

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th January 1999
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr A T Jones (Chairman)
Mr C W Haynes (Vice-chairman)
Mesdames Cowell, Cox, Deam, Nurse, Stone & Tiwari
Messrs Batey, Drinkwater & Phipps
The Clerk Mr L M Garner was in attendance
Mr A Critchley, City Councillor attended. Mr Yeoward apologised for absence

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd December 1998 were amended to require the Marston Saints Football Club to apply for Lottery finance as a condition of it's grant. They were then signed.

Matters Arising

It was agreed that the wording on the Memorial seat plaque should have the word "dedicated" added as the first word.

Correspondence

A letter was received from the Village Hall Management Committee suggesting a later start to Parish Council meetings. This did not find favour and Mrs Cox agreed to take the matter back to her Committee.

The following items were noted;

The Royal Society- Decline of song-birds

Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils- Bi-monthly circular

The Editor Marston Times- Thank you for donation

St.Nicholas Baby & toddler Group- Thank you for donation

Village Hall Management Committee- Thanks for past support, no request for assistance in 1999/00

Oxford City Council - Consultation documents relating to parking and traffic management in the City

Environment Agency- Cherwell Valley Plan

St.Nicholas School - Request for financial assistance towards the purchase of computing equipment

Old Marston Residents' Association- Minutes of meeting 8th December 1998

Oxfordshire County Council- Warning of budget cuts

Estimates

The Council decided to proceed with the items already agreed. It considered it prudent to do the full extension to the Burial Ground at an estimated cost of £8,500. It was decided that £4,000 should be funded from balances. The request from St.Nicholas School was considered and it was decided to grant £250. The addition of these figures would result in a precept of £22,600, detailed on the attached sheets. The Chairman signed the precept.

The Clerk suggested that in order to avoid consultancy fees he would, if the Council thought it appropriate, to undertake the professional services required for the Burial ground extension. The Council accepted this offer, a rate of remuneration to be determined at a later meeting after discussions with the Chairman.

A. M. T. Jones

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment;

St.Johns College Memorial Seat (paid between meetings) £150.00

Oxford City Council- Recreation Ground maintenance £545.55

Notice of resumption of Audit of accounts for 1997/8, commencing on the 18th January 1999 was received.

Clerk's Salary

The Council went into Committee to consider this item. After discussions the council meeting resumed. The Chairman outlined the sub-committees recommendations that the Clerk's salary should be increased to £3,813 from the 1st April 1997 and to £3,927 from the 1st April 1998. The Council accepted the recommendations.

Highways

The Clerk was asked to ascertain progress on the request for the adoption of the footpath from Horseman Close to Boults Lane. Mrs Tiwari said that the pothole, which was reported at her request following the last meeting, had not been repaired. This was noted. It was suggested that it would be helpful if the Members would use the Post-a-Pothole cards of which the Clerk would obtain a further supply.

Poor focusing of the City Football Club floodlights had again been reported to the City Council.

The Trust for the Oxfordshire Environment Ltd had written to say that it would not make a grant towards the cost of painting the mural.

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ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE 1999-2000

		£
Normal Expenditure say		13500
Expenditure already agreed		
Subway mural	3500	
less provision	<u>1000</u>	2500
Boults Lane Pavilion repair	2000	
less Club's contribution	<u>500</u>	1500
Allotment gates replacement say		600
Contingencies		1500
Burial Ground extension	8500	
less provision made 1998/9	<u>2500</u>	
	6000	
less provided from balances	<u>4000</u>	2000
The City Council have been asked for a contribution towards this		
Hedge cutting say		750
St.Nicholas School- request for assistance with computer purchase		250
<u>PRECEPT REQUIRED</u>		£ <u>22600</u>

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