

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4 April 2000
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr. C.W. Haynes (Chairman)
Mrs. E.Nurse (Vice-chair)
Mesdames Bradley, Cox, Stone and Tiwari
Messrs Agent, Batey, and Taylor
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance
City Councillors J. Coats and Tiwari

Apologies

Apology for absence was received from Mr. R. Drinkwater.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 March 2000 were confirmed and signed.

Eulogy

The Chairman paid tribute to the late Mrs. B. Deam who died on Sunday 2 April 2000 after a short illness. He reminded those present of her contributions to the community, having been a member of this Council for 45 years, a member of the Bullingdon Rural District Council for some 15 years before the transfer of the Parish into the City in 1991 and a Trustee of and a tireless worker for the Oxford Animal Sanctuary. She had also served on the Mortimer Hall Committee and was a Trustee of the Old Marston Charities Trust. A period of silence was observed in her memory

Correspondence

Many items were tabled and noted.

The Clerk was asked to circulate, with the next agenda, the letter received from Mr. Cowell concerning work undertaken by the Preservation Trust for the maintenance of field boundaries.

Notice of the General Meeting of the National Association of Local Councils to be held on 10 July 2000 and the Annual Conference were received.

A summary of the proposals for The Secretary of State to issue a new Code of Conduct for members of local authorities, including parish councils, with a new ethical framework was also received. District Councils will be required to establish a Standards Committee to promote the new standards. Enforcement of the new code will be by way of complaints, at parish level, being dealt with by an Ethical Standards Officer appointed by the Standards Board for England established under the provisions of the legislation.

Applications

The following was considered: -

11 Beechey Avenue - extension - no comment

Decisions

The following were reported -

16 Harlow Way - extension - approved

100 Oxford Road - extension - approved

C.W. Haynes

Other Matters

Mr. Coats outlined the proposed Islamic Study Centre in Marston Road the rear elevation of which would front the road. It would have a 20 meter high dome and a 35 meter high tower. Members felt that this would be obtrusive and ruin the open aspect of the area. Mr. Coats agreed to take these comments to the Planning Meeting.

A copy of a letter written to the Oxford Preservation Trust by Mr. N. Cowell was received which it was decided to defer to the next meeting.

The Clerk had received a complaint from Mr. Blundsen that an ash tree had been felled. (This was investigated after the meeting. Two trees were found to have been cut to about two meters but these were under a high voltage power line and would be a danger in due course if permitted to grow to maturity.)

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment

		£
D.L. Ward	Allotment hedge cutting	110.00
Old Marston Mill Lane Allotment Association	Grant	50.00

The Clerk would follow up the Abbey National deposit arrangements offer

Recreation Ground

A request was received from the Scouts for permission to use the Mortimer Hall recreation ground for a fete on 25 June 2000. This was agreed

The Scouts proposals for designated parking spaces near the Scout Hut were deferred to the next meeting.

The Clerk was asked to reapply for a grant from the City Council towards equipment.

The Oxford Preservation Trust had now decided to carry out the clearance of rubbish and the tidying of the Mill Lane Site itself. It had decided not to permit amusements other than goal posts.

Highways

It was decided to request that double yellow lines be provided at the entrance to Horseman Close because of poor sight lines at the first bend

A letter was received from the City Solicitor stating that the paved land at Cavendish Drive would not be adopted, as it was not needed for passing and re-passing, the determining factor for dedication. Planning regulation could only become an option if car repairing became a regular activity.

Burial Ground

In view of the water levels found at the east end of the proposed extension, following exceptional rains at the end of February, it was decided to dig further trial holes in the southern area.

Any Other Business

In view of the very recent death of Mrs. Deam it was decided to defer consideration of the vacancy until the next meeting as a mark of respect.

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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

4th May 2000

WARD AND ELECTORATE AT 4.5.00	CANDIDATE				RESULT		
	NAME	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	NO. OF VOTES	% POLL	OTHER INFORMATION	
OLD MARSTON & RISINGHURST 4921	HATFIELD Duncan Valentine	1 Haynes Road Marston, Oxford, OX3 0SE	The Conservative Party Candidate	390			
	SINGH Pritam	18, Cavendish Drive Old Marston Oxford OX3 0SB	Green Party	75			
	TIWARI Kenji Lal	10 Cavendish Drive Old Marston, Oxford OX3 0SB	The Labour Party Candidate	544			
	WHITTAKER Mark Alan	136 Southfield Pk Oxford OX4 2BB	Liberal Democrat	699	34.8	Lib Dem GAIN	