

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council  
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1 February 2000  
at the Mortimer Hall**

**Members Present**

Mr. C.W. Haynes (Chairman)  
Mrs. E. Nurse (Vice-chair)  
Mesdames Bradley, Cox, Deam, Stone and Tiwari  
Messrs Agent, Batey, Drinkwater and Taylor  
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance  
City Councillor K. Tiwari joined the Meeting later.

**Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Bartleet and City Councillors Coats and McAndrew.

**Highways**

Mr. R. Dix, Chief Engineer, Oxfordshire County Council and Mr. J. Keen, Principal Engineer, Oxford City Council who have joint responsibility for deciding priorities and allocating finance for maintenance of local roads attended the Meeting by invitation. They explained how the system worked and how constrained they were by financial controls and allocations, there being limited funds made available from Government grants and from the Council Tax. The outlook looked brighter for the next two years as additional funds had been promised.

A general discussion ensued and questions answered following that the Chairman thanked them for attending the Meeting that they left.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 January 2000 were amended to identify the land being let and were confirmed and signed.

**Matters Arising**

As no quotation had been received for the new notice board Mr. Taylor and the Chairman were delegated to find a suitable alternative. They were also asked to find a suitable board for the Burial Ground.

It was decided to ask that a larger letterbox be provided at Hayles Stores.

**Correspondence**

Items were tabled.

**Planning**

**Applications**

The following were considered: -

- 6 Haynes Road - Extension - No comment (Considered between meetings.)
- Sports Ground, Edgeway Road - Pavilion etc. - No comment.
- 38 Oxford Road - Rear extension - No comment.
- 16 Harlow Way - extension - No comment.
- Centre for Islamic Studies, Marston Road - Proposed changes - No comment.

**Decisions**

The following were reported -

- 61 Rippington Drive - Approved.
- 1 Beechey Avenue - Approved.

Other Matters

The Clerk had been successful in securing an invitation to attend a meeting of the Headington Area Traffic Strategy Working Party which is the powerhouse planning the area traffic arrangements which encompasses the arrangements to cope with the hospital mergers. This includes the Old Marston area. He briefed the Council on progress so far and had requested that further consideration of a Park and Ride in this area should only follow a full enquiry. He was hopeful that he would be invited to attend further meetings.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

		£
M P Security	Repairs to alarm	205.63
Oxford City Council	Recreation Ground maintenance	539.89

It was decided to further an insurance claim in respect of the damage caused to the pavilion.

Recreation Ground

The engineers confirmed that the set of swings on the Mortimer Hall site were beyond repair.

Ms. Bradley's suggestion that consent to the provision of swings and goal posts on the Mill Lane site should be sought from the OPT was agreed. There was a considerable quantity of rubbish on site, which it was hoped that the City Council would remove.

The Clerk was asked to write to the City Council to enquire whether there was any possibility of acquiring the land between the Boults Lane site and Marsh Lane.

Highways

The Clerk would write to Wadworths to expedite the erection of the sign at the access to The Victoria Arms.

The Clerk would write to the City Council concerning overhanging vegetation at the corner of Salford Road and Cavendish Drive.

The Chairman said that his family trust wished to donate a seat to the Parish to be placed, subject to the consent of the City Council, in the bus shelter in Elsfield Road. This was accepted gratefully.

A reply was received concerning the request for the footpath at the end of Edgeway and Ferry Roads to be upgraded to a cycle route. It had been refused, objections having been received from nearby residents.

Burial Ground

The Clerk would endeavour to get some progress on the diversion of the footpath.

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