

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7 December 1999
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

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

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs.Bartleet, Batey and the City Councillors.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 and 16 December 1999 were confirmed and signed

Casual Vacancy

It was resolved to proceed with the co-option at this meeting, the Clerk confirming that no demand for a Poll had been made.
Valid nominations were made for Mr. R. Drinkwater, Mrs. J. Cowell and Mr. M. Broughton, the votes cast being 5, 2 and 2 respectively. Mr. Drinkwater was therefore co-opted.

Correspondence

The following were noted:-
Oxfordshire County Council – Publication of Food Directory
Solicitors – Change of licensee at The Red Lion
Change of licensee at The Victoria Arms
Environment Agency – Cherwell Valley Plan
Oxfordshire County Council – County Environment Report
Oxford City Council – Member’s Information Sheets
Lord Lieutenant – Invitation to a Cathedral Service to mark the Millennium
which the Chairman will attend.
Spise – Planning Comment
Oxfordshire County Council – Notice of Meetings with Parish Councils

Planning

Applications

The following were considered
1 Beechey Avenue – Additional roof light – No comment
Church Farm, Church Lane – Garage and covered way – Garage not to overshadow neighbour’s garden
Mortimer Hall – New storage accommodation – No comment
John Radcliffe Hospital – Considerable new building and alterations to access and parking. Concern was expressed that no proposals were included dealing with traffic and its effect on the locality.
The Clerk would endeavour to get more information.

Decisions

The following were reported:-
15 Beechey Avenue – Extension – Approved
13 Beechey Avenue – Extension – Approved
27 Elms Drive – Extension – Refused
Marston Saints F.C. – Store – Approved

Other Matters

The Council for the Protection of Rural England's campaign against the construction of an increased number of houses now being promulgated was considered in the light of recently published national figures of 400,000 people from the EU now working and living in UK plus 75,000 asylum seekers, refugees and illegal immigrants arriving each year. It was decided not to join the campaign.

As part of the review of the Local Plan Review the City Council submitted its statistics for new housing up to 2010 which showed that total new dwellings would be 5,090 against target of 3,750. It was noted that the annual building rate would slow after the completion of Blackbird Leys. This was noted.

Crime Report

Mrs. Deam reported on a recent break in in the locality which was another event in the increasing level of this sort of crime probably related to drugs. The Clerk was asked to invite the area Police Inspector to the next meeting.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment

		£
Mortimer Hall Committee	Use of Hall	24.00
W.J. Cooper	Payment to bring payments up to the	
	Minimum wage	6.30
L.M. Garner	Salary and expenses	1857.76
Grant applications were deferred to the next meeting		

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Mrs. Tiwari agreed to represent the Council on the Committee for the ensuing year.

Recreation Ground

Plans for the improvement of the Mill Lane site were considered. The Clerk was asked to obtain an estimate for bringing the back area up to mowing standards. It was decided to provide new posts to the small gate opposite the pavilion.

Boults Lane Pavilion

The Steering Committee had met and decided that the rebuilding scheme should incorporate further facilities for tennis courts and basket ball and possibly others depending on demand. A note of this would be placed in the Marston Times.

Highways

The Clerk would renew the request for City and County Highway engineers to attend a future meeting.

Land Registry details of the ownership of the paved area off Cavendish Drive were received. These would be passed to the City Council with a request that it take over the land so that some control could be exercised over it.

No progress had been made to get the bus shelter in Oxford Road replaced. The second shelter was also in need of replacement. The city Council would be contacted again. Adshel shelters were not favoured.

It was decided to ask for a window to be placed in the east side of the bus shelter outside the Church.

The cycle track had still not been improved. The Clerk Would write again.

Burial Ground

The Clerk's suggestion that a small plaque be permitted on graves without charge was accepted. The Conditions would be amended.

As agreement had not been reached with the City Tree Officer concerning a planting scheme it was decided to lodge a formal appeal on the planning consent.

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