

MINUTES OF THE OLD MARSTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD

ON TUESDAY 2nd APRIL 1996 IN THE CHURCH HALL AT 7.30 p.m.

Members of the Parish Council present were;

Mr A T Jones (Chairman)

Mr C W Haynes (Vice-chairman)

Mesdames Cox, Deam, Nurse, Sanders and Stone
Messrs Bartlett, Drinkwater and Phipps together with 4 electors
The Clerk Mr L M Garner was in attendance.

An apology was received from Mr Devonport.

Chairman's Report

A new Council was formed in May and as a result Mr Phipps' nomination was successful leaving one vacancy to which Mr Bartleet was co-opted. He congratulated Mrs Deam on completing forty years service and paid tribute to Mr Hulme who had served as Vice-chairman and the Council's representative on OXSRAD. To complete the change Mr Haynes was elected Vice-chairman and Mrs Cox representative of OXSRAD.

The major concerns during the past year had been the Draft County Structure Plan, the City Traffic Plan and continuing burglaries, vandalism and anti-social behaviour. From meetings with the Police it was evident that there was little prospect of regular Police patrols.

A Planning Consultant had been selected to submit an outline planning application for residential development on the now largely disused allotment site following a special meeting at which the decision was taken. There had been no other major planning issues during the year.

The Parish won it's class in the Best Kept Village Competition being awarded the prize of £200 which it was decided to put towards the cost of a new Parish notice board to be placed at the Village Hall.

On highway matters he mentioned that the tin hat and Green Road roundabout by-passes had been abandoned. Street maintenance continued to be a problem with loose granite setts being replaced with tarmac. So far requests for repairs had not been successful. The City Council had agreed to take over the Parish Council's bus shelters and the escape accesses between the cycle track and Marston Ferry Road were now in place. Complaints concerning inconsiderate parking near the schools had been passed to the school authorities.

Due to the effort of two or three Parishioners, in providing interests for youths, vandalism in some areas had reduced, but without a meeting place further progress was unlikely.

Regular maintenance work had continued on the Recreation grounds but it had been necessary to remove the carousel from the Oxford Road ground as it was worn out. As replacement would cost in excess of £2000 this had been deferred. After allowing for grants to local organisations the precept for 1996/7 was determined at £12,000.

The proposed closure of the branch library had been opposed.

The Parish Council had continued to press for a pedestrian and bus link between the Oxford Radcliffe Hospital and Saxon Way. No progress had been made.

No volunteers had come forward to serve on the committee which Mr Haynes was willing to lead to organise a Millenium celebration.

He thanked the Vice-chairman and members of the Council, City and County Councillors and Clerk for their work and support for the Parish during the year.

Discussions

The major topic of discussion was the proposed development of the Mill Lane allotment site. It was suggested that the development would create an unacceptable volume of traffic in Mill Lane with adverse effects on the listed buildings. Any new houses would suffer from noise and pollution from the by-pass and it was suggested that no valid planning reasons had been advanced in favour of the development. A proposal that the development should be deferred for one year was defeated on a vote. The Chairman suggested that a Parish meeting would be appropriate after the result of the Planning Application had become known.

There being no other business, the meeting closed.

Alvin Jones

6 May 1977

**OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS
FOR THE
PARISH OF OLD MARSTON**

DAY OF ELECTION - 4TH MAY 1995

I, the Deputy Returning Officer at the above Election, GIVE NOTICE that Gillian Esther Cox, Betty Deam, Henry Edgar Devonport, Raymond Thomas Drinkwater, Charles William Haynes, Alun Thornton Jones, Elizabeth Gillian Nurse, Ronald Phipps, Janet Valerie Sanders, Mary Christine Stone, Anjana (known as Angie) Tiwari have been elected as Councillors for the above Parish without a contest.

12TH APRIL 1995


DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICER