

Minutes of the North Marston Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall

Tuesday 14th June 2022 at 8.00pm

Present: Cllr Mordue, Cllr Symonds, Cllr Newman, Cllr Boyt, Clerk: Jan Roffe & 3 members of the public

100 Club January Draw: 1st prize, No.72, Richard and Tam Butterworth; 2nd prize, No.37, Rob Symonds; 3rd prize No. 51 Andy Keegan.

61/22 Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from Cllr Martin, Cllr Du-Plessis, Cllr Hogbin-Mills and Cllr Gomm

62/22 Members Interests: Cllr Boyt declared an interest in Planning application no. 22/01478/APP

63/22 Minutes: The Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 10 May 2022 were approved and signed.

64/22 Planning Applications received:

- 22/01480/APP: Crandon Farm, Marston Fields Road, MK18 3PQ - 24 kw solar panel array in front field.
RESOLUTION: That there were no objections to this application.
- 22/01478/APP: 10, Portway, MK18 3PL – part demolition of existing house and garage, two storey side extension, orangery and new garage.
RESOLUTION: That there were no objections to this application.
- 22/01493/APP: Lathwell's Farm – erection of storage building on land east of Granborough Road.
RESOLUTION: That there were no objections to this application.
- 22/01850/APP: 59, Quainton Road, MK18 3PR – single storey and part two-storey rear extension.
RESOLUTION: That there were no objections to this application.
- 22/01784/APP: 20, Shepperds Close, MK18 3PB – 1st floor front/side extension.
RESOLUTION: That there were no objections to this application.

65/22 Buckinghamshire Council

In the absence of Cllr Gomm there was no update on Buckinghamshire Council matters this month.

66/22 Environment :

- **Highway:** The following updates were received on the reported Highways issues:
40193389 Pothole at the school gate – REPAIRED.
40131558 White lines at Junction of Schorne Lane & Church Street – Inspected by Highways and advised that there is no planned repair necessary at this stage.
40132835 Drain cover broken 71 Quainton Road – REPAIRED
40180122 57 Portway drain –Advised inspected by Highways and no action necessary at this stage.
40180092 Between 1-7 Church Street – poor state of footpath/pavement – Report closed without explanation.
40184085 Drain near kerb 47 High Street – Advised inspected by Highways and no action required at this stage.
XXXXXX 49 Portway pot hole – REPAIRED
RESOLUTION: To remove the items repaired from the agenda and to monitor issues where Highways consider no action is required at this stage and report again if there is further deterioration.
- **Street Lighting:**
The Clerk reported that a further shield has been fitted to the light in Church Street to prevent it from shining too brightly into a resident's bedroom.
- **Wooden posts around Village Green:**
RESOLUTION: To approve PRA Randles quote for £85.00 to replace the wooden posts that have been knocked down on the Village Green. Also that the Clerk ask PRA Randles to quote for the

installation of sturdier posts at wider intervals around the Village Green and smaller green as several are now rotten and in need of replacement.

67/22 Parish Action Plan/Projects:

1. Jubilee Celebrations:

- Thanks were expressed to all those involved in the organisation of the events held in the village over the Jubilee weekend and especially to Christina Hutson and Ian Mordue for organising such a wonderful High Street Tea Party at very short notice. The event was attended by over 250 villagers. Christina Hutson shared some of the 'Thank You' cards and messages received from residents for the street party. It was agreed that the whole weekend had been a great success and that over 80% of residents attended at least one of the events.
- As the event was so well attended and appreciated it is hoped that a similar event can be organised next year on the Sports Field.

2. Playground:

- The RoSPA inspection of the play area took place in May and the Clerk had circulated the Inspection Report to the Parish Council. Overall the report is very good and the risk score as low as possible with only some maintenance to be carried out.

RESOLUTION:

- (a) Clerk to speak to Kompan about the failing surface around the carousel and the incorrect clearance between the underneath of the carousel and the surface. This should be addressed by Kompan as it has not been right since it was installed.
 - (b) Cllr Newman and Cllr Boyt agreed to check the components of the zip wire and the condition of the cables to the manufacturer's instructions.
 - (c) Cllr Newman and Cllr Boyt agreed to check the condition of the bushes and shackles of the junior swings and replace as necessary as these were highlighted as needing attention in the report.
 - (d) Cllr Mordue agreed to purchase and fix a new basketball net as the current one is highlighted as torn.
 - (e) RoSPA suggested that a 'hot surface' warning sign should be displayed on the slide as it points into the sun. Clerk to order.
 - (f) Litter and leaf debris to be cleared from underneath the trampoline.
 - (g) The decorative finial on top of the pagoda has been dislodged and needs to be fixed back into position.
- There was a short discussion about the pagoda presenting the opportunity for young people to gather in the evenings and that some anti-social behaviour has been taking place.
RESOLUTION: To monitor and further consider ways that this may be stopped including CCTV and signage.
 - The path from the play area gate on the Granborough Road to Quanton Road has become overgrown with weeds and is not clearly visible.
RESOLUTION: Clerk to get quote from Blades for weed spray and tidy of the path and also the gravel path through the play area.

