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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3 December 2002
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

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

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Batey and City Councillors Mr. Darke and Mrs. Clarkson. Mr. Bartleet, as the Council's representative, was attending the planning session of the North East Area Committee

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 November 2002 were confirmed and signed.

North East Area Committee

Mrs. Stone had attended the meeting dealing with general matters and regretted that the Parish was not included in the distribution of the S.106 monies arising from the planning consent for the Islamic Centre, the lions share of £100,000 going, on a matching funding basis to the British Sub-aqua Clubhouse on the Copse Lane Recreation Ground, and on the same basis £25,000 for refurbishment of the Scout Hall in New Marston.

The City Council had decided to provide signs relating to dogs on its recreation grounds. She had requested that these should also be provided at the Parish grounds and it was agreed.

Correspondence

A reply was received from the Education Dept. indicating that the Middle School building would be used to bring together ancillary functions from scattered sites in the City, some of which would be sold. There would be an opportunity for some community use but no detailed thought had yet been given. The playing fields would continue in use. It was decided to seek confirmation that sufficient car parking space would be available to prevent parking in nearby roads.

The bi-monthly circular from the OALC drew attention to the postponement of the 2004 elections to 10 June to coincide with European elections.

The minutes of the OMRA meeting were noted.

Information Act 2000

This Act places an obligation on local authorities to give public access to a minimum amount of records. As it is the Council's policy that the Clerk shall make available any extant records, in his possession, to members of the public at reasonable notice it was decided to comply with the Act and pass the following resolution:

This Council resolves to adopt the Model Publication Scheme for local councils (core classes only). The Clerk to administer requests for information.

Planning

Applications

The following was considered:

8 Oxford Road - extensions - no comment

Decisions

The following were reported:

22 Church Lane - conversion of garage to living accommodation - approved

2 Nicholas Avenue - extension and conversion into four flats - refused

St. Nicholas Church - Vestry extension - refused

*Have not considered to this point -
strongest possible objection to it
loss of yet another family
house + consequent effect on
school numbers*

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Other Matters

An assurance was received from the Building Control Dept. that the conversion into flats of 1 Beechey Avenue would comply with Building Regulations.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment:

		£
St. Nicholas Mother and Toddler Group	Grant S.137	50.00
Old Marston over 50's Club	Grant S.137	100.00
Mortimer Hall Playgroup	Grant S.137	200.00
St. Nicholas PCC. (Marston Times)	Grant S.137	250.00
Old Marston Mill Lane Allotment Association	Grant S.137	100.00
Oxford Fieldpaths Society	Grant S.137	2.00
Oxrad		300.00
Old Marston Residents' Assn.	Grant S.137	50.00
Oxon. Assn. Local Councils	Advice pamphlet (paid between meetings)	9.95
Mortimer Hall Management Committee	Use of Hall	18.00

The Clerk's salary and expenses were also paid.

Estimates

The Clerk was requested to obtain estimates of the cost of providing safety surfaces to the play equipment at Boult's Lane and to the entrances to the recreation grounds and the play equipment on the Mortimer Hall site for consideration at the Budget meeting in January.

Clerk's Salary

The Clerk withdrew for this discussion.

A proposal by the Chairman that the Clerk's salary be increased by 5.5% was seconded by Mr. R Taylor, an alternative proposed by Mrs. C. Stone that the increase should be 3.5% was seconded by Ms. A. Bradley. The former was approved by six votes to five on the Chairman's casting vote (WITH EFFECT FROM 1/1/02)

Recreation Ground

Attention was drawn to the muddy entrances. The Clerk would include the areas in the safety surface quotation

A tree alongside the metalled path at Boult's Lane had become unstable in recent high winds and needed pollarding for safety. Mr. Ward would be asked to do it.

Highways

Poor road drainage outside the Mortimer Hall and at Beechey Avenue would be reported.

Negotiations continued towards the repair of the Mural

Cycle parking to be requested outside the Old Marston Road shops

Mrs. Nurse would investigate the co-ordination of local bus services

The proprietors of the Oxford Road Post Office and shop had agreed to make a contribution towards the cost of Parking Control on their frontage but there was a considerable shortfall.

It was decided to offer pay 50% of the cost up to a maximum of £500, under S.137, subject to the Order being quickly made.

Allotments

The new agreement was signed by the Chairman and Vice-chairman. The Clerk would sign after comparing the final copy with the draft

Date of Next Meeting

7 January 2003

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C. Stone