

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6 June 2005
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr. C.W. Haynes Chairman
Mesdames Cox and Nurse
Messrs Bartleet, Batey and Cox
and City Councillor Mrs. C. vanZyl.
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance
Mr. D. Manson, Local Auditor, also attended

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. M.C. Stone Vice-chairman, Mr. McGinn and City Councillor Mrs. M. Clarkson

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 3 May 2005 were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising

The Chairman said he would arrange the inscriptions required for the new seats that had been delivered.

The Clerk was asked to press the contractor, Mr. I. Ward. for work to be completed
A reply was received from the MP to the problems of increasing traffic being generated by the JR11 extension drawn to his attention. He enclosed a copy of a reply received from the County Director for the Environment. A précis of the reply is:

- Bus services under review including the A40 link
- Possible P&R service from Water Eaton to JR11
- More RPZ's
- Survey of Marsh Lane roundabouts
- Increase from 500 to 800 visitors parking places. Staff capped at 1680

North East Area Committee

There were no matters to report

Planning

Applications

The following were considered:

R/o. 109 Oxford Road – erection of 8 houses and appurtenances – strong recommendation for refusal. There was no improvement to the access that is inadequate. It is also on a bend. Only one car space per dwelling plus two for visitors is inadequate. Visitors will still come, having nowhere to park and with the strong possibility of two car households the result will be onsite chaos and cars parked off site, probably on Oxford Road where busses are already delayed by parked cars from the houses having no off road parking. Refusal recommended

75 Oxford Road. Mr. and Mrs. Sumner of 73 Oxford Road were invited to speak to this item. Strong recommendation for refusal. Although the application calls the development bungalows they have upstairs accommodation and are therefore houses (please refer to the Oxford English Dictionary).

The mass of the west elevation (from the road) of the proposal is greater – 15m x 6.7m against 11m x 6.4m and the north 20.2m long against 10.8m. These measurements by an amateur! However from every aspect the proposed "bungalows" are more intrusive than the earlier proposals that were refused and to the man in the street even more out of keeping with the ambience of the entry into the Conservation Area. Neighbours windows are still obscured. The required alteration to the road entrance will ruin the cohesion of the present frontage of the four bungalows and the south elevation bringing

the development right up to the road wall totally unacceptable. Some might say that the chalet style is preferable but none of the eleven present was of that opinion. It is hoped that the application will be called in and refused, if not refused earlier in the process.

21 Lewell Avenue – front dormers – no comment

17 Beechey Avenue – conservatory – neighbours comments should help to decide the fate of this application. Consideration of the application was hindered by inadequate plans being submitted (not an isolated instance) since the site plan required, according to your current application package, “...not less than 1/1250 scale...showing the site...its boundary...and its relationship to the surrounding development” deficient. Under the Other Drawings provision “... a scale of not less than 1/100.... in sufficient detail to give a clear picture of ...its relationship to its surroundings.” Again not complying with your requirements. New work must be distinctively coloured – another non-compliance. It is suggested that the application be rejected until your conditions have been complied with.

R/o 2 Mortimer Drive – this application is expected to be a rerun of a similar nature to the earlier submission for a separate building in the garden to which there was substantial objections. However the application could not be considered in detail since the copy of the plans were not submitted to the Parish Council as required, neither were they available on the web. In the circumstances the application must be deferred until the statutory regulations have been complied with.

49 Oxford Road – replacement dormer – no comment

Mail boxes at Cumberledge Close and Horseman Close – no comment

Decision

The following was reported:

13/15 Oxford Road – demolition - approved

Other Matters

The offer of the Housing Estate Team Leader to attend a future meeting to discuss the future of the Mortimer Drive garages was accepted.

A Legal Opinion was received confirming that there were no grounds for excluding building regulations and approvals from public inspection. As a test case it was decided to ask for the opportunity to inspect the records relating to the building works at 1 Beechey Avenue and the bungalow at the rear.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment:

		£
Oxfordshire County Council	Contribution towards Ponds Lane lamp	630.39
Oxford City Council	Planning fee	67.50
L.M. Garner	Salary and expenses	1764.51
Mortimer Hall Management Cttee	Use of Hall	18.00
D. Manson	Audit Fee 2004/5	240.00

The Auditor reported that he had completed the Audit in respect of the accounts and procedures for 2004/5 and found all in order. The Accounts and the formal audit statement, having been circulated to members present, were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman

Recreation Ground

Mrs. Cox regretted that she was unable to continue to serve on the MSFC Joint Committee
The Clerk would chase the contractor to secure progress on outstanding work

Mr. Batey, who had been appointed ^{JOINT} Chairman of the joint Council and MSFC Subcommittee, said that he would shortly attend a meeting with Club representatives and the Football Association.

The provision, by the Club of a portable junior goal post was agreed
The City Council to be asked to empty the two post mounted litterbins in Boult's Lane Recreation Ground

RoSPA would inspect the amusements as agreed

Highways

The Rights of Way Office suggestion that the Council should become the applicant for the designation of the route from Oxford Road, from the junction with Footpath No.5 to the Recreation Ground as a Public Right of Way was accepted. ~~Noted by the Clerk~~
PC Jackson's report in Marston Times concerning car parking on footpaths etc. was referred to and the Clerk was asked to ask what were the obstruction rules relating to wheel chairs on the footpath

A letter was received from City Works stating that the agreed works required to the verges and footpaths in Oxford Road would not be undertaken this year. The Clerk was asked to investigate the subject

The Bus Company to be asked to supply recent timetables of services to the village

Burial Ground

It was decided to order a notice board for the Burial Ground costing approx. £350 plus VAT and installation

Date of Next Meeting

5 July 2005

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