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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 29 June 2004
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr. C.W. Haynes Chairman
Mrs. M.C. Stone Vice-chairman
Messrs Cann, Cox, Holmes, McGinn and Swift
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mesdames Cox, Nurse and Tiwari and Mr. Batey Mr. Bartleet attending the N.E. Area Committee

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 June 2004 were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising

It was decided that when a formal proposal was made and voted on the proposer's and seconder's names should be recorded together with the numbers voting.

North East Area Committee

The representative was attending the Meeting

Police Matters

P.C. Jackson attended and reported that although several minor and virtually unsolvable crimes had been recorded there had been no serious crimes in the Parish recently. After a general discussion, including the inevitable movement of drunks from the City centre, where they were now excluded, to the outer areas and related issues the Chairman thanked him for attending and he left the Meeting.

Correspondence

Further complaints about the local bus service were noted.

Mr. Cowell wished it to be known that he was arranging with the British Heart Foundation for a public seminar dealing with heart problems and survival from heart attacks on a Tuesday in September.

A letter from Oxfordshire Fire Control Unit requesting support to its opposition to reorganising the service was left on the table.

The Clerk had received no comment from the three other City Parish Councils to the proposal that Mr. Batey should be appointed to the Standards Committee. He had therefore passed Mr. Batey's nomination to the City Council.

Planning

Applications

The following were considered:

49 Oxford Road- Rear dormer – retrospective

The dormer erected without planning consent replaced a smaller one similar to the original at 47 and on the same scale as the extended roofs at 51 & 53. It is totally out of scale dominating the otherwise picture book quality of typical ancient village terraced cottages. Consent must not be granted and the property either restored to its former appearance or an acceptable alternative.

In the rear gardens of 46 & 48 Oxford Road fronting on to Bridle Way No. 8 that is the primary pedestrian route to St. Nicholas School that should not become open to traffic from two houses. The Rights of Way Officer at The County Council said that unless the title deeds of No.46 showed that a right of access from the Bridle Way the access could not be used. It is believed that no such right exists. About 35 years ago Mrs. Deam owned land that is now the northern part of the site of 56 Raymund Road. There being

no right of access to the land from Raymund Road an application to develop the site from the Bridle Way was submitted and refused on the grounds that although there was a five barred gate accessing the land from the Bridle Way permission was refused on the grounds that it was an ancient farm access not giving rise to general use. Strong objections to the application were decided.

106 Arlington Drive - Single story extensions to front and rear - no comment

17 Beechey Avenue - first floor rear extension - no comment

13 Oxford Road - demolition and provision of new shop, four flats and seven car spaces, including two for No.15. It was hoped that the new shop would find a tenant, as it was so essential to the area

Concern was expressed at the apparent additional height of the building and its relationship with surrounding property. Unfortunately the required existing elevations were missing as were the end elevations proposed; the Clerk would write re. this.

Adj. 17 Oxford Road - conversion of existing outbuilding into a residential unit - no comment

111 Oxford Road - two storey side and single storey side extensions- no comment

Decisions

The following were reported:

R/o 109 Oxford Road - erection of ten houses - refused.

12 Boults Lane - conservatory - approved

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment

	£
Mortimer Hall Management Committee	
Mrs. G. Cox	18.00
	Use of Hall April - 1 June Meetings
	Reimbursement of attendance charges at Oxon. Playing Fields Assn. Meeting. Fee paid last month returned
	20.00
Land Registry	4.00
	Enquiry Fees

Recreation Ground

Solicitors for the Scouts had checked the lease plan with the Land Registry that revealed a discrepancy at the west boundary. That would involve an application to the Land Registry for title plans for 5 & 6 Boults Close at a cost of £4.

It was decided for two poo deposit bins to be placed on the grass verge on the Bridle Way on the side of 43 Raymund Road and adjoining the gap in the fence opposite the pavilion in Boults Lane recreation ground.

A letter was received from the City Council, Parks Development Manager, giving consent for the car barrier across the Boults Lane Recreation Ground access road.

Highways

In response to the request the Street Lighting Dept. suggested two lamps for Ponds Lane for which a contribution of £1,073.33 would be required. It was considered that, as there was an existing light at either end of Ponds Lane, one on the middle bend would suffice, presumably at half the cost. That was accepted.

A letter complaining that the decorative paved area on the corner of Horseman and Jessops Close rear access was resurfaced with tarmac that soon deteriorated was received. It was decided to support the complaint.

Burial Ground

The Clerk was asked to write to the maintenance team expressing concern at the delay in starting the grass cutting this year, also requesting early notification of any future problems.

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Contractors Nominations and Outstanding Tasks

The Clerk circulated a list of local contractors and one of the types of work anticipated. Both were approved. The Clerk would send to the nominees the work list for them to state which items they would wish to be invited to tender. The Risk and Safety List was circulated and would be reviewed at the next meeting when contractors replies had been received.

Date of Next Meeting

7 September 2004

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