# **Draft Minutes of the North Marston Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall**

# **Tuesday 13th July 2021 at 8.00pm**

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**Attendees:** Cllr Mordue, Cllr Du Plessis, Cllr Martin, Cllr Boyt, Cllr Hogbin-Mills, Cllr Newman, Cllr Gomm, Clerk Rachel Callander & 4 members of the public

**100 Club Draw: March Draw:** 1st prize 38 Mike Finnemore, 2nd prize 16 Pete Butler, 3rd prize 61 Victoria Lane

**070/21 Attendance and apologies;** Cllr Symonds

**071/21 Members Interests:** None

**072/21 Minutes:**To approve minutes of the meeting dated 8th June 2021

**073/21 Buckinghamshire Council**

* Covid numbers fell in June and are increasing in July amongst the younger age group. There is a task force keeping an eye on this
* Town Centre regeneration – there is a drive to improve Winslow
* BCC has been nominated in the top 6 councils
* Buses – the issue with the school buses is ongoing
* Community Board has £0.5m to contribute in 2021/22
* Query on land on Quainton Road is ongoing
* Gypsy Corner – this will be progressed but an option to gate off the lane was suggested
* Animal Antiks – BCC will be looking into the traffic and the road

**074/21 Planning Applications**

* Resolved: No objections 21/02487/App Winters End Barn
* Resolved: No objections 21/02347/App 10 Church Street
* Planning Application Compliance Policy – Cllr Boyt to prepare for the September meeting

**075/21 Neighbourhood Plan:** Michael, Chair of the NP:

The Steering Group would like to thank councillors for their contributions when considering the draft Plan at the Group meeting on 8th July, and for the positive spirit in which the Plan’s contents were received.

The Group is now in the process of making the few adjustments required after the meeting and I am expecting to achieve an agreed final text within the next couple of weeks. After that, the text will be proofread, the cover designed, and photographs and diagrams will be inserted with the intention of producing a finished Plan for Parish Council endorsement in time for the September meeting of the Council.

The Plan will then be able to go forward for formal pre-submission consultation.

**076/21 Environment :**

1. Highway**:**

* **Ongoing: 40131558 White lines at Junction of Schorne Lane & Church Street**
* **Ongoing 40130662 Blocked drain High Street**
* **Ongoing Blocked drain outside Valentine cottage Quainton Road logged - Cllr Gomm reported that a sucking machine would be scheduled to visit each village to look at all drains**
* **Ongoing 40155993 Outside 7 High Street**
* **Ongoing 40168022 1 Schorne Lane**
* **Ongoing To discuss the erosion of the grass verge opposite 3 School Hill**
* **Resolved:40166098 Junction of Elmers Meadow & Granborough Road**

1. **Hedges/Village Upkeep**

* Agreed Cllr Hogbin-Mills and Cllr Du Plessis will classify the hedges by those that need to be cut by tractor and those by hand and the frequency.
* Agreed the cutting schedule will be documented so all parishioners are aware to avoid parishioners cutting and dumping grass cuttings in hedges.
* Agreed 10A Portway can create a wildflower area outside their house, to be maintained by owners. Lynch Garden Services to be notified of start date to ensure the grass is not cut.
* Agreed a small cherry/Amelanchier tree to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee can be planted on the green at the VH end

**077/21 Parish Action Plan/Projects:**

**Playground** -

* Resolved: The quote days from Lynch Garden services of £60 to cut the playground grass every 10 was approved
* No update on the roundabout height (ROSPA report) was received – Cllr Mordue
* No update on the water damage on the pagoda (Sheds Direct) was received– Cllr Mordue
* No quote for the paving on Quainton Road was received – Cllr Du Plessis
* Resolved: The School Council voted for the playground to be named The Park at North Marston. A sign will be created.
* Resolved: 1 x Waymarker sign packs for £52.71 + VAT was signed off.

**Pond –**

* Resolved: The hydrant and metered standpipe have been tested and equipment will be hired from Aquam when the pond needs topping up. The percentage of new water vs pond water will be carefully monitored. A test will take place in the next few weeks. It was decided that the well water is slow and not feasible. Trevor Jenkins to be updated on this action.

**Traffic Calming –**

* Cllr Gomm provided an update: A rural community task force has been set up looking at shared solutions across Bucks. Trevor Jenkins will provide areport for the PC on NM's issues based on the last 2-3 years local experience and via Community Speedwatch Group for the September meeting.
* MVAS report shared: 31% vehicles exceeded speed limit, 49 vehicles exceeded 50mph, 3 vehicles between 60-65mph

**Kerbing around Church –** The Community Funding group has suggested to apply through Section 184 agreement road space rather than Highways Funding. Additional information is required before this project can proceed.

**Dog Fouling Signs –** Agreed to buy 5 packs of 2 Polite Notices for £5.24 each. The ‘We are Watching Campaign’ to be shown to Pre school staff to ask their opinion on how children may react to the design

**Village Hall –**

* Agreed to ask Roy Randles to look at the guttering damage at the side of the VH
* Agreed to review the shop wifi cost and to see if we can share. Alternative routes are Rapid Rural at an installation cost of £265 + VAT and £35 + VAT per month. In the short term the Pre school to use a plug in box at their own cost.

**Small Village pond (Parsnip Pond) –** Agreed that the cones by the pond should remain to prevent people parking on the verge. It was noted that the area around the pond is very overgrown and did this provide an unsafe area?. Trevor Jenkins to provide a plan for the pond. A sign for the pond was suggested

**078/21 Finance:**

* Acknowledged the receipt of £2,558.00 for the remainder of the £10,000 NP grant
* Acknowledged receipt of 2020/21 VAT £14,202.55

(PC £13,842.71, VH £153.70, SF £206.13)

**Receipts and Payments of Accounts**

**The following will be paid for the Parish Council**

Receipts:

Buckinghamshire Council Precept £14,310.00

Payments:

Clerk July salary £\*\*.\*\*, (incl 8 hours July magazine) no VAT included

Clerk June expenses £51.52 including £0.33 VAT

Lynch Garden Services £575.00, no VAT included

PW Landscapes (gates and fencing) £1,676.40, £279.40 VAT included

E.on Electricity (01/06/2021-30/06/2021) £163.58, £7.79 VAT included

**The following will be paid for the Village Hall**

Receipts:

Buckinghamshire Council Election hire £225.00

Payments:

Emma Lynch (05.06.21-04.07.21) £125.00, no VAT included

Lynch Garden Services £40.00, no VAT included

Buckinghamshire Council VH Licence £70.00, no VAT included

E.on electricity £20.37, £0.97 Vat Included

**The following will be paid for the Sportsfield**

E.On electricity (17.05.2021-17.06.2021) £ 44.72, £2.13 VAT included

000705 100 club 1st prize Mike Finnemore £30.00, no VAT included

000706 100 club 2nd prize Pete Butler £20.00, no VAT included

000707 100 club 3rd prize Victoria Lane £10.00, no VAT included

**079/21 Next Parish Council meeting:**

* No August meeting Parish Council at the Village Hall
* September 14th at 8pm in the Village Hall

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