

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3 February 2004
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr. C.W. Haynes Chairman
Mesdames Cox, Nurse and Tiwari
Messrs Cann, Cox, Holmes, McGinn and Swift
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance
City Councillors Mrs. Clarkson and Mr. Darke

Apologies

Apologies for absence ~~ereceived~~ received from Mrs. M.C. Stone Vice-chairman, Messrs. Bartleet and Batey.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held 6 January 2004 were amended to record that one member voted against and one abstained when the vote was taken to ~~make application~~ ^{INVESTIGATE} for the establishment of a new footpath and confirmed and signed.

North East Area Committee

In apologising for absence Mr. Bartleet said that in spite of objections the revised plans for Boults Lodge were passed.

Matters Arising

Concern was expressed that there was some confusion over the Precept, members saying that it was the intention to precept for the same amount as last year.

Correspondence

No comment was offered to the County Council proposal for adjustments to the Electoral Boundaries.

Planning

Applications

The following were considered:

- 3 Clays Close – rear extension – no comment
- 86 Oxford Road – rear extension – no comment
- 63 Cherwell Drive – side extension – no comment
- 3 White Hart - conservatory – no comment

Decisions

The following were reported:

- 139 Oxford Road – new house – approved
- 21 Fairfax Avenue – rear extension – approved
- 28 Fairfax Avenue large side and rear extension refusal now subject to appeal.

Other Matters

Mr. Darke said the Building Control were unwilling to resurrect past applications in respect of conversions into flats but would enforce the regulations in future. He would enquire why no reply had been received to the letter relating to the development at 49 Oxford Road where no application was recorded.

The Chairman said that he and the Clerk had met a representative from English Courtyards Developments Ltd. that was hoping to develop the land at Colthorns Farm, possibly for low density housing for older people. No further information was available.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment:

		£
A. Job	Burst pipe Burial Ground – call out and repair	98.00
Oxford City Council	Recreation grounds maintenance	2473.79
Steelway Fencesecure Ltd	Dog fence Boults Lane	4320.83

The Clerk reported that a serious error at the Bank had been rectified and that a payment of £25 by way of compensation had been credited to the Council's account.

Amendments to the S.137 grant application form were agreed. Mr. Cann and Mrs. Cox would prepare the final version.

Recreation Ground

A revised schedule of desirable work to the Councils sites had been passed to the Contractor. The Chairman, Mr. Cann, Dr. Swift and the Clerk would decide priorities.

The Clerk would renew the maintenance arrangements for 2004/5 with the City Council.

Highways

Road markings requested had only been partly done. Completion to be requested.

It was decided to proceed with the application for the establishment for the designation, as a public path, the route from the Allotment gate in Oxford Road to Boults Lane.

Overhanging trees at the Salford Road/Cavendish Drive junction to be reported.

The improvements to the roundabout at Headley Way were a considerable improvement. It was decided to request that similar improvements should be carried out at the Cherwell Drive roundabout.

Date of Next Meeting

2 March 2004

Precept – Post Draft Minutes

Mr. Cann stated that he was not aware that a 5% increase in the precept had been agreed and understood that there was to be no increase. After a discussion the other Councillors present also agreed that their understanding was that there was to be no increase. The Clerk stated that he had now informed the City Council of the 5% increase and this could not be rescinded. The Clerk also stated that the draft minutes are handed to the Chairman and Vice-chairman before being circulated to members for any corrections and no corrections were given.

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