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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2 July 2002
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr. C.W. Haynes Chairman
Mrs. C. Stone Vice-chairman
Mesdames Bradley, Nurse, and Tiwari
Messrs Agent, Bartleet, Batey, Cann, Macfarlane and Taylor
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance
City Councillors Mrs. M. Clarkson and Mr. R. Darke

Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Mrs. G. Cox

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 June 2002 were confirmed and signed.

North East Area Committee

Mrs. Stone said that the only matter of direct interest to the Parish was the distribution of the S.106 money from the Islamic Centre. New Marston was claiming preference. The matter was deferred to the next meeting.

Correspondence

The following were noted

Risinghurst and Sandhills Parish Council request for support for its concern about America's activities in the Middle East
Receipt of the deposit copies of the Register of Members' Interests
OALC bi-monthly circular and notice of AGM

Planning

Applications

The following were considered:

96 Oxford Road – extension – no comment
Oxon C.C. – renewal of temporary consent for one year in respect of a temporary classroom at Marston Middle School – no comment

Decision

The following were reported:

1 Fairfax Avenue – new conservatory – approved
19 Oxford Road – loft conversion – approved
7 Arlington Drive – large extensions - refused

Other Matters

In discussions with planning staff, arising from the Council's comments to the new house proposal in Elsfield Road, attention was drawn to the possibility of pre-application advice, to applicants on the possible form of a subsequent application, being interpreted as an implied acceptance of the design leading to planning consent. It was said that some planning authorities give a written statement to intending applicants during any discussions explaining that any subsequent application would be subject to the usual consultation and consideration procedures and that no implied consent should be indicated. Mr. Darke said he would discuss this issue with the Manager of Planning Control and report back.

Headington and Marston Area Transport Strategy (Hamats)

The Chairman reported that he, accompanied by the Clerk, had been invited to become members of the HAMATS Steering Group and had attended their first meeting. He said that the invitation was a welcome recognition of the Council's position in the community and

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had given the best possible platform for furthering its policy. He thanked the Clerk for his efforts that had led to the invitation.

The Council's policies of promoting the A40 Link and retaining the Cherwell Drive shop parking were still being considered. The Clerk's offer to prepare a comparative report of the A40 link with the Maltfield Road alternative was accepted and that he be authorised to purchase copies of plans etc. required.

Draft Oxford Local Plan

The Plan had been published on 28 June and the consultation period ends on 9 August 2002. Contrary to previous occasions a free copy of the Draft had been denied. The City Members said they would endeavour to secure a free issue. The Clerk would formally submit the agreed Council's amendments relating to flat conversions and enter the proposed A40 and Maltfield Road links to the JR11 should they not already be included.

Accounts

The following account was passed for payment

		£
M.P. Security	Pavilion alarm maintenance	55.23

No volunteer had yet been found to audit the Council's accounts. The Clerk would contact new names given

A questionnaire on City Council grants policy was received. It was decided to write to the Chair of the City Council's Environment Scrutiny Committee to draw attention to the fact that environment improvements were paid for completely by the City Council in the unparished areas of the City but similar items in the parished areas were paid for from the parish precepts charged to parish residents and received no grant or assistance from City funds. Notable examples were parish halls and recreation grounds.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Ward to be asked to cut back overhanging vegetation from the Oxford Road Recreation Ground.

Special bins for the deposit of dog foulings to be requested at Boult's Lane and Adj.100 Arlington Drive.

The Chairman agreed to inspect the equipment and hedge in Boult's Lane and report back. The Scouts had signified general acceptance of the new offer subject to confirmation of boundaries and the use of the car park that would continue as before. The Clerk to arrange to have the lease completed.

An estimate of the cost on a supply only basis was received from Singer and James Ltd for an iron fence for the Mill lane frontage of the OPT land in the sum of £1892.00. It would be forwarded to the OPT for comment.

Mr. King had been asked to repair the damage to the seat in the Boult's Lane Recreation Ground.

Permission was granted for the Scout Fete on the Mortimer Hall Recreation Ground on 8 September 2002.

Outline planning consent had been granted for the new pavilion. Part of the application for grant depends on the proven quality of the football club and it was decided to ask Marston Saints F.C. to put its case in writing.

Highways

Potholes outside 71 Oxford Road and overhanging foliage at Walnut Tree House require attention.

It was decided to claim against the City Council for the lack of care by its Graffiti Cleaning Service that had resulted in considerable damage to the Mural.

Mayors

Burial Ground

The Clerk reported that one Memorial Mason had responded to his request for assurances that the erection procedures were safe and said that they complied with the standards prescribed by the National Association of Memorial Masons. The Clerk would recommend to the next meeting a form of words to be added to the Conditions.

Other Items

Mr Bartleet reported on the open day he had attended at the County Record Office. Members of the public were welcome to refer to the six miles of records held and organisations and businesses invited to deposit suitable records for posterity. Mr. A. Jones had also visited and agreed to write an article for the Marston Times.

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