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

**Village Hall on Tuesday 8th October 2019 at 8.00 pm**

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**Attendees:** Cllr Mordue, Cllr Symonds, Cllr Hogbin-Mills, Cllr Martin, Cllr Raven, Clerk Rachel Callander & 6 Parishioners

**100 Club Draw**: 1st prize 99 John Hillier, 2nd prize 90 Robin Cartwright, 3rd prize 71 Paul Bagni

**206/19 Attendance and Apologies;** Cllr Garey, Cllr Du Plessis, Cllr Boyt, Cllr Blake

**207/19 Members Interests:** Cllr Symonds 209/19 application 19/02466/APP 10 Church Street

**208/19 Minutes:** Approved minutes of the meeting dated 10th September 2019

**209/19 Planning applications:** No Objections**:** 19/03431/APP 59 Portway

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**210/19 AVDC/BCC:**

* Cllr Raven reported the following:
* The Council declared a climate emergency and commits to asking the future Buckinghamshire Unitary Authority to become carbon neutral by 2030.
* Established a nominated Brexit officer (Andrew Small) to oversee and advise on issues leaving the EU may have upon residents.
* Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning & Infrastructure confirmed that AVDC would continue to lobby HS2 to cease all clearance work in the north of the Vale while the project was being reviewed by the Government
* Ox-Cam Expressway, the Council resolved to:
	+ Oppose the Expressway project and support the electrification of the East West Rail route for passenger and freight traffic as part of the strategic rail network.
	+ Support better East West public transport and active travel solutions.
	+ Adopt this position on the Expressway in the future consultation on the route options from Highways England.
	+ Continue to support Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Natural Environment Partnership.
* Cllr Blake reported:
* Unitary:  Work continues to prepare for the new Buckinghamshire Authority which takes over next May. The current CEO of BCC has been appointed the CEO of the new Authority
* Expressway:  Both AVDC and BCC have voted to object to the Expressway on the grounds it would have an unacceptable adverse impact on the local environment and biodiversity.  The government may ignore these objections and go ahead with this major infrastructure project so, possibly, there may not be opportunity of negotiating additional funds for other road improvement projects in the area, bearing in mind the significant housing growth planned for the Vale.
* Ox-Cam Expressway

Agreed to organise a meeting with NEG and the Pro Group to inform the village prior to the consultation period. Information will be put on the website and magazine. 3 x £12 signs saying Under Threat, Your Countryside, No expressway will be placed at the entrances to the village.

**211/19 Neighbourhood Plan:**

* NPSG reported the chapter objectives will be finalised by end of year, meetings with youth leader organisations will take place, the need for an emergency plan will be discussed further.

**212/19 Environment :**

* Highway:
* On going: Path code NMA/15/1 49 Quainton Road damaged sign (Web Reference No: 190946542)
* On going: Mending of Village gate and 30mph sigh
* Resolved: No action required - 40111160 near to 7 School Hill
* Resolved: Work order raised 40111349 opposite 16 High Street
* Traffic Calming in the village (MVAS data - Granborough Road coming into the village)
* 22,416 vehicle passes were recorded.
* 50% of vehicles (11,208) were recorded violating the 30mph speed limit.
* 1 vehicle between 90-95mph; 1 at 75-80mph; 1 65-70mph, 6 at 60-65mph.
* Speeding increases risks of injury and death to pedestrians and animals.

**213/19 Parish Action Plan/Projects:**

* **Local Area Forum** – Cllr Symonds reported: VALP/Expressway are behind schedule, TVP are concerned about scammers and cold callers in the area, this will be communicated in the magazine. Salt bins will be filled Oct-Dec 2019, LAF copy of funding application by Oving handed over for reference.
* **Playground –** No update was given. Cllr Du Plessis to provide update for next meeting
* **Village magazine –** Confirmedafter a review meeting the magazine has gone from strength to strength and now has 60% subscribers in NM and 33% in Granborough, 36 advertisers, 50 content contributors and currently sponsor opportunities are being explored. Minimal financial help was required by NMPC. The aim of the next 12 months is to increase the subscriber base so that there is no financial input required. The long term aim is to have sponsor/donations to achieve 100% free distribution in NM&G. Voluntary help is being asked for to produce the magazine to reduce costs (see NM & G websites). Until now the magazine has been run by NMPC, however, since the outcome of the Granborough Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire, Granborough PC have come forward to consider assisting NM in the coming year.
* **Village Hall –**
* Resolved:A ramp of alloy checker plates will be used for the ramp into the VH from the front when required.
* Resolved: Quotes for the ramp into the village hall from the front are no longer required.
* Approved: The annual extinguisher service from ChurchesFire at £26 call out + £2.50 per fire extinguisher
* **Bus** – Confirmed investigation into alternative modes of transport for the future is ongoing and Community Impact Bucks has been contacted.
* **Pre School –** Confirmed the review outcome with Pre School is ongoing.
* **Winnowing machine** – Discussed the equipment on loan to the Quainton Windmill Committee. Agreed to ask NM History Club if they wished to store.
* **Micro Grants** – Confirmed the TruSign 30CR application has been submitted.
* **1st Whitchurch Guides International Trip –** Resolved: The request for a donation towards thetrip to Disneyland for 3 children in North Marston is not within the parameters of the Charity Policy held by NM. Confirmed the distribution of the 2019/20 Charity fund will be confirmed in February to parties who meet the Charity Policy criteria.

**214/19 Finance:**

* Resolved - The 2018/19 Audit Certificate has been received and the finances are available on the website and the noticeboard

**Receipts and Payments of Accounts**

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

001538 Clerk October salary £\*\*.\*\*, (incl 16 hours September magazine) no VAT included

001539 Clerk September expenses £61.89 no VAT included

001540 Michael Lane, Neighbourhood Planning, £140.00, £23.32 VAT included

001541 PKF Littlejohn LLP external audit £360.00, £60.00 VAT included

001542 E.on Lighting 01/07/19-30/09/19 £558.22, £26.58 VAT included

001543 Creative Digital Printing £374.00, No VAT included

001544 AVDC license renewal May 18/19 & 19/20 £140.00, no VAT included

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

DD E.ON VH £24.47, £1.17 VAT included

DD E.ON Schorne £12.99, £0.62 VAT included

000657 JR Plumbing & Heating Ltd £120.00, £20.00 VAT included

000658 Emma Lynch £100.00, No VAT included

000659 Lynch Garden services £75.00, no VAT included

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

000633 100 Club 1st Prize John Hillier £30.00, no VAT included

000634 100 Club 2nd Prize Robin Cartwright £20.00, no VAT included

000635 100 Club 3rd Prize Paul Bagni £10.00, no VAT included

DD E.ON £36.33, £1.73 VAT included

000636 James Radcliffe (Glasdon UK Ltd) £172.04, £28.67 VAT included

**215/19 Post and Consultations circulated**

* 2020-2025 Public Safety Plan Consultation

**216/19 Next Parish Council meeting:**

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

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