

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3rd February 1998
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr A T Jones (Chairman)
Mr C W Haynes (Vice-chairman)
Mesdames Cowell, Cox, Nurse, Stone & Tiwari
Messrs Bartleet, Drinkwater & Phipps
The Clerk Mr L M Garner was in attendance
P.C. P. Sanders attended for a short while.

Apologies

Mrs Deam apologised for being unable to attend due to a fractured hip. The Clerk was asked to write to her to wish her a speedy recovery.

Minutes

Minutes of the meetings held on the 2nd December 1997 and the 6th January 1998 (amended) were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising

Mr Bartleet reported on the current state of the City Football Club lighting. The long awaited baffles had been fitted but had only achieved a minor improvement. He would follow this up and the Clerk was asked to write in support.

He also confirmed that the Oxford Preservation Trust had given their tenant of land on Marston Ferry Link Road (formerly occupied by travellers) until the 13th February 1998 to clear the land after which it would be cleared by the Trust and charged to the tenant.

Correspondence

The Clerk was asked to acknowledge the petition to the Oxfordshire County Council requesting improvements to the fly-over junction, which had been copied to the Parish Council, and to confirm the Council's continuing pressure for improvements. A letter was received from the Area Engineer stating that lining and signing improvements were imminent.

The following were noted;

Oxfordshire Area Health Authority- Proposed services 1998/9

Winged Fellowship- Request for financial support

St. Nicholas Baby & Toddler Group- Annual report

Oxford City Council- Members' Information sheets

Environment Agency- Notice of public meeting concerning the River Thames

Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils- Notice of meetings

Oxfordshire County Council- Request for financial contribution towards universal 30mph signs

Oxford City Council- Alterations to bus lane- London Road, Headington

Mrs C. Undy- Branch Librarian. A letter of thanks for support to the campaign to retain the library. The Clerk reported that the Library Committee had decided not to close libraries but that this was subject to full Council approval

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Casual Vacancy

The Clerk reported that, by telephone, he had been informed that in response to the poster advertising the vacancy an invalid nomination had been submitted to the City Council which was considering whether it could be accepted as a request for a poll. Until the decision was announced no further action could be taken. The Clerk would seek written confirmation.

It was decided that the vacancy should be filled at the April Meeting.

Planning

Application

The following was considered;
42, Raymund Road- Extension- No comment

Decision

The following was reported;
4, Boult Close- Extension- Approved

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment;	
Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils- Poster	£2.70
Public Works Loans Board- Loan repayment	£320.52
D.Ward- As accepted quotations. Fencing, trees etc.School Lane	£140.00
Fencing, gates, stile & pollarding willow	£352.00
Extra fencing and repair to stile	£50.00

The statement of accounts was received from St.Nicholas School.

Recreation Ground

The agreement with the Marston Saints Football Club was countersigned.

It appeared that Lottery funds for a new pavilion had been obtained by Ascott-under-Wychwood Parish Council. The Clerk would enquire into the circumstances which led to the grant.

Mrs Cox drew attention to a meeting on Lottery funding to be held on the 13th February 1998 but no member could attend.

Highways

The Clerk had contacted two further artists for the Sub-way mural but no response was forthcoming.

Just only by request by Transport & Local Council a letter per the Newsletter

Allotments

A letter was received from the Allotment Association stating that Mr R.Ward had now agreed to plough the vacant plots without charge which would be accepted but no mention was made of other work or subsequent maintenance. The Clerk would write.

The Association agreed that it's members would collect the rubbish into a skip if the Parish Council would pay the skip hire. The Parish Council agreed.

Burial Ground

The Council's scale of charges was reviewed in the light of the need to provide funds for the Burial Ground extension in 1999/00. It was resolved that the charges be increased for interment and purchase £250, for advanced purchase £125 and for Burial in a purchased plot £125, in line with City Council charges.

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The full terms and conditions are therefore:-

Internments and advanced purchases restricted to those whose residence is/was, at the time of death, within the Parish of Old Marston or those who formerly lived within the Parish. Fees being doubled for former residents. Burials being restricted to purchased plots.

Internment of ashes being permitted only in plots with a previous burial.

Memorials to be headstones only, not exceeding 0.8m high, with or without an attached vase or tablet.

Fees	£
Internment & Burial	250.00
Advance purchase	125.00
Burial in purchased plot	125.00
Internment of ashes	35.00
Erection of headstone	35.00
Later inscription	15.00

Millenium Celebration

Mr Haynes, the Vice-chairman, said that he had attended the meeting called by the Vicar where it was considered that there would be so many events held on the 31st December 1999 that it would be pointless to arrange another event on that day. The proposal to have a summer fete to celebrate the commencement of the new Millenium would be investigated.

Dates of future meetings:

The following were agreed, Annual Parish Meeting 7.30 pm on 5th May 1998, followed by the Council meeting to be held in the Church Hall. The meeting scheduled for the 6th October 1998 to be held on the 29th September 1998.

Ann T. Jones

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