

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held on Tuesday 20th April 1999 at the Mortimer Hall
following the Annual Parish Meeting**

Members Present

Mr A T Jones (Chairman)
Mr C W Haynes (Vice-chairman)
Mesdames Cox, Deam, Nurse, Stone & Tiwari
Messrs Batey & Phipps
City Councillor Mr Tiwari attended. Mr Critchley & Mr Yeoward apologised for absence.
The Clerk Mr L M Garner was in attendance

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Cowell & Mr Bartleet

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd March 1999 were confirmed and signed

Correspondence

The following were noted;
Oxford City Council- Review of air quality in Oxford
Oxford Fieldpaths Society- Annual Report
Solicitors- Notice of change of licensee at The Bricklayers Arms
Old Marston Residents' Association- Minutes of February Meeting
Oxford City Council- Consultation on changes to Oxford Transport Strategy
Oxfordshire Association of Local Council's Bi-monthly circular- Further changes to VAT rules noted

Planning

Applications

The following were received;
112, Oxford Road- Extension- No comment
77, Cherwell Drive- Conservatory- No comment (Already approved)
Oxford City Football Ground- New stand- Refusal recommended. The proposal was contrary to assurances given at the original Planning Consultation. There was concern about traffic levels, probably increased by the closure of the City Centre, parking was inadequate and it was in the Elsfield View Cone contrary to Policy EN25 of the Oxford Local Plan
Notice of an application for a Certificate of Lawful Use in respect of two caravans at Hill View Farm was received. It was decided the no action should be taken.

Decisions

The following were reported;
68, Oxford Road- Extension- Approved
80, Cherwell Drive- Extension- Approved
32, Ewin Close- Extension- Approved (Application not received)

Other Matters

A discussion paper was received from DETR on the Rural Environment. It was outlined by the Clerk. No action was recommended.
A copy of the County Structure Plan was received.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment;

Mr R.Phipps	Dressing for Memorial Seat	8.65
Oxford City Council	Burial Ground rates	36.00
M P Security	Pavilion Alarm Maintenance	51.92
St.Nicholas School	Grant for Computers (S.137)	250.00
Oxford City Council	Mowing Recreation Grounds 1998/9	489.87

The Clerk recommended that the outstanding loan on the Boults Lane Recreation Field should be repaid since the interest paid greatly exceeded the interest received on the Council's balance. This was agreed and the figures would be obtained.

Recreation Ground

It was agreed to accept city Works quotation of £1838.02 for the normal maintenance of the Recreation Grounds plus cutting the Burial Ground hedge twice in the season.

An application from the Scouts for permission to hold a fete on the Mortimer Hall site on 13th June 1999 was received and granted.

A comment was received from the Scouts concerning the inadequacy of parking spaces at Boults Lane but as there was no further land available the Scouts were recommended to liase with the Football Club to secure best use of the site.

Further proposals for the necessary work to the ablutions were received and adjourned to the next meeting.

Mr Phipps requested that thank you letters should be sent to Mr & Mrs Spencer and Mr Serac for their help in the Memorial Seat.

Subway Mural

It was reported that the examples of the Artist's work displayed at the Parish Meeting were agreed to be of an acceptable standard and the Council agreed to proceed with the scheme. It was intended that the rough cast walls with their reasonable spray painting should be left, but the City Council had applied Masonry paint to these areas. The Artist had suggested an additional £1,000 for this area, the amount due partly to the rough surface. It was fortunate that the City Council had agreed to contribute £1,000 which would cover the additional cost.

The Clerk was asked to continue to make the necessary arrangements.

At this point Standing Orders were suspended.

Highways

A letter was received concerning condition of Footpath number 4 which has no stile or sign at Mill Lane and the AGM had raised the condition of Footpath number 9 under the Cherwell Bridge where the river bank had been eroded. The Clerk agreed to write to the City Engineer.

A draft Road Traffic Regulation Order relating to the introduction of 40mph limits in Elsfeld Road and Marsh Lane was received.

The reply to last month's comments concerning the Mill Lane bus service stated that the timetable submitted was incorrect and that a new version would be produced shortly.

Overhanging vegetation in Cherwell Drive at the corner of Oxford Road, also in Fane Road to be drawn to the attention of the Highway Authority.

Burial Ground

The Clerk reported that the Planning Application had been submitted.

Other Matters

In view of the pending election the next meeting would be held on the 18th May 1999

Valediction

At the conclusion of the Meeting members expressed their appreciation and gratitude to the Chairman who was not standing for re-election, relinquishing his membership of the Council of 31 years ,having been Chairman since 1991.

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