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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6 April 2004
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mrs. M.C. Stone Vice-chairman in the Chair
Mesdames Cox and Tiwari
Messrs Bartleet, Batey, Cann, Cox, Holmes, and Swift
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance
City Councillors Mr. R. Darke and Mrs. M. Clarkson.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Nurse, Messrs Haynes and McGinn.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 March 2004 were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising

The matter of the precept was again discussed but no further action taken.

It was decided to invite the Local Beat Police Officer to attend future meetings on a quarterly basis from March onwards.

The Minutes of a Meeting of the joint meeting with Marston Saints F.C. were circulated for information. The Clerk had sought advice from the Football Foundation (reply awaited) and the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils that advised contact with other parish councils which had made similar arrangements. This would be done since the first step would be to agree terms for the shared use of any new pavilion. A plan giving an indication of the accommodation required was received for future reference.

North East Area Committee

Mrs. Stone reported that there had been a public meeting attended by local councillors and the bus company to consider the recent reductions of local services. The outcome was that there would be a six buses each hour from the City via Old Marston and Oxford Roads, three per hour to Northway, two to the JR11 and one to the village but not on to the JR11. There would be no late evening service the village to serve theatregoers etc. These were to be subject to further review.

Planning

Applications

The following were considered:

4 Mill Lane – demolition of the existing house and the erection of a terrace of seven houses and a block of three one bedroom flats with 16 parking spaces.
Opposition to the above development from Parish residents has been very strong indeed and is supported by the Council. The proposed development would be an over development of the site with inadequate amenity space. It would overshadow facing houses to a totally unacceptable extent since no account had been taken, nor shown in the plans, of the differing floor levels of facing properties due to ground levels; thus depriving some of sunshine. The proposed dwellings are too close to the road and existing dwellings; a better line would be that of the existing house. The entrance to the site is narrow and dangerous since it opens out on to what is a single lane carriageway because of cars parked by residents of cottages opposite having no on site parking. Sixteen car spaces on the site are inadequate as all nearby on-street parking is already taken by local residents. Many of the seven houses and perhaps some of the flats can be expected to need space for two cars on site so at best there will be no visitors spaces anywhere. The green space is a vital part of the Conservation Area, it giving the contrast between old cottages and the three substantial houses so typical of old village scenes. It should be retained.

Park Farm, Edgeway Road – conservatory – no comment

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Decisions

The following were reported:

- 63 Cherwell Drive – extension – approved
- 3 Clays Close – extension – approved
- 3 White Hart – conservatory - refused

Other Matters

The Clerk had appeared at the Local Plan Inquiry session dealing with the new route of the footpath Boults Lane – Horseman Close and received an assurance that the proposed route would be discussed with the Council in due course.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment

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Steelway Fencesecure Ltd.	Iron railings	369.69
M P Security	Pavilion alarm maintenance	57.58
Haynes and Son	Erecting Mill Lane railings	540.00

Recreation Ground

Mrs. Cox said she would endeavour to attend the meeting on facilities for the disabled. The Scout lease was received and adjourned to the next meeting

Highways

Attention was drawn to the seepage of water from the frontage of 71 Oxford Road and minor flooding at Oxsrade to be drawn to the attention of the Highway Authority.

Burial Ground

It was decided to limit the period for which exclusive rights of burial were granted in the new area to 75 years.

Other Item

Mrs. Cox said that to stop unauthorised parking on the Mortimer Hall Site further bollards and a lockable gate would be erected.

Date of Next Meeting

Annual Council Meeting ~~6~~ ⁴ April 2004 preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting.

Check for accounts paid and quotes

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