr Martin, Cllr Hogbin-Mills, Cllr Garey, Cllr Symonds, Clerk Rachel Callander & 8 Parishioners

**100 Club Draw**: 1st prize 29 Rachel Callander, 2nd prize 38 Michael Finnemore, 3rd prize 54 Karen Bunyan

**148/19 Attendance and apologies;** Cllr Raven, Cllr Boyt, Cllr Du Plessis

**149/19 Members Interests:** None

**150/19 Minutes:** Approved minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 12th March 2019

**151/19 AVDC/BCC:** Cllr Scott Raven was not present. The following summary was read out. Full details can be found on [www.northmarston.org](http://www.northmarston.org) under Parish Council

* 2nd April the Structural Changes Order was laid before Parliament. The New Council will be ‘Buckingham Council’ and have 147 councillors. Elections May 2020. A temporary Shadow Executive will be formed.
* Unitary Programme structure is being put in place to move from 5 councils to 1 council. Unitary Programme Boards are also in place to support the delivery of the unitary programme.
* VALP: The Independent Planning Inspector has agreed AVDCs proposal to reduce the number of houses that need to be built within the vale up to 2033

**152/19 Neighbourhood Plan:**

* A summary of the questionnaire findings will be presented on May 14th at the Annual Village meeting

**153/19 Environment :**

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

* Ongoing: 46033044 Pavement in Granborough Road
* Ongoing: 40093437 2 Granborough Road
* Ongoing: 40097999 Marston Road
* Ongoing: Bucks CC/LAF will be approached to re-instate the kerbing at the Forge End of the pond
* Ongoing: 40098633 16 High Street middle of road
* Ongoing: 40099856 Middle of road by 6 Portway
* Traffic Calming in the village
* Reported: MVAS March report 2019: Recorded at The Pilgrim (facing Portway) 4th March to 1st April 2019 (28 days). 23865 vehicle passes were recorded over 28 days. • 5% of vehicles were recorded as travelling at speeds greater than the speed limit of 30mph • 11 vehicles were recorded travelling at speeds of 40-45, and 1 at 45-50mph
* In Progress: The Seirzega GR33L is yet to be tested and the data content looked at.

ii. **Hedges/Village Upkeep**

* Verge Management: Agreed ‘verge management’ is a good idea and will be looked at in the future in line with various campaigns that are being nationally run. The verge approaching Oving Hill on the right will follow the principle immediately. There are nearly 500,000 kilometres of rural road verge in the UK and the adoption of a few principles can significantly improve the biodiversity of verges. For more information please see:

<http://plantlife.love-wildflowers.org.uk/roadvergecampaign>

https://www.bbowt.org.uk/volunteering-opportunities/hedgerow-havens-volunteers

* School Hill: Resolved – Councillors reviewed the hedge and it was decided that for this year no further action is required. In subsequent years it was agreed that the hedge will try to be cut back a further 12” and some of the ivy removed to aid growth. The school will be contacted and a suggestion made that Church Street is a safer alternative at the start and finish of the school day as opposed to School Hill where the road is not wide enough for vehicles and pedestrians.
* Poles on the greens: Agreed a second quote will be obtained for replacement of all the poles around both grass areas on High Street.
* Village Gates: Agreed to get a quote for cleaning all village signs and painting the village gates
* Village Hall Seat Bench: Resolved: As the VH bench is rotten a new bench will be purchased
* Bucks Best Kept Village: Resolved: NM will not be entering the Best Kept Village
* Litter: Discussed the new charges at the tip from 1st April for non household waste. This raised concerns for fly tipping around the village and the concern of people using other people’s bins to put rubbish in instead of paying at the tip. Clerk reported that Waste Management have backed the initiative based on Government statistics. Fly tipping is a criminal offence and people who dump their rubbish illegally are liable to face prosecution and can incur a fine of up to £50,000.

Discussed a volunteer day to clean up the village and for the school to be contacted to see if they will be doing their yearly clean up with the children with the Keep Britain Tidy initiative.

If you see any dumped waste please go to [www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/).

All fly tipping statistics are made public by DEFRA you can find the information at [www.gov.uk/government/statistics/fly-tipping-in-england](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fstatistics%2Ffly-tipping-in-england&data=02%7C01%7CWaste_Strategy%40buckscc.gov.uk%7C99efdbd48e1d4ca575af08d6b74ef3e9%7C7fb976b99e2848e180861ddabecf82a0%7C0%7C0%7C636897947055612884&sdata=YRVRvd9wUkaT8rmYRu8yTsz0w%2Bv%2Bser0CK733GI3pU0%3D&reserved=0)

* Bins: Resolved – The recreation ground bin has been replaced. The playground bin will be mended prior to the playground rejuvenation project. Bins at the Sportsfield and the Granborough Road bus stop will be accessed.

