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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9 January 2001
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr. C.W. Haynes Chairman
Mrs. C. Stone Vice-chairman
Mesdames Bradley, Cox, Nurse, and Tiwari
Messrs Batey, Bartleet, Cann, Drinkwater and Taylor
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance
City Councillor Mr. J. Coats

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 December 2000 were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising

Further correspondence was received from the New Marston Residents' Association. Mr. Batey had received copies and agreed to provide the liaison with the Council.

Correspondence

A reply was received to the request for re-cycling of waste collections to be extended to the entire Parish stating that the scheme was being extended by stages to cover the whole City by May 2002. It was decided to ask that this area should be included earlier rather than later. Care in replacing emptied boxes to be requested.

Planning

Applications

The following were considered : -

46 Elms Drive – Two-storey side and rear extension – No comment

27 Church Lane – Conversion of integral garage into living accommodation – attention to be drawn to the omission of a door into the house giving the impression of a separate use

Decisions

The following were reported: –

28 Lewell Avenue – side extension – refused

8 Beechey Avenue – new porch – approved

Other Matters

A letter was received from the County Council saying that the number of new houses planned to 2006 had been reduced to 2,430 per year, which Mr. Coats said was only marginally more than the present programme.

JR11 Extension

The Clerk reported that he had secured a meeting with Mr. M. Buchanan of Colin Buchanan and Partners, the traffic consultants appointed to investigate Park and Ride facilities to be provided as part of the JR11 extension. He said that the comments made regarding the possibility of a Park and Ride with an access from the A40 were heard with interest and would be considered in preparing the report. Mr Bartleet outlined the position relating to the Marsh Lane Site that appeared to have been included in the Local Plan in error, as the City or County Councils did not favour it. He said that the de-trunking of the Northern Bypass was unlikely to be completed before 2002. The Clerk was asked to outline this Council's views to the City and County Councils against the Marsh Lane Site, in the Local Plan, and in favour of the A40 site.

Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned for a few minutes to permit those present to view the "Red Moon" Eclipse

Ch Haynes

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

		£
R & M Pest Control	Moles	50.00
Oxford City Council	Burial Ground Rates	34.15

Precept

It was decided to limit the increase in the Precept to 5% fixing it at £30,500. It was signed. Of this £10,000 should be allocated to the Mortimer Hall Site for enhancement, fencing and repair of equipment. Bids for financial assistance from Victim Support and Oxsrad (after the submission of recent accounts) being deferred to the next financial year. A new notice board was proposed, the location to be determined at the next meeting, Mrs. Nurse dissented.

Recreation Ground

The Clerk had submitted objections to the Valuation Officer's entries in the Valuation Lists of 1995 and 2000 of £1,300 in each that would attract liability to the Business Rate in respect of the football pavilion in Boults Lane. He believed that there was a precedent set in a Valuation Court hearing that would, if sustained, have the entries deleted. The backdating of the Non-domestic Rate to 1 April 1995 would be checked. On that basis accounts totalling £3,533.40 had been issued by the City Council.

The Marston Saints F.C. had raised money via a charity match that they would like to use to provide a seat on the ground to the memory of two players killed in a car crash many years ago. Members were asked to recommend, at the next meeting, where an additional seat could be placed.

The Oxford Preservation Trust had written to suggest that a formal agreement should be entered into to cover the Council's use of the Mill Lane Site. There was no objection to this incorporating the present conditions. These permitted the use of the site as a playing field subject to the Council dealing with mowing and litter clearance.

A sub-committee of the Chairman, Mrs. Cox and Mr. Batey was formed to decide the work required to the play equipment on the Mortimer Hall Recreation Ground.

Highways

Traffic to St.Nicholas School at the beginning of the school day continued to be a problem. Whilst it had proved to be impossible to control parents who usually tried to get as close as possible to the school in their cars arrangements for taxis to get access could be improved. The Clerk would write to the Head Teacher.

Ms. Bradley had met Miss. K. Powley of the City Highways staff and drawn attention to many outstanding problems including the metalled path needed from Horseman Close to Elsfield Road.

The Clerk would tell City Works about loose kerbs at the corner of Elms Drive and Marsh Lane and would ask what long term plans had been made to replace setts with another product.

The police would be asked to deal with a lorry parked long term in Mill Lane.

Overhanging vegetation at both ends of Fane Road was reported.

The Clerk had resolved the problem of the adoption of the footpath from Boults Lane to Horseman Close by obtaining a statement from the Area Highway Engineer who confirmed that Paths and Bridleways shown on the Definitive Map that had been metalled were regarded as being adopted. School Lane fell under this determination.

A complaint had been made of the condition of the end of Mill Lane. The Clerk would press for a reply to his earlier letter concerning this.

Amby

A letter of complaint about the condition of verges in Marsh Lane would be supported and forwarded to the City Council.

The maintenance of the Mural had been discussed with Mr. Burchett, of the Highway Maintenance Dept. who agreed that it was his responsibility and would arrange repairs.

Any Other Business

Ms. Bradley said she had addressed a ~~further~~ meeting of the City Housing Committee dealing with anti- social behaviour in the Mill Lane area and felt that some progress was being made.

Date of Next Meeting

6 February 2001, Annual Parish Meeting 1 May 2001.

Ally

MILL LANE

ALLOTMENTS

FEBRUARY 2001

