

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3rd June 1997
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr A T Jones (Chairman)
Mr C W Haynes (Vice-chairman)
Mesdames Cowell, Cox, Deam & Stone
Messrs Bartleet, Carrington, & Phipps

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Nurse & Mrs Tiwari
The Clerk Mr L M Garner was in attendance.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th May 1997 were approved and signed. It was noted that no mention had been made of the fact that Mrs Stones's letter relating to the filling of a casual vacancy, had not been read at the April meeting.

Correspondence

The following were received;
Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils- Bi-monthly circular, Members to be circulated with details of the Rating Act 1997

Oxford City Council- Members' Information sheet
Rural Development Commission- Action for market towns
Environment Agency- Offer of update of catchment areas- It was decided to ask for details of the Cherwell Area

Planning

Application

The following was received;
17, Gordon Close- Extension & demolition of garage- No comment

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment;

Oliver & Sons Ltd- Printing hand-bills	£67.00
Valuation Office Agency- Valuation fee	£264.38
L M Garner- Salary & Expenses	£1068.62

Allotments

It was decided that the four original allottees should, subject to agreements being reached with the Allotment Association on Tenancy Agreement etc., be offered new tenancies at £14.00 per plot.

Details of the Allotment's Association's choice of plots was not received in time for it to be circulated with the agenda and, as not all applicants had been shown on the plan the Clerk would complete the details for agreement by the members later. It was noted that the Allotment Association were seeking the advice of the National Association on the tenancy agreement. It was not therefore possible to sign agreements yet.

It appeared that some of the intending tenants had entered on the site. It was agreed that they should not be permitted to carry out any work prior to tenancies being formalised, until this happened they would probably be regarded as trespassers and not covered by the Council's insurance.

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Two quotations were received for removing the hard-core etc. deposited on the smaller area, from Redlime Ltd approximately £7000 and from D.Ward in the sum of £2000. It was decided that the lesser quotation should be accepted.

Recreation Ground

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had inspected the amusements in the light of Wicksteed's report. He recommended that two flat swing seats should be purchased and the amusements painted where necessary.

The Chairman had considered the proposal to erect a new galvanised gate which would be out of keeping. He recommended that a traditional gate should be used which with the fencing and stile already ordered would cost about two hundred pounds. His recommendation was accepted.

They had also inspected the trees complained about by Mr Barton of Clays Close. It was apparent that a major cause of the over-shadowing was a small tree standing on Mr Barton's land. It was suggested that he should deal with this before the Council takes any action.

The Chairman reported that he had agreed to the Scouts holding their fete on the Mortimer Hall site on the 8th June 1997.

Marston Saints

Attention was drawn to the fact that the Club was holding events outside the agreement for their use of the pitch, without seeking prior consent. A five-a-side tournament had been held over the previous weekend. It was a noisy event and lasted most of the day. A barbecue ~~and beer tent~~ had been erected. After the event some fourteen bags of rubbish had been left near the litter bin which had been removed on request, but the next day the litter bin was full of bottles and tins. This conduct was unacceptable and the Clerk was asked to write accordingly to the Chairman of the Club. It was decided to ask that the lighting posts should be painted.

Highways

Repairs to the sub-way lighting were again being undertaken. Attention was drawn to broken glass.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs Harley at The Orchard to ask that her front hedge be treated so as to stop it over-hanging the footpath.

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