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

**on ‘Zoom’ Tuesday 14th April 2020 at 8.00pm**

**Due to the coronavirus meetings cannot be held in a public place Nalc briefing dated 3rd April 2020**

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**Attendees:** Cllr Mordue, Cllr Boyt, Cllr Hogbin-Mills, Cllr Du Plessis, Cllr Symonds, Cllr Raven, Clerk Rachel Callander,

**100 Club Draw**: 1st prize 35 Stuart Lane, 2nd prize 30 Carrie Smythe, 3rd prize 61 Victoria Lane

**031/20 Attendance and apologies;** Cllr Martin, Cllr Blake

**032/20 Members Interests:** None

**033/20 Minutes:** Approved minutes of the meeting dated 10tH March 2020

**034/20 Buckinghamshire Council: Cllr Raven reported –**

* The New Buckinghamshire Council has been assisting local businesses and local volunteers but as yet the councillors have had little guidance. The New 16 Community Boards have been set up and North Marston are part of the Winslow & Villages Board. There are 9 councillors and their details can be found on:  <https://buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1> Elections will be held May 2021
* A fund of £250K has been established to allow councillors to support their local voluntary and community groups where it is most needed.
* The Ox-Cam link has been put on hold

**035/20 Planning**

* Resolved: No objections - 20/01137/AGD Manor Farm St johns Lane

**036/20 Neighbourhood Plan:**

* Original Plan was to be completed ready for submission to Buckinghamshire Council and other third parties for consideration and assessment at the end of September 2020, with a final referendum hopefully following around March 2021.
* With new legislation, no referendum can now take place until at least 6 May 2021. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions the NPSG are unable to make significant progress in its current stage of development.
* There is an estimate delay by approximately 3 months overall, and that consultations with the Parish Council and the community will not now commence until September 2020, with a Plan being completed by the end of the year, ready for a referendum in May/June 2021.

This estimate, however, is not guaranteed, and the new hopeful timetable could change radically should the details of the current approach to Covid-19 be either accelerated or retarded.

**037/20 Environment :**

i. **Highway:**

* Resolved: 40112790 Church Street
* Resolved although the job is not adequate - 40119966 15 yd series of potholes – High Street
* **Ongoing: 40128797 2 blocked drains left side below** St John’s Manor
* **Ongoing 40131558 White lines at Junction of Schorne Lane & Church Street**
* **Ongoing 40130975 Outside 7 High Street**
* **Ongoing 40130662 Blocked drain High Street**
* **Ongoing 40131396 Outside 2c Granborough Road**
* **Shepperds Close sign – This was replaced by AVDC but spelt incorrectly. After Covid-19 it will be replaced.**

All ongoing items to be addressed with Parish Support for non receipt of updates.

**038/20 Parish Action Plan/Projects:**

1. **Playground** –
   * + 4 companies, Proludic, Kompan, Creative Play and Hags have quoted for the play equipment and full plans are being submitted.
     + Quotes for groundworks and drainage are being obtained. Options for flattening the ground or having a slope for drainage are being assessed.
     + A budget of £60k will be allocated to the play equipment excl the groundworks and drainage
     + 2 areas will be designed – One for up to 5 year olds currently planned near the village hall and one for older children in the current location with more challenging equipment. The swings, seesaw, basketball and football goals will be kept. A zip wire was discussed. A path will join the 2 play areas. A pagoda was also discussed as an area for older children to socialise.
     + The supplier will recommend the best use of space for the 2 age groups from their knowledge of other playgrounds. This is to ensure the overall design is practical for users.
     + Residents that border the playground area will be sent the plan for information
     + End April to agree the equipment supplier, agree the budget breakdown, provide a communication plan/strategy.
     + Covid-19 does not have an impact on the time plan. The equipment will be installed first in July/August. End August/September the groundworks will commence with grass seeding early October 2020.
     + The RoSPA inspection on the current equipment will go ahead in May 2020.
2. **Village Hall –** Anew lock has been purchased and will be fitted on the Schorne Room access door by end April. There has been no response from Adept Roofing regarding the water leak marks in the girls toilets
3. **VE Day 75th Anniversary 8-10th May 2020** –VE Day has been cancelled due to Covid-19
4. **Village Street Lighting –** Quote from SSE showed a saving of £423/year for a 3 year fixed contract vs E.on. E.on to be approached to see if they wish to re quote.
5. **Village Grass Cutting –** the quote from Lynch Garden services was approved. When the new playground is in situ, the cutting of the play area will be more frequent with grass collection to ensure the area is maintained to a high standard. This will be implemented later in 2020.

**039/20 Finance:**

1. Resolved: Extension of Service Level Agreement for Dog Waste Bin Collection and Associated

Services from April 1st 2020 – March 31st 2021 was approved. (7 bins/52 empties incl 2 cleanse of each bin/yr: £531.47 incl VAT)

**Receipts and Payments of Accounts**

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

001581 Clerk April salary £\*\*.\*\*, (incl hours 10 March magazine) no VAT included

001582 Clerk March expenses £93.96, £10.21 VAT included

001583 New Era Printing Ltd £298.00, No VAT included

001584 E.On electricity £552.15, £26.26 VAT included

001585 BMKALC 2020-21 Balc/Nalc/LCR subs £132.25, no VAT included

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

DD E.On VH (16.02.2020-18.03.2020) £54.25, £2.58 VAT included

DD E.On Schorne (16.02.2020-18.03.2020) £22.51, £1.07 VAT included

000674 Daniel Best refund £132 Christening & deposit refund due to Covid-19 £132, No VAT included

000675 Lovell Fuels £191.63, £9.13 VAT included

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

000660 100 Club first prize £30.00 no VAT included

000661 100 Club second prize £20.00 no VAT included

000662 100 Club third prize £10.00 no VAT included

DD E.On (17.02.2020-17.03.2020) £100.83. £4.80 VAT included

**40/20 Next Parish Council meeting: To be held in line with a NALC briefing**

* May 12th 2020 Annual Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall at 8pm
* May 19th 2020 Annual Village meeting at the Village Hall at 7.30

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