


**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th July 1999
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr C W Haynes (Chairman)
Mesdames Bradley, Deam, King, Stone & Tiwari - *ce X* 
Messrs Agent, Batey & Taylor
The Clerk Mr L M Garner was in attendance
City Councillor attending was Mr Tiwari who arrived later

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Nurse, Mr Bartleet and City Councillor Mr Coats


A public session was held before the Meeting which was addressed by Miss A. Burn, the County Council Gypsy Liaison Officer, who described the activities of gypsies and travellers and the responsibilities of various Authorities towards them, notably education and health. She described the remedies available which differed according to the ownership of the land involved, trunk roads, County roads, property owned by Local Authorities or privately. Miss Burns said that there was no longer a duty on Councils to provide permanent sites and assured the Meeting that Oxfordshire was not a "soft-touch" for the travellers. In discussion attention was drawn to the general anti-social behaviour of many of them, rubbish left etc. but it was impossible to counter this other than by education. The Council meeting then commenced.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st June 1999 were confirmed and signed and the Minutes of the sub-committee on the 15th June 1999 were confirmed and accepted.

Correspondence

Copies of correspondence arising from the Minutes of the Old Marston Residents' Association on the 11th May 1999 were circulated and it was agreed that the matter was closed. Miss Bradley and Mrs Stone remained unhappy at the turn of events. *Were unhappy & referred to 15.6.99 sent by the Chairman.*

- The following items were noted;
- Oxfordshire County Council- County Plan 1999/2000
- National Association of Local Councils- Review of constitution 
- Oxford City Council- Members Information
- Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils- Annual accounts
- Oxfordshire Playing Field's Association- Newsletter
- Oxford City Council- Residents parking scheme for residents, Headington west

A survey of the year's activities of the Oxford Green Belt Network was received and it was decided not to renew the Council's membership

The Clerk received a call from the Manager of the Driving Standards Agency who had put up a notice in the waiting area drawing attention of Instructors of the need to avoid the School's area at the beginning and the end of the school day.

A copy of the new 13c bus timetable was received confirming the unevenness of the service dependant on the schools' timetables. The Clerk would write to the County Council to seek a regular service.

Planning

Applications

The following were considered;
6, Southcroft- Extension- No comment
12, Clays Close- Large extension- No comment
124, Arlington Drive- Extension- No comment

Decisions

The following were reported
Court Place Stadium- Covered stand- Approved
32, Mill Lane- New bungalow- Approved
112, Oxford Road- Extension- Approved
6, Oxford Road- Conservatory- Approved

Other Matters

Confirmation was received that the extension at 8, Oxford Road did not require planning approval.

Miss Bradley raised the disquiet felt by nearby residents of 6, Boults Lane, as evidenced in the Minutes of the Residents' Association Meeting, that the conversion of the bungalow into two dwellings would be detrimental to their amenities and asked whether the Council could support them. It was decided that these were not planning issues affecting the Parish and the Council should not be seen to take sides in such issues.

The City Council had decided to invite the Parish Council to appoint a Member to the Conservation Area Advisory Committee. Mrs Stone's offer to represent the Council was accepted.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

		£
Artworks	Painting mural, approved between meetings	1000.00
Nigel Young	Gavel	29.37
Artworks	Painting mural	1000.00
Liam Carroll Ltd	Work to pavilion	161.26
D.Herniman, reimbursement of Blanchford's bills for materials	Building materials	146.23

The Clerk to request payment of the promised contribution of £1,000 towards the mural from the City Council.

At the Auditor's request the Clerk's position as Responsible Finance Officer was confirmed, Mr Haynes continuing to oversee accounting procedures.

The Mortimer Hall Management Committee proposed that a charge of £6.00 per meeting be made to the Council. This was accepted.

Banking Arrangements

It was resolved that the appointment of the Natwest Bank, Abingdon Branch, as the Council's bankers be confirmed and that the Bank should be authorised to pay cheques drawn only against the current account when signed by two members of the three notified to the Bank from time to time and countersigned by the Clerk. The authorised members to be the Chairman, Vice-chairman and one other, currently Mrs. B. Deam. Should the

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account at any time become overdrawn the Bank is instructed to transfer, immediately, from any deposit account in the name of the Parish Council the sum required to clear that amount.

The Clerk is authorised to open suitable deposit accounts at his discretion and to transfer monies to or from the current account. No monies shall be taken from these accounts except by transfer to the current account.

These instructions to remain in force until notified to the bank in writing by the Clerk to the Council.

Building Society Account

In view of the better interest rate available it was decided that a postal account should be opened with the Bristol & West Building Society which should be instructed to credit interest to the account and to permit withdrawals by cheque only payable to Old Marston Parish Council and sent to the Clerk at the last notified address. Mandates for withdrawals to be signed by two of the following, the Chairman currently Mr C W Haynes, the Vice-chair currently Mrs E. Nurse and Mrs B. Deam, countersigned by the Clerk. On the satisfactory acceptance of these conditions £10,000.00 should be transferred from the Natwest Business Reserve account to the Society.

Recreation Ground

Mrs Cox would involve local children in considering what new amusements could be provided on the Mortimer Hall site.

The Oxford Preservation Trust had not yet replied to the request for permission to place some equipment on the Mill Lane site. It was believed that it did not favour the idea.

The Clerk had reminded the City Contracts Manager that his quotation for various works had not been received.

Boults Lane Pavilion

Mr Taylor's report was received and accepted. Work was progressing satisfactorily.

The Club requested permission to place a twenty feet by eight feet container at the north end of the Pavilion for storage. Planning consent was not required. The Chairman, Mrs. Stone, Mr. Batey and Mr. Taylor would inspect the site and authorise the Clerk to write and approve the proposal. Consent could always be withdrawn if necessary.

Highways

Confirmation was received from the City Council that the road surrounding the paved area in Cavendish Drive were adopted highways but ownership of the paved area was unknown.

The Clerk said that he would apply to the Land Registry for an Index Map Search.

Attention was drawn to grass on the cycle track, and overhanging vegetation at Park Way and Oxford Road to be passed to the City Council, also damage to verges at the corner of Mortimer Drive and The Link where the City would be asked to place bollards.

The Clerk was asked to pass to the Brewers the City Council's recommendations for a road sign suitable for the junction of the Victoria Arms access and Mill Lane indicating no access to the by-pass.

Burial Ground

Planning permission for the extension had been received, subject to a planting scheme.

The application for the diversion of the footpath could now proceed.

Other Matters

Mr Taylor's offer to try to find a suitable site for a noticeboard on the Arlington Drive estate was accepted.

The Chairman had received, from Mr. Batey, a suggestion that Members should be asked to oversee various aspects of the Council's work. The Chairman would report to the next meeting.

M. Batey
03.9.99