

North Marston Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 10th January 2023

01.23 PRESENT: Councillors I Mordue (Chairman), R Symonds, K Du-Plessis, J Martin, D Hogbin-Mills, A Boyt, B Newman.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Phil Gomm

02.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Boyt declared an interest in Planning application 22/04222/APP

OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS which included the 100 Club Christmas Draw (under adjournment)

100 CLUB DRAW: 1st Prize, No.90, Robin Cartwright, 2nd Prize, N. 93 Sarah Forsyth, 3rd Prize, No.57, Graham Jenner

03.23 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th December 2022 were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

04.23 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL

On Councillor Gomm's behalf, the Chairman advised that the long-awaited School Hill Kerbing project is scheduled to start on Monday 13th until Friday 17th February 2023.

The Clerk was asked to check whether this would involve a road closure, and if so, to inform the school. (Update: Although the road will be closed, the work has been scheduled to take place during half-term).

05.23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. 22/04222/APP – 10, Portway. Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey extension and erection of orangery and garage.

RESOLVED: There were no objections to this application

2. 23/00021/APP - Potters Farm, Quanton Road, North Marston Buckinghamshire MK18 3PS.

Construction of 3 stables, hay barn, vehicle store, tack room, feed room and menage.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council had no objections to this application, but requests that a condition is included that any floodlighting is angled downwards to reduce light pollution to nearby properties and that it is turned off by 10pm.

06.23 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND REFERENDUM

Michael Lane, North Marston Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Chair, gave an update about the Neighbourhood Plan and the forthcoming Referendum: The Referendum Version of the North Marston Neighbourhood Plan (NMNP) has now been posted on the Neighbourhood Plan page of the Parish Council website in readiness for the local parish referendum on **Thursday 9th February 2023**. Voting will take place in the Schorne Room at the Memorial Hall from 7am until 10pm and is open to all those who are on the North Marston Electoral Roll. Michael Lane's full report is attached as an appendix at the end of these minutes.

07.23 PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

1. RESOLVED: A newsletter, highlighting the Referendum, will be published and distributed by volunteers to all households in the village in the first week of February. The newsletter will also encourage residents to think about serving on the Parish Council, publicise local clubs and societies and advertise the funding available through the Winslow and Villages Community Board. It will also signpost residents to Buckinghamshire Council online portals for reporting problems with roads, bin collections and other services which are outside the remit of the Parish Council.

2. RESOLVED: The Clerk to spend up to £150.00 exc. VAT for the design and printing of a large vinyl banner to publicise the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum. This to be displayed on the fence that faces on to the Granborough Road at the Village Hall.

3. RESOLVED: The Clerk to check with Electoral Services if any form of ID is needed by voters in addition to a polling card. (Update: this legislation does not take effect until 4th May 2023).

08.23 ENVIRONMENT

1. Highways

The following update was received:

40180122 – the drain outside of 57 Portway has been marked up by Highways for repair

Two new potholes were reported: one opposite 32 High Street and at the junction to the pub in High Street.

RESOLVED: Councillor Symonds to report both on Fix My Street

There were no updates on the following:

Openreach C48400298: cracked inspection cover outside of the Old Police House.

40180092 poor condition of footpath/pavement between 1-7 Church Street – reported as dangerous

040184085: Drain near kerb of 47, High Street – reported as dangerous

49 Portway: - drain marked up for further work.

220130863 Replacement bridge at Crandon Farm

Gigaclear: replacement of access covers at side of the Wesley Centre (broken) and outside.

49A Portway (trip hazard)

22602552: Anglian Water – reported 4/10/22 subsidence at site of repair near 45 Portway.

40202701: Poor state of pavement between 27 & 37 Quainton Road

40204256: Reduced width of Highway between 6-12 High Street (loop road).

40207528 Road subsidence on Portway near field gate (Marston Hill end of village)

2. Street lighting: Update – Carters Meadow/Quainton Road streetlight: The Clerk explained that the streetlight had supposedly been repaired and the lamp replaced on 22 November 2022. When the light still failed to work it was discovered that the electricity feed to the streetlight was dead.

RESOLVED: National Grid have been informed and commit to repair feeds within 25 days, hopefully sooner. Clerk to ask the contractor whether it was necessary to replace the lamp and incur those costs if the dead feed was in fact the problem.

