

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Mortimer  
Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 1999**

Members of the Council present were;

Mr A T Jones (Chairman)

Mr C W Haynes (Vice-chairman)

Mesdames Cox, Deam, Nurse, Stone & Tiwari

Messrs Batey & Phipps being Members of the Parish Council

City Councillor Mr Tiwari attended, Mr Critchley & Mr Yeoward apologised for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Cowell and Mr Bartleet

The Clerk Mr L M Garner was in attendance

Some thirty Electors attended, an apology for absence was received from Mrs L.Harley.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 1998 were read, confirmed and signed.

There was some discussion whether a list of attendees should be prepared during the Meeting. It was decided that those attending could sign a paper after the conclusion of the Meeting.

**Chairman's Report**

The Chairman said that the Allotment Association had been formed. Progress had been made with the Subway Mural and that traffic concerns arising from the merger of the Oxford Hospitals on the John Radcliffe site would be discussed later. A speed limit of 40mph had been agreed to cover the roads from the north side of the fly-over to the 30 mph limits in Elsfield Road and Marsh Lane.

Regrettably there had been a bout of serious vandalism at the School in August, trouble with Travellers Caravans and further concern over the probability that the completion of the Oxford Transport Strategy would push more traffic onto peripheral roads in areas such as Old Marston. Highway maintenance was still at a low level although street nameplates had been recently painted.

Discussions had taken place regarding the width of Footpath number 5 from Elsfield Road to the allotments and it was understood that a distance of two metres between the fences proposed and three metres between any hedges planted would be provided.

Planning Consultations had continued, twenty-four applications being considered.

The major application for housing at Colthorns Farm had been refused on appeal. An application for a new stand at the Oxford City Football Stadium had been received and would be considered at the following meeting.

A proposal that designated stopping places for Travellers should be decided by the Highway Authority and the police, by-passing normal planning procedures, had been resisted.

At the conclusion of the Chairman's report it was noted that he was not seeking re-election and a vote of appreciation to Mr Jones for his service to the Council was carried with acclaim.

#### **Finance Report**

The summary of accounts for the year to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1999 were before the meeting.

Miss Bradley asked that development costs relating to the allotments should be shown separately from running costs. After the meeting the Clerk confirmed that there were none.

#### **Subway Mural**

Examples of work were displayed by two artists, Mr D. Williams and Mr I. Tracy, assisted by a fellow artist. That displayed by Mr Tracy was selected as a basis to be developed. His proposal that themes should be chosen for each of the walls was approved three ideas were put forward, a fairground scene, a cycle race and some vegetation. More ideas were required. There was a general acceptance that the murals should be proceeded with and the details were left to the Parish Council.

#### **Millennium Celebration**

The Rev. Tony Price reported that the Committee had difficulty in deciding what activities would be appropriate to celebrate the event. Two weekends in June had been selected. The first being devoted to craft, flowers and history. The second being a fete similar to those of yesteryear. During the intervening week local organisations would be encouraged to add their own events. A more recent development was that the City Council would organise a jamboree on the second weekend chosen and it would not be realistic to compete with it. It was also possible that an activity would be held at the Royal British Legion Hall in May.

#### **Hospital Traffic**

The Clerk reported on the meeting which had taken place between the newly appointed Transport Strategy officer and Mr Bartleet, Mrs Nurse, and the Clerk representing the Council. The merger of the Hospitals onto the Headington site was planned to be completed in 2003 resulting in extra demand for parking. The plan was for the number of parking spaces available to be increased from 2400 to 2530 cars but use would be refused to members of staff living within one and one half miles of the Hospital, with reasonable public transport available, releasing more space for patients and visitors. The possibility of extending the 13 bus service to the station and routing the Northway service through the Hospital site via Saxon Way were being considered. The Officer favoured the Pear tree and Thornhill and Park and Ride sites to serve the Hospital and it was suggested to him that the bus service should run from one park and ride site to the other and back, via the Headington Hospitals and Brookes. This would be investigated.

Other Matters

Dr Swift asked that items of significant items of expenditure considered by the Parish Council should be considered at a Parish Meeting. This was agreed.

Dr Swift requested permission to clear the rubbish from the end of the field used for recreation in Mill Lane. The Clerk replied that the field was under the control of the owners, the Preservation Trust, whose consent should be sought.

Mrs Fox asked whether the verge on the west side of Mill Lane from the "S" bend to Cumberledge Close was part of the adopted highway so that the verge could be mown by the City council. The Clerk would take appropriate action.

Mrs Fox said that Footpath number 3 under the Cherwell Bridge was virtually impassable due to the collapse of the riverbank. She requested that road signs should be erected to assist pedestrians who were now having to cross over the link road. The Clerk would write to the City Council regarding this.

Miss Bradley, as a candidate at the forthcoming Parish Council Election, was given permission to address the Meeting. The Meeting then closed.

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