

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OLD MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE MORTIMER HALL AT 7.30p.m

ON TUESDAY 4th JUNE 1996

Members present were: Mr A T Jones (Chairman)  
Mr C W Haynes (Vice-chairman)

and all members of the Parish Council  
The Clerk Mr L M Garner was in attendance.

Correspondence

Oxfordshire Rural Community Council-Exemptions of rights to  
buy Housing Association properties  
Oxford City Council-Members Information sheet  
District Audit-Notice of audit commencing 9.15a.m. 8th July  
Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association-Newsletter  
Oxford Brookes University Summer one day courses

Allotment Site-Mill Lane

The Clerk reported that he had discussed the outline planning application, which had been submitted, with Mrs Spencer as a local representative. She had suggested that the City Council might wish to call a public meeting to discuss the application which was in parallel with the undertaking given at the Annual Parish Meeting. Two separate meetings were clearly not required and it was decided that the Parish Council should make the meeting known by a leaflet to households indicating the Parish Councils' initiative but to permit the City Council to formally call the meeting should it wish to comply with planning requirements. Convenient dates in July were suggested.

The Clerk was asked to write to reply to the letter from The Old Marston Residents' Association to correct the erroneous statements made on its behalf.

Planning

Applications

The following applications were considered:

Marston Vicarage-Extension for lobby and study-  
No comment

1 Beechey Avenue-Extensions to roof and rear-No comment  
33 Cherwell Drive-Front canopy and conversion of garage  
into part of house- No comment

Decisions

The following were reported:

1 Fairfax Avenue-Extension-Approved  
3 Windsor Crescent-Extension-Approved

It was noted that the plans for this extension had not reached the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to obtain a copy.

OXFOLD CITY COUNCIL PLANNING FEES

Accounts

£1040 SHOULD HAVE BEEN LISTED HERE

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Tradewind- Building work to Village Hall	£1762.50
L M Garner- Salary and Expenses-	£990.58
Marston Church Properties-Use of Hall	
Feb-May inc.	£48.00
W J Cooper- Burial Ground Maintenance	£267.50
Thames Water- Allotments	£12.42

Clerk's Salary

A circular was recieved from the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils recommending an increase of 2.95% in Clerk's salaries. It was decided that the Clerks salary should be increased by this percentage.

Recreation Ground

In response to a request from Marston Saints F.C. the Clerk had met Mr Buckland at the pavilion to discuss essential improvements to the shower area. The Clerk said the area was in a very poor state and Mr Buckland suggested that some temporary improvements should be made pending more work in a years time. The real problem was the lightweight construction of the pavilion and the permanent solution would have to be reconstruction. It was decided that two options should be investigated. Firstly the demolition of the shower area replaced by a permanent structure by a builder, alternatively the provision of materials by the Parish Council and labour from Club members. The Clerk was asked to inform Mr Buckland accordingly.

The Clerk undertook to write to the two teams using the facilities with the consent of the Marston Saints F.C. to request that they be insured against third party claims.

Highways

Pot-holes on the Arlington Drive estate were reported.

Burial Ground

The Clerk drew the Councils' attention to the loss incurred in operating the Burial Ground last year. It was decided that burial and purchase fees should be increased to £75 (Doubled in respect of persons not residing in the Parish at the date of death and that memorial fees should be increased to £35.

The Clerk reported that a double plot was purchased by a Mrs S. Boulton at the time of the burial of her partner Trevor Hunt. A letter had been received from Mr Hunt's sister indicating that the second plot was intended for her mother and that Mrs Boulton had remarried and moved away. The request was that the vacant plot should be assigned to Trevor Hunt's mother, Mary Hunt who did not qualify for burial in the burial ground because she had no residnetial links with Old Marston. It was decided that an exception should be made and that the plot should be transferred to her on receipt of a confirmatory letter from Mrs Boulton.

Other matters

The Clerk reported that the plans of the proposed television cable ducts had been on deposit before the meeting and had been inspected by some twenty people.

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