

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5 April 2005
at the Mortimer Hall**

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Members Present

Mr. C.W. Haynes Chairman
Mrs. M.C. Stone Vice-chairman
Mesdames Nurse, and Tiwari
Messrs Bartleet, Batey, Cox and McGinn
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance
City Councillor Mrs. M. Clarkson

Apologies

An apologies for absence was received from Messrs. Cann, Cox, Holmes and Swift The Police were not represented

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 March 2005 were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising

Details of the prices negotiated for work previously agreed were circulated and approved. These were lower than the formal tenders. Additionally, the Chairman would authorise cutting of the allotment hedge in Oxford Road and trimming vegetation in Back Lane for a short length from the Mortimer Field

Mr. Bartleet would contact the police regarding the misuse of the garage site R/o Mortimer Drive. Copy letters to be given to him

Correspondence

The OALC bi-monthly Circular was received. The recommendation regarding salary changes for 2005-6 was deferred to the next meeting

North East Area Committee

A start on the traffic signals in Marsh Lane was noted

Planning

Applications

The following was considered:

15 Oxford Road – demolition, site to be used to extend the block of flats to be built on the shop site.

Very strong opposition to the application was agreed. Retention of the building would continue to soften the impact of the new building on the typical village scene as it does to the existing shop building. It is rumoured that the builder is saying that No. 15 is unstable but it stood for decades when the adjoining building was a single storey Chapel and remained standing alone when that was demolished when the shop was built. What has changed?

It is vital that its contribution to the Conservation Area's diverse street scene continues and that demolition should be refused.

Decision

The following were reported:

Off Marston Ferry Road – communication mast extension – approved

25 Horseman Close – rear extension – approved

20 Cavendish Drive – conservatory – approved

75 Oxford Road – replace bungalow with two semi-detached houses – refused

R/o 109 Oxford Road – erection of 10 dwellings etc. – refused on appeal

Other Matters

The Building Control Service Manager confirmed that it is the City Council's responsibility to ensure that Building Regulations are complied with but said that the records were not available to the public. It was decided to ask the OALC for legal advice on this relative to the Freedom of Information Act.

A letter was received from the MP stating that he had raised the Councils' concerns about hospital-generated traffic and parking with the County Director for Environment and Economy and with the Manager of the City Planning Services. He would forward comments received in due course

The Clerk would press for a reply to the Council's request for an extension of outline planning consent for the pavilion in Boults Lane

Accounts

The following account was passed for payment:

Thames Water - Burial Ground Supply December to March - £4.88

It was decided to refuse the application for grant from the Marston Wives.

CB

Highways

Confirmation was received that the City Council had agreed to repair the Allotment wall. The County Council replied to refuse the request for lighting to the flyover as the expenditure on road safety grounds could not be justified against other more urgent claims

Recreation Ground

The meeting with Marston Saints on 17 March was reported. The condition of the ground was getting worse and the Club said that it was unfit for matches on many occasions due to water logging. The Clerk said that a quotation of £450 had been received from the original drainage contractor for investigations. Mr. Mitchell on behalf of the Football Association suggested that one of its consultants should be contacted since it would also comment on ground conditions generally. The Clerk agreed to write for a quotation. Mr. Mitchell said that a grant for the pavilion would not be available unless the ground was playable but a 50% grant could be made towards remedial work. The Club might also make a contribution. It was decided to ask the City Council whether, in view of the shortage of junior pitches in the City, the Marsh Lane Site could be developed for City wide use.

Burial Ground

A deed of Grant was signed.

Date of Next Meeting

Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Council meeting on 3 May 2005

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