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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1 June 2004
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr. C.W. Haynes Chairman
Mesdames Cox, Nurse, and Tiwari
Messrs Cann, Cox and Swift
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance
City Councillor Mr. R. Darke

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. M.C. Stone Vice-chairman, Messrs Bartleet and Batey and City Councillor Mrs. M. Clarkson

Minutes

The Minutes of the Council and Annual Meetings held on 4 May 2004 were confirmed and signed.

Correspondence

An invitation, from the City Council, was received for the nomination from the combined Parishes for a member of the Standards Committee. Mr Batey currently served and was re-nominated, subject to the agreement of the other parishes.

A letter was received from BT proposing that the phone box at the Oxford Road end of the Marston Ferry Road cycle track should be removed due to lack of use. The Clerk was asked to respond drawing attention to the fact that the kiosk was placed there as a safety measure because of attacks to users of the cycle track at that time.

North East Area Committee

Mr. Darke reported that no matters were discussed affecting the Parish. In response to a question he confirmed that there was now little prospect of any of the S.106 money from the Islamic Centre being available for a Parish project.

Next Meeting 29 June 2004. Clerk to arrange representation.

Planning

Applications

The following was considered:

12 Boults Lane – conservatory – no comment, the Chairman having declared an interest in the proposal and taking no part in the decision.

Decision

The following were reported:

5 Nicholas Avenue – extension and conversion into 2 x 2b/r flats – refused

Park Farm Edgeway Road – conservatory – approved

3 Cotswold Crescent – extension - approved

Other Matters

A letter from a resident in the vicinity of the proposed development at the rear of 109 Oxford Road was received was noted. The Clerk to acknowledge the letter.

A Consultant, appointed by the City Council, had invited the Clerk to attend a meeting of representatives from the wards comprising the North East Area to discuss problems affecting living conditions of residents of the area; policing, shopping, recreation, transport etc. Two matters were discussed in detail being matters affecting council tenants raised by representatives from the two major estates Resident's Associations and planning where instances of problems arising from the conversion of estate houses into flats. A report would be produced in due course.

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The Clerk spoke Mrs. Christofoli, who was present, because of her involvement in the distribution of small grants available and claimed for the Parish. She said that the payments were in progress and would be writing in due course.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment:

	£
Oxfordshire Playing fields Assn. Mrs. Cox & Mr. Cann attendance at OPFA Conference	20.00
L.M. Garner Quarter Salary	1418.22
B & B Locksmiths Keys for Boults Lane Gate	
Paid between meetings	98.70

Recreation Ground

Mrs. Cox and Mr. Cann reported on their attendance at the OPFA Conference that dealt with, most importantly, safety issues. They would present a summary of actions required for the next agenda. It was important that actions taken should be recorded in the minutes.

It was decided to order two new seats to replace those damaged in the Boults Lane Ground with two Bramley steel seats from Orchard Street Furniture at a cost of £336.70 each plus VAT.

It was decided to ask Mr. M. Baldwin of 22 Horseman Close to cut the hedge between 15 Jessops Close and the Boults Lane Ground.

Boults Lane Pavilion

The Chairman reported on the meeting, called by the Football Association (FA) and Football Foundation (FF), he attended with the Clerk to discuss the proposed new building. They were positive saying that subject to approval of Business and Development Plans by Marston Saints F.C. their organisations would support the proposal, suggesting that a grant of 60% could be available, increased in special circumstances. The development by the Parish Council would be acceptable and an agreement on the lines obtained by the Clerk could form the basis for an agreement with the Club for the use of the facilities.

The decision to be taken was for the way forward.

It was accepted that the present building was the subject to serious reservations on safety and health grounds from Council inspections and that these concerns could not be dealt with on the present "temporary" structure now 30 years old. Its only future would be demolition and the demise of the Club.

It was decided to start the process towards the Council building a new pavilion on the site of the present building.

On agreement with the Club as to the conditions of use of the building (the Clerk would amend the draft obtained and subject to approval by members of the sub-committee forward it to the Club) the Club would prepare and obtain approval from the FA and FF of its Business and Development plans.

It would be preferable if the Club rented the additional land adjoining Marsh Lane direct from the City Council. As a Club would be likely to fare better in a grant application to the City Council than would the Parish Council. The Club would be requested to deal with the issue concurrent with the above since all were inter dependant.

Following those steps the Council would commit the expenditure required to obtain from the preferred architect the details required to get a realistic estimate of the costs. A budget of £5,000 was agreed.

The next stage would be to put the information to a Parish Meeting.

Minor Works

The Clerk was asked to circulate a list of the types of work required to local contractors for them to indicate the items for which they wished to be considered. From the information received a list of approved contractors would be prepared.

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Highways

Progress on the claim that an additional public footpath had become established on the allotments between Oxford Road and Boults lane had stalled due to the lack of the information requested by the County Council. It proved to be unobtainable. It was therefore proposed that the application should proceed supported by the Parish Council. The proposal was seconded and carried.

Road repairs required at Fane and Raymund Roads.

The City Council had declined to repair the fence at the entrance to Horseman Close.

The Clerk was asked to acknowledge a letter drawing attention to the unkempt appearance of let houses near the Cherwell Drive roundabout, there being no effective action that the Council could take.

It was noted that repair painting of the mural was progressing.

Burial Ground

The Clerk would contact the maintenance men, as the grass was not being cut.

Date of Next Meeting

29 June 2004. The Clerk to arrange attendance at the NE Area Committee meeting that evening.

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