

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OLD MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL AT 7.30 p.m

ON TUESDAY 6th FEBRUARY 1996

Present were; Mr A T Jones (Chairman)
Mr C W Haynes (Vice-chairman)

Mesdames Deam, Nurse and Sanders
Messrs Devonport, Drinkwater and Phipps
Apologies for absence were received from Mesdames Cox,
Stone and Tiwari

The Clerk Mr L M Garner was in attendance.

Police matters

Sergeant L. Price, P.C.A. ^{Spence} and W.P.C.G. Atkins attended the meeting to give members details of current policing methods which now involved the collection and recording of intelligence on crime patterns and the targeting of the areas highlighted. As a result less effort was available to cope with less serious and probably less solvable crimes such as the theft of vehicles and cycles. The report of these crimes was logged but they were not awarded priority.

They emphasised the benefits of Neighbourhood Watch schemes and said that an advertising campaign would be mounted shortly. There had been seven burglaries in the Parish in the past few weeks.

The Chairman thanked them for attending and they left the meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd January were confirmed and signed.

Correspondence

The following were noted;
Oxford City Council- Confirmation of take-over of bus shelters

The Royal British Legion- Anniversary Appeal
Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils- Bi-monthly circular

Trade Services- Offer of tree planting service
Oxford City Council- Members Information sheets- numbers 37 & 38

The White Hart- Notice of transfer of licence
Oxfordshire County Council- 1995 Annual report
Oxfordshire County Council- School of Sport
Oxfordshire Rural Community Council- Parish transport scheme

Proposed closure of library- Notice of submission of petition

Accounts

The Clerk reported that he and the Chairman had met the Oxfordshire City Council's Head of Financial Services who explained the need, to comply with his Auditors requirements, the need to change the method of calculating the charge of the Parish Precept in the calculation of the Council Tax. This was in line with the method requested by the Clerk when the Parish was transferred to the City and he accepted that the change was correct. The eventual effect on Old Marston's Council Tax charge would be of the order of £2 per annum benefit.

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The following accounts were passed for payment;

Marston Church Properties Ltd-Use of hall	£42.00
Thames Water- Allotments	£15.65
Oxford City Council- Erection of iron railings	£328.17
Oxford City Council- Raising manhole, providing new cover and chipping mortar from gulleys. The Clerk was satisfied that the charge for this was justified	£206.30

Planning

It was decided that no comment should be made to the application for the extension of class-rooms at the Middle School.

The following decisions were recorded;

97 ,Oxford Road- Porch	Approved
77,Cherwell Drive- Swimming Pool	Approved

Allotments

It was decided that the special meeting to be held on the 13th February would be confidential and discuss the sale of the Allotment site in Mill Lane

Notice Board

In view of the high cost of providing a new Recreation Ground seat it was decided that the Best Kept Village prize money would be better used to provide a new board at the Mortimer Hall. The Vice-chairman agreed to seek formal consent from the Management Committee and would propose a design.

Annual Meeting

It was decided that the Annual Parish Meeting should be held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 2nd April 1996 in The Church Hall.

Alun T. Jones

5 Mar 96

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HELD IN THE MORTIMER HALL AT 7.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY

13TH FEBRUARY 1996

Present were ; Mr A T Jones (Chairman)
Mr C W Haynes (Vice-chairman)
Mesdames Cox, Deam, Nurse, Sanders, Stone & Tiwari
Messrs Devonport, Drinkwater and Phipps

An apology for absence was received from Mr Bartleet.

The Clerk Mr L M Garner was in attendance.

It was decided that the meeting should be held in confidence and that the Press and public should be excluded.

The meeting was called to consider the declining use of the allotment site in Mill Lane. The Clerk reported on the history of the site and the options available to the Council. A preference was expressed for the small triangular portion at the north eastern end, to be maintained as open space. The Clerk indicated that within a potential residential development an area would probably be required for open space and that the allottees would probably have to be relocated within the site so that it would be preferable for the land to be included in a planning application. (This was subject to a vote, 9 in favour 2 against.)

It was resolved;-

That subject to a satisfactory planning permission being obtained the allotment land in Mill Lane should be sold.
(9 voted in favour 1 against.)

In order to avoid conflicting remarks being reported members were asked to comment further only to add to the resolution that the proposed sale would proceed for the benefit of the Parish by the management of the resources released.

It was agreed that a Planning Consultant should be appointed and that the Chairman, Vice-chairman and Clerk should invite three suitable candidates for interview at a later meeting.

The Council then resolved to go into open session when the above decisions were recorded.

Alvin T. Jones
5 Feb 96