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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Monday 4 December 2000
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr. C.W. Haynes Chairman
Mrs. C. Stone Vice-chairman
Mesdames Bradley, Cox, and Nurse
Messrs Cann and Taylor
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Tiwari, Mr. Drinkwater and Mr. J. Coats.

Minutes

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

Matters Arising

The Clerk reported that he had written to remind the Royal Mail of the need for the promised new pillar-box in Oxford Road. He was asked to request frequent emptying of the existing box over the Christmas period, should the replacement not be in place. It was noted that the promised extension of the green box recycling scheme had been made in Oxford Road. The Clerk was asked to request that it should be extended to the remainder of the Parish.

Correspondence

A letter was received from the newly formed New Marston Residents Association suggesting that links should be established. It was accepted that these should be made but with the Old Marston Residents' Association through Mr. J. Baker. The Clerk to arrange. The Allotment Association's Accounts for the year to 30 September 2000 were circulated and accepted.

Planning

Applications

The following were considered :-

- 8 Beechey Avenue – New front porch – No comment
- 28 Lewell Avenue – Side and rear extension – Concern was expressed that the building line would be seriously breached by this extension

Decision

The following was reported :-

- 12 Elsfield Road – alterations - approved

Other Matters

A letter concerning possible flooding in Boults Lane was noted.

Hospital Extension - Traffic Matters

A letter was received from Mrs. Burgess drawing attention to the recent City Council statement that there was a provision in the Local Plan that a Park and Ride could be established "at or near Marsh Lane". This Council being aware of this as it was one of the amendments to the draft secured by the Clerk at the Local Plan Enquiry. It was decided that no further comment should be made immediately as there was a possibility that the A40 link was under discussion. The Clerk would discuss this with the Traffic Consultants as a matter of urgency.

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Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment:

		£
Bishop Sport & Leisure Ltd	Goal Posts	. 249.10
Mortimer Hall Management Committee	Hire of Hall	. 18.00
Oxford City Council	Jetting drains	. 96.06
J & C Conway	Drainage work	. 723.80
St. Nicholas PCC	Marston Times Grant (S.137)	. 200.00
C.D. Ward	Hedging etc. School Lane	. 225.50
	Burial Ground. Work in progress	. 500.00
L.M. Garner	Salary and Expenses	. 1382.86

Recreation Ground

The meeting to consider marking out car parking spaces in Boult's Lane, not attended by Marston Saints, had taken place and it was decided to accept the revised scheme that the Chairman and Clerk would mark out and the Scouts would mark permanently without charge to the Council.

The agreement for the letting of the spare site adjoining the Mill Lane Allotments to Mr.D.Ward was signed, the first year's rent of £156 being paid.

The Clerk reported that he had obtained a price for laying the Red Lion hedge and passed it to the brewery for attention.

Mr. Coats, when apologising for not attending the meeting, said he was still hopeful that additional land adjoining Boult's Lane Recreation Ground could be made available to this Council to permit the new pavilion to be built

Quotations were received for lopping trees in Boult's Lane and Oxford Road Recreation Grounds in the sums of £2,750 and £2,000. It was decided to accept the lower.

Highways

The St. Nicholas School Governors requested that the City Council be asked to tarmac the pedestrian access as a matter of urgency. This was agreed.

It was decided to ask the City Council to check whether the required school signs were in place in the vicinity of the schools.

It was decided to ask again that the verge between Oxford Road and the service road should be contoured following the new kerbing.

The Old Marston over 50's Club suggested sites for seats, opposite the Church, at the Mill Lane bus stop and at Raymund Road near the Cavendish Drive junction. Members agreed to visit the sites for a decision at the next meeting.

Burial Ground

In a recent burial, in a plot next to the path, it was not noticed that there was not enough room for the adjoining plot to be used because the next, and previous, burial (the third in the row) had been made too close to that plot so that it could not be used. It had previously been sold to the wife of the first buried and she was most distressed. Fortunately the extension to the Burial Ground permitted a plot the other side of the first buried to be allocated to the wife and in recompense it was decided to grant a further plot free of cost to her son.

One quotation was received for the railings. The Clerk would seek more.

It was decided to accept the quotation of £110 from Mr C. Ward for surfacing the footpath adjoining the west fence.

The Clerk was asked to confirm the arrangements for maintaining the Mural and get the repairs done.

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C.M. Coates