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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11 June 2002
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mrs. C. Stone Vice-chairman, in the Chair
Mesdames Bradley, Cox and Nurse
Messrs Agent, Cann, Macfarlane and Taylor
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance
City Councillor Mrs. M. Clarkson

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from the Chairman, Mrs. Tiwari and Messrs. Bartleet and Batey, also City Councillor Mr. R. Darke.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 May 2002 were confirmed and signed.

Web Site

By invitation Mr. J. Coats described how the Council could have a space on a web site that he was running. There would also be space for other local organisations to have an entry but there was doubt ~~whether any~~ support would be forthcoming from them. It was decided that the Council should "have a go" and hope that others would follow. The Clerk agreed to put items like the agendas and minutes together with static details on the site but would not be willing to receive messages as part of the service. Mrs. Stone thanked Mr. Coats for attending and he left the meeting. C

North East Area Committee

Mrs. Stone said that Mrs. M. Christian had taken the Chair. There were no planning applications affecting the Parish but the future of Milhamford School was causing concern. It appeared that the main building would be converted into flats and some 140 new dwellings built at the rear. There was still a possibility that it could become a Catholic School serving a very large catchment area as far as ten miles from the site. This would bring a large increase in traffic to the site.

Correspondence

The following were noted:

Revised bus times Routes 13 & 13c

The Clerk's continuing efforts to ensure that parish councils retain their Statutory Consultee status on planning applications and to ensure that the changes to election dates did not disadvantage the Council.

The creation of the Oxfordshire Community Partnership Forum was noted

Planning

Applications

The following were considered:

47 Arlington Drive – Large extensions – inappropriate in size and content for the locality. Dealt with between meetings

19 Oxford Road – loft conversion – no comment

1 Fairfax Avenue – new conservatory – no comment

Adj. Burial Ground Elsfeld Road – new house – serious objections to style and concept, totally out of keeping with the surroundings of the Conservation Area. After the meeting the Clerk spoke to the Planning Office and it appeared that the plans had been prepared with the agreement of the planning Officer and there was surprise that an objection had been lodged. This raises a concern to be considered at the next meeting. M. Stone

Decisions

The following approvals were reported:

- 4 Cannons Field – Conversion of garage to living accommodation
- 71 Oxford Road – division into two dwellings
- 1 Beechey Avenue – conversion into three flats

Other Matters

The OPT suggested that the Council should discuss, with the new tenant of the Victoria Arms, the issue of the unauthorised signs and flood light. As the matter was already in the hands of the Enforcement Officer it was decided to take no further action.

The Clerk continued to press for the parking restriction outside the shop.

It was decided that the Chairman, Vice-chairman, Mrs. Nurse, Mr. Macfarlane and the Clerk should seek to meet Alison Bartleet, of the Oxford Mail, and Reg Little, of the Oxford Times, to seek publicity for the Council's preferred route for P&R busses to the JRII via the A40 link.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment

		£
Buildbase Ltd.	Bricks etc. (paid between meetings)	607.29
Oxford City Council	Mowing recreation areas	235.52
Oxon Assn. Of Local Councils	Subscription	444.02
D.L. Ward	Services to bricklayer in Burial Ground	260.00
L.M. Garner	Salary and expenses	1521.19

No volunteer had come forward to audit the Council's accounts, enquiries would continue

Recreation Ground

On review it was decided that as the oblique wooden fences at either end of the Mill Lane frontage of the OPT land were substantial and had not been damaged it was decided to get a quote for iron railings for the gap between them.

St. Anthony Church had selected 28 July 2002 for its Parish Picnic.

Highways

The lights to the garage area at the rear of Mortimer Drive were still causing concern to nearby residents.

Setts and paths still needed many repairs,

The stile at the allotment boundary on footpath No. 5 was dangerous. The Clerk would write to the Footpaths Officer.

That the elm at the corner of Oxford Road and Elsfield Road had died and the overhang of trees at the corner of Salford Road and Cavendish Drive would be reported.

Road drains had failed to work in recent storms at the Oxford Road Recreation Ground frontage and outside 46 Oxford Road these would also be reported.

Agreement as to the position of the boundary between the Scout lease and the pavilion had been reached with the Troop whose written agreement was awaited.

Considerable damage had been done to the Mural by the Graffiti Removing Gang. The Clerk had written to the City Council and would pursue the matter.

Date of Next Meeting

3 September 2002

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