3. Village Hall

- Following a recent flush through of the Village Hall drains it is evident that blue paper hand towels are still being flushed down the toilets causing blockages and several call-outs.
RESOLUTION: After a short discussion it was agreed that air hand dryers may be the solution. Clerk to get quotes for the purchase and installation of three air hand dryers and in the meantime improve signage.
- There was a brief discussion about the re-instatement of a Village Hall Committee.
RESOLUTION: To reinstate a Village Hall Committee chaired by Cllr Mordue. Christina Hutson and the Clerk to be on the committee reporting back to the Parish Council.
RESOLUTION: Christina Hutson and Jan Roffe to take an inventory of the crockery, utensils and equipment in the Village Hall kitchen with a view to replenishing and replacing items as necessary. Also to provide the Parish Council with a list of items needed and a breakdown of costs - this to be done whilst the Pre-School is in recess over the summer.
- Cllr Newman offered unused crockery, utensils and glasses left by the previous owners of the pub which may be suitable for the Village Hall.

RESOLUTION: For the Clerk and Christina Hutson to follow this up with Cllr Newman.

4. Aylesbury Wild Vale Project

- The Clerk read out an update from Cllr Du-Plessis.

RESOLUTION: Cllr Boyt offered to put up the bat boxes, bug hotels and to plant the trees from Lindengate if Cllr Du-Plessis marks out the locations for him.

- There was a short discussion about the failure of the pond coir matting

RESOLUTION: Cllr Symonds to ask the supplier, Habitat Aid, what they can do to compensate the Parish Council.

- Education Pond Insert: There has not been any progress with the sourcing of an education pond insert. Cllr Symonds suggested approaching Osis Displays.

RESOLUTION: Clerk to pursue.

- **Hedgehog Highway Project** – No updates.
- **Sportsfield** – No updates.

- **August Recess**

RESOLUTION: It was agreed that the Parish Council would recess in August.

68/22 Finance

- The Chairman signed the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the 2021/22 accounts.
- **RESOLUTION:** That the Clerk may purchase a printer to the value of £90 for Parish Council work - to remain the property of the Parish Council.
- **RESOLUTION:** It was agreed to purchase a case of wine for the internal auditor as a token of the Parish Council's appreciation. Expenditure to be in line with last year. Clerk to arrange.
- **RESOLUTION:** It was agreed to accept a late expenses claim for £79.83 from James Radcliffe for fuel for the Sportsfield mower.

Receipts and Payments of Accounts:

The following has been paid for the Village Hall

Wave Water Bill (9 Feb-8 May'22) £99.77, no VAT included (Direct Debit)

The following will be paid for the Village Hall

Terry Iacofano party hire charge refund £36.00 (agreed May '22 Minutes), no VAT included

Cathy Lane hall hire deposit refund £50, no VAT included

JR Radwell Plumbing Solutions £90.00, £15.00 VAT included

Happy Drains £150.00, £25.00 VAT included

e-on Next (Electricity Schorne Room) £20.62, £0.98 VAT included

Emma Lynch (08.05.22-22.5.22) £75.00, no VAT included

Ian Mordue expenses, fire extinguishers, £134.28, £22.38 VAT included

The following have been received for the Village Hall

Ashley Lamb VH hire charge £56, no VAT included

Ashley Lamb VH deposit £50, no VAT included

Vicky Hyde VH hire charge and deposit £92.00, no VAT included

Community Shop Association VH hire £18.00, no VAT included

Monday Club VH hire charge £180.00, no VAT included

Winslow Ramblers Club VH hire £63.00 (cheque number 000636)

The following have been paid for the Sports Field

Wave Water Bill (9 Feb-8 May '22) £15.45, no VAT included (Direct Debit)

The following will be paid for the Sports Field

000738 100 Club 1st prize £30.00, no VAT included

000739 100 Club 2nd prize £20.00, no VAT included

000740 100 Club 3rd prize £10.00, no VAT included

Ian Mordue expenses, fire extinguishers, £131.66, £19.28 VAT included

JR Fencing and landscaping £250.00

e-on Next (1st-30th April '22) £52.70, £2.51 VAT included

James Radcliffe expenses, mower fuel, £79.83, £13.31 VAT included (minuted)

The following have been paid for the Parish Council

1st Granborough Scouts grant donation 2022/23 £300, no VAT included
North Marston ECC grant donation 2022/23 £300, no VAT included
Buckinghamshire Council for North Marston CofE School grant donation £305, no VAT included
(all the above agreed and minuted 8th March meeting)

The following will be paid for the Parish Council

Clerk May salary £**.**. no VAT included
Clerk's expenses for May £160.89, £1.95 VAT not included
Previous Clerk's salary (May and June) for preparing End of Year Accounts £**.**, no VAT included
Previous Clerk's expenses £31.86
Christina Hutson Jubilee Party expenses £572.78, £30.29 VAT included
BMKALC Clerk Essentials in-person training £38.00, VAT not included
BMLALC Clerk Training Zoom Common Land £35.00, no VAT included
More Solutions £79.20, £13.20 VAT included
Blades Turf Care £390, £65 VAT included
Blades Turf Care £915.90, £152.65 VAT included
Sparkx Ltd £320.00, no VAT included
Npower (1 April – 30 April '22) £152.03, £7.24 VAT included

The parish council is in receipt of the following

Mr & Mrs M Finnemore (donation coins from Well presented as cheque 000134)) £13.97, no VAT included
Cash donations for the Village Hall from the Jubilee Street Party to be transferred by Clerk, £52.50, no VAT included.

69/22 Next Parish Council meeting:

- Tuesday 12 July at 8pm in the Village Hall

Jan Roffe, Clerk to North Marston Parish Council