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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7 December 2004
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr. C.W. Haynes Chairman
Mrs. M.C. Stone Vice-chairman
Mesdames Cox and Nurse
Messrs Bartleet, Batey, Cann, Cox, ~~Holmes~~ and Swift
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. McGinn^{Quinn} and City Councillor Mrs. M. Clarkson and Mrs. C. van Zyl.

Minutes

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

Matters Arising

Mr. Batey's report on the meeting of the City Council Standards Committee he attended was noted.

Mr. Bartleet reported on the Parish Transport Representatives Meeting he attended. He said that there was little prospect of a better service to Mill Lane and the village, rather the reverse because the size of bus now used was too large for the turning space available in Mill Lane. The Clerk would write to emphasise that the loss of the village shop made it imperative that the service should be maintained.

The Guided Transport Express scheme and the possibility of rail improvements were now dead.

The provision of bus information at bus stops was progressing slowly.

The attempt to have through ticketing failed, as did the attempt to have a standard fare structure based on journey distance

More Park and Ride sites were planned in the outlying towns

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Correspondence

A copy of the report of the Chairman of the Old Marston Mill Lane Allotment Association to its AGM was noted

All Weather Pitch

The Football Foundation has a policy of funding and establishing all weather pitches with changing facilities, by way of Lottery money, in locations where full community use would develop. Such facilities would be expected to become self-sufficient in three years. St. Nicholas School Playing Field has been chosen for a pitch and a steering committee established to which the Chairman was appointed as the Council's nominee. E

The Clerk had attended the inaugural meeting and reported that it had no start up funds. It was proposed by Dr. Swift and seconded by Mrs. Cox and carried *nem con* that £100 from S.137 allocation should be made; subject to the Committee becoming formally established, with bank account, payable in two instalments of £50

Arising from the discussion it was decided to ascertain what non-educational use of the Harlow Building existed.

North East Area Committee

The Vice-chairman reported that there were no matters of immediate concern to the Council. However the establishment, by Brookes at Millhamford, of a medical training facility had given rise to considerable parking problems in nearby streets.

Planning Applications

Considered between meetings

14 Salford Road - conversion into three flats - strong objection. This represents the loss of yet another family home to accommodation aimed largely at single person households. The long-term loss of pupils at St. Nicholas' School is detrimental financially and educationally to the interests of other children in the area because less pupils equals loss of money and teachers and integrated classes across age ranges.

It is understood that car parking arrangements must be detailed in an application. No such information accompanied the plans sent here. There is currently one space in the rear garden but this will probably be lost if the extension is permitted leaving no provision for the likely three plus cars for three flats and a minimum one for visitors. Reliance is probably placed on privately owned land at the rear for which no maintenance arrangements exist. This site is becoming full on occasions leaving effectively no spaces to serve the proposed change that should be refused. Strong objections.

Other applications

R/o 109 Oxford Road - ten new houses etc. - restate previous comments

It was decided that no comment should be made to:

16 Jessops Close - two storey side extension

Church Farm Church Lane - additional windows and extension to workshop

89 Oxford Road - single and two storey side and rear extension

10 Southcroft - boundary fence

R/o 109 Oxford Road - ten houses at rear (resubmission) comments to be repeated with additional reference to an area for the collection of refuse awaiting collection

34 Mill Lane two - story side extension and double garage with access from Cumberledge Close - no comment to extension but garage doors should not open over the highway.

Decision

4 Mill Lane - erection of ten dwellings - refused

Other Matters

After the Meeting the Clerk inspected the List of Planning Applications and found no reference to 1/3 Nicholas Avenue

The Clerk reported that copies of planning applications recently had been incomplete or inaccurately compiled. He had raised the matter with the Planning Dept.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment:

		£
Mortimer Hall Management Cttee	Use of Hall October to December	18.00
L.M. Garner	Salary and expenses to 3 December	1652.34

S. 137 Grants 2004/05 list of grants appended

Capital grants totalling £10,379 had been secured from the City Council towards the fencing and safety surfaces required at Boults Lane

No capital projects were identified for inclusion in the 2005/06 budget

Audit

The audit for the year 2003/04 had been concluded with a recommendation, already complied with, that the Council should ensure that it had authority to make all payments.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Cann said that the allottees were continuing to have problems due to parking on the access road but no solution was suggested. He also asked for the scrub to be cut along the access road. That is in the current plan.

The Clerk was authorised to order a steel seat and bin from Orchard Street Furniture for delivery as required.

Mr. Page, the Marston Saints Chairman visited the Meeting and was pleased to show the plaque presented to the Club on its attainment as a Football Association Charter Club

It was decided to accept the quotation of £4,912 Redlime Ltd for the extension of the basketball area plus £25 per m² for repairs to the Boults Lane car park, area to be agreed. Also subject to a satisfactory price being obtained for the full provision of the disabled persons ramp.

The Clerk was authorised to order from Orchard Furniture Ltd. a steel seat and bin as required.

Highways

The City Council to be reminded of the need for two poo bins

The Clerk had received a key to the Back Lane gate. It was difficult to use due to the insecure post on which the gate was hung. It was agreed that it would be stabilised and an additional post provided so that the gate could be locked open.

Burial Ground

Only one tender was received for the ground maintenance, further tenders would be sought.

Contracts

In the absence of Mr. McGinn Mr. Cox reported that they had inspected the Council's property with the Clerk's recommendations for work to be done. They thanked the Clerk for a comprehensive report that was circulated at the meeting. It was agreed that the work should be done and quotations obtained The Clerk's suggestion that the access ramp to the Mortimer Field amusements should be changed parallel to the fence was agreed. It was decided that quotations for the work should be circulated as soon as possible.

Other Items

Proposed meeting with M.P. It was decided to extend the invitation to any of the next three meetings. The agenda to focus on the traffic generation from the JR11 and the slowness of the implementation of remedial measures controlled by HAMATS due to funding and staffing. He was also to be invited to see the problems at 8.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. weekdays. The Clerk reported that he had inspected the Recreation Grounds and the Burial Ground. Apart from laying two unsteady memorial stones flat there were no items of concern.

Date of next Meeting

4 January 2005

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Onby

Review of S.137 Grants

Organisation	Agreed 2004/05	
St Nicholas Baby and Toddler Group		No application
Old Marston over 50's Club	150.00	
Mortimer Hall Pre-school	250.00	
St. Nicholas PCC. (Marston Times)	250.00	
Old Marston Mill Lane Allotment Association	100.00	
Oxford Fieldpaths Society	4.00	
Oxrad	300.00	
Old Marston Residents' Assn.		No application
FOSNS at St. Nicholas First School	282.00	
43 rd Oxford Scouts		No application
Victim Support	50.00	
TOTAL	1254.00	
Winged Fellowship	1386	Applications not specific to the Parish
Oxon. Assn. for the Blind		
The Oxon. Woodland Project		

It was agreed that the above
payments should be made