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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2 May 2000
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr. C.W. Haynes (Chairman)
Mrs. E.Nurse (Vice-chair)
Mesdames Bradley, Stone and Tiwari
Messrs Agent, Batey, Drinkwater and Taylor
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Cox and City Councillor K. Tiwari.

Election of Chairman and Vice-chair

One valid nomination for the office of Chairman was made for Mr. C. Haynes who was appointed.

Valid nominations were made for the office of Vice-chair for Mrs. C. Stone and Mrs. E. Nurse. After a vote Mrs. C. Stone was appointed.

Both appointments being for the ensuing municipal year.

Casual Vacancy

A casual vacancy was declared that would be advertised in time to permit co-option at the next meeting in the absence of a demand for a poll. It was decided to give those who were likely to be nominated at that meeting the opportunity to address Council for not more than five minutes. The Clerk would extend the formal invitations if requested. He drew Council's attention to the fact that members are not required to give advance notice of an intention to make a nomination at the meeting.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 April 2000 were confirmed and signed

Banking Arrangements

Mrs. C. Stone was authorised to sign cheques in place of the late Mrs. Deam.

Charities Trust

It was decided to defer until a later meeting the appointment of a Trustee.

Correspondence

A copy of a letter from Mr. N. Cowell to the Oxford Preservation Trust was circulated. It expressed concern that the work carried out by the Trust on its field boundaries was excessive and damaging to the environment. Members were informed that other public opinion from the locality expressed the view that necessary maintenance work had been professionally done. It was decided to take no action.

The Solicitor dealing with the Council's Land Registration confirmed that outstanding matters had been resolved and that formal documents would be issued in due course.

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The bi-monthly circular from the National Association of Local Councils drew attention to the forthcoming review of local government boundaries for Oxfordshire. No change was suggested. The Best Value paper had been circulated

Car Parking Boults Lane

Mr. N. Carr, on behalf of the Scouts, attended the Meeting for this item and presented a revised plan of marked parking places. This was approved and would be implemented subject to costing that Mr. Carr had asked a contractor to provide and for a satisfactory sharing agreement being reached. It was decided to invite the Scouts, Allotments and the Marston Saints to be represented at a later meeting when costs would be available. Ms. Bradley suggested that the users should be encouraged to cycle or car share.

Planning

Applications

The following was considered: -

2 Elms Drive - extension - no comment

Decisions

The following was reported -

Church Farm Church Lane - extension etc. - approved.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment

		£
M P Security	Alarm maintenance Boults Lane	52.88
Cornhill Insurance	Annual insurance premium	400.10

The formal accounts prepared for Audit were circulated and accepted. The Clerk would discuss the use of spreadsheet with Ms. Bradley to amplify the presentation of accounts to Council.

Recreation Ground

The Clerk was investigating a report that the contractor moving vegetation on to the site for burning had damaged the allotment gate.

Highways

A letter was received from the Oxford Preservation Trust refusing permission for the proposed traffic sign at the junction of the Victoria Arms access and Mill Lane being placed on its land. It was decided to ask the City Council whether it could be placed at the back of the footpath.

Mr. Taylor's offer to survey the highways to prepare a plan of works required was accepted.

Attention was drawn to the unsatisfactory state of the flyover following the bridge works. The Clerk would write.

Rubbish was accumulating again in Elsfield Road. The Clerk would write.

The Clerk was asked to renew his request for damage to the mural to be repaired.

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The Clerk was asked to ascertain who was liable for the maintenance of hedges and ditches in Elsfield Road.

The Chairman would speak to the Licensee of the White Hart about the placing of an unauthorised sign on the highway.

Burial Ground

Deed of Grant was signed.

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