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

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

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

**100 Club Draw**: 1st prize 27 Peter Docwra, 2nd prize 81 Des & Jan Quinn, 3rd prize 30 Carrie Smythe

**137/19 Attendance and apologies;** Cllr Raven

**138/19 Members Interests:** None

**139/19 Minutes:** Approved minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 12th February 2019

**140/19 AVDC/BCC:** Cllr Scott Raven was not present and no update was given.

**141/19 Planning Applications**

* 19/00689/APP 2 Morton Close – No objections subject to if a planning notice being made available

**142/19 Neighbourhood Plan:**

* There was no further update following the February meeting.

**143/19 Environment :**

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

* Ongoing: 46033044 Pavement in Granborough Road
* Resolved: 40086375 First ash tree after 1st cattle grid
* Resolved: 40089310 By 6 Marston Fields
* Ongoing: 40093437 2 Granborough Road
* Ongoing: 40097999 Marston Road
* Agreed 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
* Traffic Calming in the village
* Resolved – MVAS has been serviced at no cost
* Acknowledged the MVAS report for January-February 2019 located at the Pilgrim (facing the Village Hall). 36,696 vehicles passed, 16% were travelling above 30mph and 12 vehicles were recorded at speeds between 45-50mph.
* Confirmed that the BT Connect machine was delivered for testing but was too large for the village. The Seirzega GR33L is yet to be tested and the data content looked at.

ii. **Hedges/Village Upkeep**

* Resolved: 2 bins to be purchased from Gasdon at £95.07 + VAT each, one for the recreation area, if it cannot be mended, and the other by the gates from the Village Hall car park into the park.
* Agreed a new verge management proposal would be made available for comment and residents in these areas will be notified for comments. It is important to re-wild our verges and hedgerows to encourage native wild plant species to grow. The following proposal provides opportunities for wildlife to thrive but also to potentially reduce costs. The 3 areas below will not form part of the scheduled village cut.
  1. St. Johns Lane from 69 to Dancers Farm driveway
  2. Quainton Road right side Prices Cottage to Jim Tattams plot
  3. Marstonfields Road to Kate Bucks stable from 2A
* Acknowledged the response from the landowner who kindly cut the School Hill Hedge. Councillors will view the hedge and a decision will be made in the April meeting as to whether the hedge needs to be cut back further.
* Confirmed that the poles around the bottom green on the ‘house side’ need to be re-instated to prevent people parking on the green. A quote will be obtained for the April meeting.

**144/19 Parish Action Plan/Projects:**

1. **Playground – Resolved -** Cllr Du Plessis reported the application will be sent to Wren 12th March. The Parish Council will provide the third party funding of £10,001.12
2. **Sportsfield/VH –** **Resolved** - Gigaclear will install Wifi to the Village Hall under the Weaver Agreement signed in 2017 with AVB. A quote for installation to the Sportsfield will be available in the April meeting.
3. **Pond & pond area – Agreed -** Anglian Water to be contacted as the location cover outside 3 School Hill could not be opened to be able to use the standpipe for the pond. It was decided that the quote of £5,824.04 from Western Power and £687.45 Aylesbury Mains was too large a cost to supply electricity to the pond generator. It was agreed to let the pond settle for a few years.
4. **Village magazine – Confirmed** that the current subscriptions and advertisers have covered the costs for 10 months of the year and the Parish Council will pay for 2 months print. With more subscribers, advertisers and monthly sponsors the magazine could breakeven.
5. **Village Hall - Resolved**: The quote from P.R.A Randles for £200.00 to box in the soil vent pipe in the new Schorne Room disabled toilet was approved. The quote from P.R.A Randles for £655.00 to decorate the disabled toilet, lobby area and fire door was approved.
6. **Defibrillator –** **Resolved** - A second defibrillator will be purchased, subject to further information and 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 Wesley Centre will be asked for the defibrillator to be positioned on the roadside wall as a good central location and because the external device will need a power source. The costs are £1,500 for the defibrillator, pads £40-100 every 18 months, batteries £150-300 every 3-7 years.
7. **Parsnip Pond – Resolved –** the pond is a natural pond and therefore it was agreed that a liner should not be fitted.

**145/18 Finance:**

* Approved Clerk pay for February Magazine 18 hours £192.17
* Discussed that the Village Hall is running at a loss and revenue needs to be reviewed. A review with the pre school will be scheduled. The Community Fund loan of £30,000 for the extension with an estimated repayment of £2,346 per year was not. Therefore, it was agreed that the Parish Council would transfer £7,000 to the Village Hall to cover the short fall for the Schorne Room disabled toilet.
* The £500 Donate a Gate proposal was discussed and it was agreed that a donations budget of £800 would be set to include all charity requests
* The 2019/20 budget was approved.

**Receipts and Payments of Accounts**

The following cheques have been raised for the Parish Council

001478 Creative Digital Printing £331.00, no VAT included

001479 Michael Lane (Survey Monkey Neighbourhood Plan) £105, no VAT included

001480 P.R.A Randles £150.00, no VAT included

001481 Clerk February salary £\*\*.\*\*, (incl 18 hours overtime) no VAT included

001482 Clerk February expenses £104.61 £10.25 VAT included

001484 JM Fencing £1975.00, no VAT included

001485 S. Chapman Neighbourhood Plan £255, no VAT included

001486 3 Gen Fencing £110.00, no VAT included

001487 Michael Lane (Survey Monkey Neighbourhood Plan) £35, no VAT included

001488 Ramblers Association donation £50, no VAT included

001489 Lynch Garden Services £830.00, no VAT included

001490 Reg Porter £300.00, £50 VAT included

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

000608 Friends of Whitchurch Surgery full event refund £48, no VAT included

000609 Lovell Fuels £273.53, £13.03 VAT included

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

000605 100 Club 1st Prize Peter Docwra £30.00, no VAT included

000606 100 Club 1st Prize Des & Jan Quinn £20.00, no VAT included

000607 100 Club 1st Prize Carrie Smythe £10.00, no VAT included

000608 Oakpark Alarms Security Services £165.60, £27.60 VAT included

DD Wave £12.27CR

**146/19 Posts and Consultations**

* BCC News: County chose councillors for Bucks Council shadow executive
* Our Vale: crowdfunding workshop invitation 28th February
* Parish Liaison Meeting March 27th

**147/19 Next Parish Council meeting:**

* April 9th 2019 Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall at 8pm

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