**154/19 Parish Action Plan/Projects:**

1. **Playground –** Confirmed the playground safety inspection will be in May. A plan of the new playground equipment will be shown at the May meeting.
2. **Pond –**
	* Agreed to investigate a metered supply underground with Anglian Water and also to look at a metered standpipe/AQUAM.
	* Thank you to Paul, resident of Church Street, who offered to fill the pond, weed the area around the pond and put down grass seed to enable the pond to regain its attractiveness. The PC committed to maintain the pond area.
	* There is no update on the kerbing around the pond area
	* The quote from Western Power for an overhead cable to supply electricity for a pond generator was discussed but not deemed necessary at this point.
3. **Village magazine –** Confirmed that NMPC were unsuccessful in the bid for funding from the Granborough Grant Scheme to help for the print of the magazine. It was discussed that with no financial or time contribution from Granborough towards the magazine the PC will talk to Oving to see if a partnership is possible. The NMPC Chairman to arrange to meet with the Granborough Chariman to fully understand why there is no contribution to the magazine.
4. **Sportsfield/VH –** Resolved: The Sportsfield are not covered by the Weaver Agreement for Gigaclear to install a free wifi connection. NMPC in talks with Gigaclear with regards to the Weaver Agreement signed with AVB.
5. **Village Hall** – Confirmed that the extension doors, the door widening of the Schorne room and the ramp into the VH from the front are all work in progress.
6. **Defibrillator –** Resolved: A second defibrillator will be positioned on the left hand wall of the Wesley Centre to the left of the toilet window. This will ensure that the village is covered by the 2 defibrillators.
7. **Bus Shelter Portway –** Resolved: The quote for £80 to repair the Portway bus shelter was approved.
8. **Pilgrim as a Community Asset expired October 2018 –** Confirmed that the Pilgrim as a community asset has been removed from the Land Registry. A decision as to whether it will be re listed in the future will be discussed at a later date taking into account the criteria required and involving the Pub in the decision process.

**155/19 Finance:**

* Agreed to meet with the Pre School to review with Pre School rates
* Acknowledged the increase in Dog waste management of 2.6% 2019/20
* Approved Clerk pay for March Magazine 24 hours £256.224
* Acknowledged the transfer of £7,000 from the PC budget to the VH budget as a separate entity is allowed according to NALC

**Receipts and Payments of Accounts**

The following cheques have been raised for the Parish Council

001492 Clerk March salary £\*\*.\*\*, (incl 3 hours PC overtime & 24 hours magazine) no VAT included

001493 Clerk March expenses £63.17, £4.29 VAT included

001494 Glasdon UK Limited £114.08, £19.01 VAT included

001495 BALC Subscriptions £122.01, no VAT included

001496 NBPPC £20.00, no VAT included

001497 Creative Digital Printing £348.00, no VAT included

001498 Clerk April salary £\*\*.\*\*,no VAT included

001499 Lynch Garden Services £615.00, no VAT included

001500 E.on electricity £523.03, £24.91 VAT included

000626 Aylesbury Mains Ltd £1,920.00, £320.00 VAT included

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

DD E.on electricity £60.94, £2.90 VAT included

DD E.on electricity £25.91, £1.23 VAT included

000611 P.R.A Randles £840.00, no VAT included

000612 Caroline Carter party refund £59, no VAT included

000613 Lynch Garden Services £40.00, no VAT included

000614 Emma Lynch (March & April) £150, no VAT included

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

000610 100 Club 1st Prize £30.00, no VAT included

000611 100 Club 1st Prize £20.00, no VAT included

000612 100 Club 1st Prize £10.00, no VAT included

DD E.on electricity £21.42, £1.02 VAT included

000613 Lane’s Landscape Contractors £593.26, £98.88 VAT included

**156/19 Posts and Consultations**

* News for parishes
* Buckinghamshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan Survey
* BCC Branch Minutes 19/03/2019

**157/19 Next Parish Council meeting:**

* May 7th 2019 Annual Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall at 8pm
* May 14th 2019 Annual Village meeting at the Village Hall at 7.30

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