

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5 June 2001
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr. C.W. Haynes Chairman
Mrs. C. Stone Vice-chairman
Mesdames Cox, and Nurse
Messrs Agent, Bartleet, Batey, Cann, and Taylor
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance
City Councillor Mr. J. Coats

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Ms. Bradley, Mrs. Tiwari and Mr. Mcfarlane

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 May 2001 were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising

Mr. Batey regretted that he had been unable to obtain a place at the Green Belt Conference.
Mr. Agent reported that the new allotment gates had been erected and a bus shelter had appeared in Mill Lane

Correspondence

Royal Mail was still unable to give a date for the installation of the new post box.
The Clerk had received confirmation that he had been re-appointed as the Council's nominee governor of St. Nicholas School until 31 August 2005
Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils circular containing an invitation to a meeting on 27 June 2001 of Council Chairmen - Vice-chairmen to deputise; notes of changes to travel allowances, proposed changes to accounting procedures and an invitation to purchase a copy of the new edition of the Local Council Handbook was accepted.

Planning

Applications

The following were considered:

- 2 Boults Close – large extension – no comment
- adj. 107 Oxford Road – erection of a new house attached to 107 - concern about the position and safety of proposed entrance changes
- 1 Beechey Avenue – erection of a three storey extension at the rear – Refusal recommended, over development of the site leaving too little amenity space between it and the adjoining bungalow, not in keeping with the locality

Decisions

The following were reported:

- 16 Horseman Close – garage and wall – approved
- 21 Mortimer Drive – new pitched roof – approved
- 71 Oxford Road – pair of new houses refused
- 110 Oxford Road – large extension – refused

Other Matters

A plan of an extension to 28 Lewell Avenue approved in 1994 was circulated for comment. The consent having probably expired the applicant would be advised to reapply.
The exors. of the owner of 71 Oxford Road submitted details of a proposed new application for comment. It showed one new bungalow (instead of two houses) with accesses to serve the site and the roadside part of the existing property. A new access would possibly be

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required for the land to the north of the existing property to serve the cottage behind. The reduced scale of the development was welcomed but concern remained about access. Mr. Batey reported on the City Council public meeting to discuss the Local Plan Review. It was not particularly successful as there was no public discussion, just the opportunity to make individual comments.

City Planning Committee

Mr. Coats gave notice that the method of determining City Planning Applications is to change wef. 15 October 2001. After that date 12 councillors for groups of wards would determine them, instead of centrally. This area would comprise this parish, Marston, New Marston and part of Risinghurst and Sandhills.

John Radcliffe Extension

The Clerk was progressing with the Council's submission in support of the A40 Site for a Park and Ride Car Park that he hoped to circulate soon. Mr. Coats said that there was support developing. The Marsh Lane site had now been abandoned and it would be important to ensure that its designation was not continued into the new Local Plan.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment

		£
Mortimer Hall Management Committee	Use of Hall	18.00
MP security	Pavilion alarm maintenance	54.46
Oxon. Assn. Local Councils	Subscription	439.14
Butterworths	Local administration handbook	30.50
Oxford City Council	Burial Ground Rates	33.93
C.D. Ward	Allotment Gates	422.38
L.M. Garner	Salary and expenses	1379.61

Recreation Ground

Mr. Coats was pressing the city Council for a decision on this Council's request for the land between Boults Lane Recreation Ground and Marsh Lane to be made available to make the erection of a new pavilion possible. He thought that if the proposed site for the new building was at the Boults Lane end an advantageous transfer might be more likely. This was accepted.

The Clerk has concluded negotiations with the District Valuer and had secured a reduction in the assessment from rateable value £1300 to £450. The rates payable would be subject to discretionary rate relief of up to 80% because of the sporting use.

Mr. Barton's request to be permitted to cut the hedge adjoining his property and the Boults Lane Recreation Ground was granted.

Highways

Mr. Coats agreed to try to get the double yellow lines restriction at the "S" bends in Horseman Close into a planned programme.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Oxford City F.C. Chairman to reinforce the complaint about the floodlights.

Attention was drawn to poor visibility at the flyover caused by grass not being cut back far enough. Mr. Bartleet said he would deal with this.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Highway Authority to stress the need for a speed camera near the bridge in Marsh Lane.

The Dept. of Transports proposal to de-trunk the Northern By-pass had been accepted by the County and City Councils. The target date being October 2001.

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Burial Ground

It was decided, prompted by the need to provide more funds for the extension and changes in the City Council's charges, to increase the fees for burial and plot purchase to £175 each with immediate effect

In view of the improved condition of the Ground due to the efforts of the caretaker, and changes in market rates, to increase the hourly rate to £7.50 effective from the beginning of this season.

Mr. Ward had started ground works for the extension

Date of Next Meeting

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