

NORTH MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING
Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Councillor Hogbin-Mills
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the Annual Village Meeting held on 9th May 2023 were approved and signed.
3. **Parish Council Chairman's Report:** The Chairman, Councillor Ian Mordue, gave a short verbal report highlighting some of the village projects of the past year, including the wildflower verges and additional speed signage. On behalf of the Parish Council, he thanked all those volunteers who run such active groups in the village and those that help to support village projects and recreational facilities. Thanks were also expressed to those that keep The Shop and vibrant church thriving. Looking ahead, it is hoped that the High Street will be resurfaced this summer. The Chairman also reminded everyone that there is a vacancy on the Parish Council and that anyone interested should contact the Parish Clerk. He thanked all the above for their hard work and commitment.
4. **Highlights from the Annual Reports** were presented by representatives of the following organisations. (The reports can be found on the Parish Council website at northmartston.org and on the North Marston and Granborough Community Facebook page):
 - a. History Club – Sue Chaplin, joint Chair
 - b. Monday Club – in the absence of a representative, please see the report on the Parish Council website.
 - c. MADS – David Heffer
 - d. St. Mary's Church/Wesley Centre – Aly Perrett, Churchwarden
 - e. North Marston School – Sarah Brew, Headteacher
 - f. North Marston Pre-school – in the absence of a representative, please see the full report on the Parish Council website.
 - g. The Shop, North Marston – Peter Dowcra, Chair
 - h. North Marston & Granborough Sportsfield – Pete Butler - Chair
 - i. Poors Piece & Clocklands – The Reverend Petra Elsmore
 - j. 1st Granborough Scouts - Martin Tanner
 - k. Well Restoration Committee – Michael Finnemore
5. **Highlights on the maintenance of the Village and Parsnip Ponds and defibrillators** in the village were given by the Chairman from updates provided by Christina Hutson.

The Chairman thanked Christina and her team of volunteers for their continued hard work.
6. **An update on the new Parish Council website** was presented by Martin Tanner
7. **Open Forum for Villagers:** There were no comments nor concerns raised.
8. **Date of next Annual Village Meeting:** May 2025 (date tbc)

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed: *Jan Roffe*, Clerk to North Marston Parish Council

20th May 2024