3. Threshing Barn – From his inspection of the barn, Councillor Boyt advised that the barn's structure would not withstand the installation and weight of a new roof as a corner supporting post is rotten and the general integrity of the barn structure is weak. It was agreed that it would be best to concrete over the corner post to sure it up and make temporary repairs to the roof to make it watertight. It is thought that these repairs should last at least 5 years, possibly longer.

RESOLVED: (i) Clerk to seek quotes for the concreting over of the corner post as a temporary fix and for the holes in the roof to be patched with bitumen.

(ii) For the PC to seek Heritage Lottery Funding, or similar, at a future date with a view to rebuilding the whole barn in keeping with its original construction materials and appearance.

4. Heritage Trail Plaques

The parish council approved the History Club's proposal to use plaques to highlight the buildings mentioned in the Heritage Trail Map Book, however it was concerned about the use of the term "Heritage Asset" because of its association with the County Council scheme and local hesitance created by the association between Heritage Asset status and property listing by Historic England.

RESOLVED: The Chairman of the History Club, John Spargo, agreed to find a new form of words for the plaques.

09.23 PARISH ACTION PLAN & PROJECTS

The following updates were given:

1. Village Hall - The new water boiler has been purchased and a care box of sanitary products put in the kitchen cupboard.

2. Play Area – There is a very large hole in the ground immediately in front of the football goal which is a Health and Safety Hazard.

RESOLVED: As soon as the weather is dry the hole is to be filled with topsoil.

3. Aylesbury Wild Vale Project

RESOLVED: Clerk to confirm whether or not the wildflower seeds have been sown. (Update: Yes)

4. Sports field – no updates

5. Village Pond – A lifebuoy has been purchased.

RESOLVED– Clerk to ask Roy Randles to quote for the installation of this and the habitat information board lectern.

10.23 FINANCE

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

Parish Council

Payments received on behalf of the Parish Council

National Grid - - £154.29, £7.35 VAT included. **NB.** Reimbursement of payment made in error instead of to nPower

Payments to be made on behalf of the Parish Council

Blades Turf Care – Grass cutting – December - £915.90, £152.65 VAT included.

Clerk's salary £***.**, no VAT included

Clerk's expenses £30.20, no VAT included.

Village Hall

Payments made on behalf of the Village Hall

E-on Next Electricity – (DD) - Schorne Room - £39.12, £1.86 VAT included.

Payments to be made on behalf of the Village Hall

Emma Lynch – VH cleaning 4/12/22 to 2/1/23 - £100 no VAT included.

Eon Next – Electricity, Schorne Room, 4/12/22 to 3/12/23, £43.59, £2.08 VAT included.

Payments received on behalf of the Village Hall

Schorne Pre-School Village Hall rental - £2,777.52, no VAT included.

David Allen – VH rental for guitar lessons - £177.83, no VAT included.

Sports Field

Payments to be made on behalf of the Sportsfield

000763 100 Club First Prize January Draw - £30.00, no VAT included.

000764 100 Club Second Prize January Draw - £20.00, no VAT included.

000765 100 Club Third Prize January Draw - £10.00, no VAT included.

Payments received on behalf of the Sportsfield

100 Club subscriptions from members totalling £660 to date, no VAT included.

11.23 MEETING DATES:

- A closed meeting of the Parish Council to finalise the budget and Precept figures for 2023/24 will be held on **Wednesday 18th January 2023** at 8pm in the Village Hall to be ratified at the February meeting.
- The next public meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 14 February 2023** at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Jan Roffe

(Jan Roffe, Clerk to North Marston Parish Council)

NORTH MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 10 JANUARY 2023

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The Referendum Version of the North Marston Neighbourhood Plan (NMNP) has now been posted on the Neighbourhood Plan page of the parish website in readiness for the local parish referendum. This version contains the modifications required by Buckinghamshire's independent examiner, and is the final version of NMNP, setting out the Parish Council's vision for the parish's development to 2035.

All NM residents are encouraged to read the Referendum Neighbourhood Plan if at all possible.

The local referendum itself will be held under the auspices of Buckinghamshire Council (BC) and will take place on Thursday February 9 2023 in the Schorne Room at the Memorial Hall. All NM residents on the electoral roll are entitled to vote, and a simple majority of those voting is required for the Plan to be adopted, or "made".

If the NMNP is made, then the policies and contents of both NMNP and the Design Code will be used by BC to help decide all planning applications relevant to North Marston parish from Friday February 10 2023, giving the wishes of the parish a central voice in those decisions.

Michael Lane
North Marston Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Chair