

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5 March 2002
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

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

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Bartleet, Cann and Taylor

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 February 2002 were confirmed and signed.

North East Area Committee

Mrs. Stone reported on the last meeting, the item of significance being the White Hart redevelopment for which planning consent was granted. Members expressed considerable concern about the disruption caused by extra parking, during the construction period, by workmen's and service vehicles. Two methods of control available being a restriction placed within the planning consent and by a formal order with a yellow line and signs restricting waiting in three spaces to 20 minutes during shop hours. Mr. Coats would further the first and the Clerk the second. Concern was voiced about the effect, on those living over the shop, of a rumble strip. The Clerk would raise this.

Arising from the discussions the road name for the development was deferred to the next meeting White Hart Close / Lane / Yard / Courtyard being suggested

Correspondence

Minutes of various meetings of the Old Marston Residents' Association were received and noted. It was with regret that the Association was being scaled down due largely to the lack of volunteers to do the organising needed, and would now go into abeyance.

Planning

Applications

The following were considered:

- 114 Arlington Drive – front extension – no comment
- R/o 32 Mill Lane – new chalet bungalow – no comment
- 58 Raymund Road – extension – no comment
- 1 Cavendish Drive – rear conservatory – no comment

44 Mortimer Drive – subdivision of garden to provide a site for a new house fronting The Link – as the new house would extend in front of the building line formed by the side wall of 44 Mortimer Drive refusal was recommended.

Off Marston Ferry Link Road – 5 meter extension to existing radio mast – refusal recommended.

Other Matters

Mr. Coats said that there were now two lists of road plans, from different sources, to serve the JR11 extension, one favouring the A40 link, the other the new road across the Marsh Lane Recreation Ground to Maltfield Road. He said he would clarify the position and support the former.

The Clerk had drawn to the attention of Planning Enforcement to the advertising hoardings and floodlight at the entrance to the Victoria Arms at the junction of Mill Lane.

The Radcliffe Hospital Residents Forum had been postponed to 27 March 2002.

No members were available to attend the City Council Local Plan Key Issues Workshop, locally, on 13 March 2002. The major amendment that the Parish Council had requested related to restraint being placed on the conversion of houses into flats. The Clerk would write to restate the request.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment:

		£
P.G. King	Squint to Elsfield Road bus shelter	67.00
L.M. Garner	Salary and expenses (including £25 for Ordnance Survey plan for pavilion rebuild application)	1493.78
Mortimer Hall Management Committee	Use of Hall Jan - Mar	18.00
Newsquest Ltd.	Tender for Architect	123.38

Audit of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2001 had been completed. It was agreed to increase the Clerk's Fidelity Bond to £55,000. Other minor matters were drawn to the Council's attention but no further action was needed.

Recreation Ground

A statement was received that the City Council Parks Dept would not undertake recreation grounds maintenance after 31 March 2002.

The Oxford Preservation Trust had repaired the fence to the Mill Lane site but had again used sheep netting that had proved unsatisfactory in the past. It was decided to see whether it would remain undamaged for a reasonable period before taking on future repairs.

Unfortunately some daffodil blooms had been decapitated by children and others stolen by an adult, unfortunately unidentified.

The Clerk was asked to write to Marston Saints F.C. to ask that the rubbish and garage panels should be removed and the site kept tidy.

Highways

The Clerk would attend a site meeting called to discuss the siting of the bus stops in Marsh Lane.

The Speed Indicator Device was reported as having been in use in the Parish 19 times in the past few weeks. Some improvement in traffic speeds had been achieved and there would be further visits. The Clerk would write a letter of appreciation.

Mr. Collins wrote to say that better weather would enable him to complete the repairs to the Mural.

Date of Next Meetings

Council 2 April 2002

Annual Parish Meeting followed by Council Meeting 7 May 2002

Council 11 June 2002 (to avoid Jubilee Week)

2. April 2002