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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council  
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7 March 2006  
at the Mortimer Hall**

**Members Present**

Mrs. M.C. Stone Vice-chairman in the Chair

Mrs. Cox

Messrs Cann, Cox, Holmes, McGinn and Dr. Swift

The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance

Mr. Altaf-Kahn, County Councillor for the Division who said he would like to attend future meetings. The Chairman welcomed him and looked forward to his support.

**Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. C.W. Haynes, Chairman. Mesdames Nurse and Tiwari, Messrs Bartleet and Batey and City Councillors Mrs. M. Clarkson and Mrs. C. vanZyl.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 February 2006 were amended and signed.

**The Chairman** welcomed Mr. J. Thomas, Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Mr. W. Reed, Democratic Services Manager, Oxford City Council, to the Meeting who explained how the Code of Conduct and the appeals procedure were overseen. Mr. Thomas welcomed Mr. Batey's contributions to the City Meetings on the subject and noted that the Council was following the rules.

**Matters Arising**

One comment had been received about the increase in the Precept demanded. Dr. Swift supported it

**Correspondence**

Mr. Cann read a reply detailing the status of and the procedures for the sale of allotment land. It would be filed with the Minutes

**Elections**

The Clerk read the programme; the most important date being noon on 3 April 2006 being the closing date for nominations.

**Northeast Area Committee**

The Chairman reported that the Meeting had been addressed by a Police representative who described new policing for the area. There would be dedicated Officers for the Areas, the Marston area being PC Martin Wizzard, e-mail martin.wizzard@thamesvalley.pnn.police.ukm, messages 08458 505505.

Reference was also made to the disruption that will be caused by work to the Green Road Roundabout starting soon.

**Planning**

**Applications**

A new communications mast outside the Cherwell Drive Surgery (outside the Parish) was noted

Minor amendments to consent for extensions at 23 Mortimer Drive were also noted.

**Decisions**

34 Mill Lane – refusal of permission for conversion of garage to bungalow had been appealed.

**Accounts**

The following Accounts were passed for payment:

		£
Lyreco Ltd	Stationery	96.59
National Association of Local Councils	Copy of Review	14.00
L.M. Garner	Salary and expenses	1,647.22
Mortimer Hall	Use of Hall	18.00

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**Recreation Ground**

Arising from the subsidence claim the Council's insurers were now demanding an annual survey of Council owned trees. The Clerk would discuss this with them.

The Football Foundation, which is expected to grant Lottery money towards the cost of drainage, had refused to consider the quotations received as they were not supported by a detailed brief; delaying the scheme. What it demanded was a detailed specification costed by each tenderer. That being beyond the ability of a local person the Chairman had authorised, between meetings, the employment of Total Turf Solutions, recommended by the FA., to prepare the document at a cost of £2,750 plus £3,800 for managing the work, plus VAT.

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The motion was carried *nem con.*

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**Mortimer Hall**

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**Highways**

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The Clerk would raise safety issues arising from the storage of building materials at 109 Oxford Road.

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**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council  
held at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 21 March 2006 at the Mortimer Hall**

**Members Present**

Mr. C.W. Haynes Chairman  
Messrs Cox , Cann, McGinn and Swift *John Thomas*  
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance

**Apologies for absence**

Were received from Mesdames Stone and Cox,  
The Clerk left the Meeting for this item

It was proposed by Dr. Swift and seconded by Mr. Cox

That the Council agrees to exercise its discretion that the existing rights of any staff in  
employment at 5 April 2006 be paid any gratuity free of income tax in respect of service to that  
date

Carried *nem con*



*Anthony*