

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3 July 2001
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

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

Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Mr. Cann

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 June 2001 were confirmed and signed
M/s. Bradley suggested amendments to the Annual Meeting Minutes that would be implemented.

Planning

Applications

The following were considered:

3-13 Cavendish Drive – erection of a block of 5 dwellings (on the paved area)
There were two aspects to this application, the planning matters and the claim made by many residents that they had rights of use over the proposed site. The Clerk reminded the Meeting that the question of whether or not these rights existed were not matters for this Council's determination as they were potentially disputes between private parties. These were not discussed. On the planning issues it was decided to pass the following comments to the Planning Authority

It proposed an over development of the site

Inadequate parking within the development

The distance between the proposed block to the Fane Road properties was possibly short of that required

The access road is not as wide as shown without alteration

No footpath to the west side of the access

It removes parking from the area for which there is no replacement

It is not in keeping with the street scene and involves the removal of existing trees
And importantly the Fane Road residents were not informed.

30 Ewin Close – two storey rear extension – no comment. Neighbours to be informed

13 Beechey Avenue – Dormers to side and rear – no plans received but no comment subject to neighbours being informed.

46 Mill Lane – large extension – no comment subject to neighbours being informed

110 Oxford Road – extensions (amended plans) – no objection

Decisions

The following were reported:

Freestanding post pouch boxes in the Parish – refused

8 Dents Close – Side and rear extensions – refused

1 Beechey Avenue – rear extension – refused

2 Boults Close – front and rear extensions- permitted

Other Matters

Copies of the Residents' Association comments to planning applications were noted.

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John Radcliffe Hospital Extension

Mr. Coats and the Clerk reported on recent developments culminating in the matter being included on the City Planning Committee Agenda with a recommendation of approval the next day. He would endeavour to have the subject deferred. Mr. Coats had asked the SE Region of DETR (south east Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions) to call in the application that would result in an inquiry being held. The Clerk had supported this with documented submissions. In the event that the Committee granted permission Mr. Coats would ask that it should be put before full Council on 16 July 2001. Leaflets advertising the HAMATS proposals (Headington and Marston Transport Strategy), being put to public consultation 12 - 14 July 2001 in Headington, were circulated and members encouraged to make their own submissions. The Clerk would write to press for a cycle route from Elsfield Road to Cherwell Drive, the Headley Way cycle track to be on the uphill side, that the Cherwell Drive shop's car parking must not be removed. He would also draw attention to inaccuracies in the HAMATS pamphlet map, being the omission of Oxford City F.C., and Oxsrad.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment

		£
Parchment Ltd	Printing (paid between meetings)	120.00
Mrs. E.M. Smith	Refund of overpaid burial fees	50.00
District Audit	Audit fee 2000/01	435.54
D.L. Ward	Ground works to burial ground	700.00
L.M. Garner	Reimbursement for stationery etc.	63.18
J. Cooper	Burial ground maintenance	494.17

The refund to Mrs Smith was approved as the application to purchase was received before the fee increase but the sale deferred due to the shortage of vacant plots pending the extension.

Cornhill Insurance had agreed to cheques being banked within seven working days, against two demanded. The Clerk said that it should be practical and would proceed with the extended Fidelity Guarantee. The Chairman or Vice-chairman would make the monthly check of accounts required at the monthly agenda meeting.

Recreation Ground

The new amusements were being erected and would be completed soon. Authority was given for the firm's account to be paid between meetings.

There was no development in the grant of additional land.

The Clerk had reminded Greene King that work to the Red Lion hedge was now urgently required.

An amended Land Registry Certificate had now been received in respect of the Oxford Road Site showing the correct frontage to Oxford Road.

Formal confirmation had been received from the Valuation Officer reducing the rateable value of the pavilion to £450.

After four years the Clerk had received confirmation of the wayleave in respect of the underground cable in Boults Lane Recreation Ground together with the current year's payment. Similarly it had taken two years to get BT to produce a satisfactory agreement in respect of the three poles, also at Boults Lane. The Clerk was authorised to sign it. BT to pay £6.48 per pole per year on receipt of the signed agreement.

John Radcliffe

Highways

Mr. Bartleet was pleased to announce that the provision of a speed camera in Marsh Lane had been added to the list. He also said that the Education Authority had agreed to improve the condition of the strip of land between Marston Ferry Road and St. Nicholas School.

The artists who painted the mural had offered to attempt repair work for £100 per day plus materials for a trial four days. This was accepted.

It was noted that a nearby resident had cleared and prepared for and mowed the verge from Little Acreage to the flyover. The Clerk would write a letter of thanks to him if he can be identified and will request the City Council to add it to its mowing schedule.

Burial Ground

The ground works required for the burial ground extension were revised following the exceptionally wet winter and the area between the extension and the ditch would need grading to take surface water away. The Clerk had agreed £100 per day for man and machine to do the work. That was confirmed.

The Clerk had arranged for the railings to be erected, stating on 6 August 2001
A Deed of Grant in favour of Mrs. E.M. Smith was signed.

Date of Next Meeting

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