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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1st June 1999
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr C W Haynes (Chairman)
Mrs Nurse (Vice-chairman)
and all Members of the Council
The Clerk Mr L M Garner was in attendance
City Councillor Mr K. Tiwari also attended

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th May 1999 were confirmed and signed.
The question of the publication of the Minutes was again discussed and the Clerk was asked to display the draft Minutes on the noticeboard as soon as they had been agreed by the Chairman.

Correspondence

The following were noted;
Oxford Area Health Authority- Proposed changes to Drug Addiction Service
Mrs M. Jones- Letter of appreciation for the Memorial Seat
National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Ltd- Information re-society
Oxford City Council- Members' Facts Sheets
The Minutes of the last meeting of the Old Marston Residents' Association were received and the derogatory allegations noted. The statement that the Council had been timid in considering youth provision is untrue. It was the prime mover in promoting the sale of the Mill Lane land in 1995 in order to create funds for the benefit and use of the Parish community.
The statement that the allotment hedges should be laid "when they had recovered" misrepresented the true position. They were initially cut professionally in the manner used in the countryside. Mr Agent, on behalf of the Allotment Association confirmed that the hedges were being properly maintained at a height which screened traffic. The Chairman said that he would write to the Residents' Association.

Bus Service

The Oxford Bus Company replied saying that the withdrawal of the estates bus service was a direct result of the withdrawal of a subsidy from the County Council and, unless it was restored, which Mr Bartleet confirmed was unlikely, no further service could be contemplated.
The revised timetable for the 13c service was received. It was so confusing that the Clerk was asked to write to the County Council Transport Officer.


OXSRAD

Mrs Tiwari's offer to represent the council on the Oxsrads Committee was accepted.

Planning

Applications

The following were considered:
6, Oxford Road- Conservatory- No comment
6, Boults Lane- Conversion of bungalow into two houses- No comment



Other Matters

The Clerk was asked to draw the Planning Authority's attention to 8, Oxford Road where building work appeared to be taking place for which no planning consultation had been received.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment;

	£
Oxfordshire Association of Membership & Review copies	432.87
Local Councils	
ditto	27.50
Publications	1155.30
Mr L M Garner	1184.25
Salary & Expenses	
Public Works Loans Board	
Loan redemption (Estimate)	

It was noted that 794 copies had been taken during the quarter.

The Clerk was asked to investigate, further, deposit rates from Building Societies and telephone banking.

Marston Saints F.C.

Mr Taylor reported on the work required to the pavilion . He was happy that the Club's offer to provide the labour at no cost to the Council was sound and that the grant of £500 promised at the December 1998 should cover materials costs. It was decided to permit the Club to proceed on this basis.

Recreation Ground

The Clerk had found it necessary to request the City Council to remove offensive graffiti from the play equipment.

Highways

Mr Bartleet reported on the continuing difficulty of stopping the floodlights from the City F.C. ground causing dazzle. The Clerk would arrange a meeting of the interested parties.

Mr Bartleet said that the future of footpath repairs was somewhat brighter, funds being available this year and possibly increasing over the next two years. The initial work would be resurfacing of footpaths in Rippington Drive, Oxford Road adjoining the service road and Beechey Avenue.

Traffic remained a concern in the vicinity of the schools at the beginning and at the end of the school days. This was exacerbated by driving instruction taking place in the area. The Clerk was asked to write to the driver examination centre requesting that instructors should be asked to avoid the area at sensitive times.

The Clerk was asked to establish the ownership of the paved area off Cavendish Drive.

It was decided to ask the City Council to carry out maintenance work to the cycleway between Croft Road and Edgeway Road.

In view of potential further problems with gypsy parking in the parish it was decided to invite the County Gypsy Liason Officer to attend the next meeting.

The City Council to be recommended to provide a suitable sign in Mill Lane to warn drivers of children playing in the road.

Mural

The artist said that they had designs ready and the Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with them and Members, as a sub-committee, as soon as possible. The City Council had agreed to deal with the graffiti.

Burial Ground

The City Council had refused the request for a grant towards the cost of the extension.

Other Matters

The proposal that the Millennium sub-committee should be reformed was not proceeded with as there were no volunteers to run it.

Presentation to the retired Chairman

Members wishing to be associated with and attend the presentation agreed to subscribe to the cost of a tankard and wine and nibbles for the presentation on 6th July 1999 to which Mrs Jones would also be invited. The inscription "Alun Jones In recognition of his service to Old Marston Parish Council" was agreed. The Chairman and Clerk would make the arrangements.

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6 July 1999

**Minutes of the Sub-committee of Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 15 June 1999
in the Mortimer Hall**

The purpose of the Meeting was to finalise arrangements for painting the mural.

Present were-

- Mr C. Haynes, Chairman
- Mrs. E. Nurse, Vice-chair,
- Mesdames Bradley, Cox, Deam, King and Tiwari,
- ~~Mr Taylor~~ *Mr BENT*
- The Clerk, Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance

An apology for absence was received from Mr. Taylor and Mr. Batey.

The Artists, M/s. P. Dimitropoulos and Mr. I. Tracy said they had examined the variety of subjects, including the Fairground favoured by Mrs. Deam, put to them following the last Council meeting and concluded that they were too diverse to provide a cohesive mural. Their suggestion was that a single theme should run all through the mural and produced examples based on a market theme to which a background of prominent Old Marston buildings could be added. This was accepted and the Artists were requested to proceed.

For the flat surface the agreed cost of £3,500, including materials and associated costs, was confirmed. The Artists requested an advance payment of £500 for materials which was paid.

The Clerk was asked to confirm the arrangement in writing. The Artists were asked to liase with Mr. Castle, the City Street Services Manager, concerning graffiti removal and the protection of the work as it proceeded. The Clerk would provide accommodation for the storage of paints etc. and lend them the bollard key. Mr. Haynes to arrange for the use of the Mortimer Hall toilets. Work was expected to take 3 to 4 weeks

The rough surface, which would have to be spray painted, for which a separate quotation of £1,000 including materials etc., would be planned later.

MBent
15 July 1999