

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1 May 2001
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr. C.W. Haynes Chairman
Mesdames Bradley, Cox, Nurse, and Tiwari
Messrs Agent, Bartleet, Batey, and Cann
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance
City Councillor Mr. J. Coats

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Stone and Mr. Taylor

Election of Chairman and Vice-chairman

There being one nomination Mr. C Haynes was elected Chairman and on a vote being taken on two valid nominations of Mrs E. Nurse and Mrs. C. Stone Mrs. C. Stone was elected Vice-chairman for the ensuing year.

Casual Vacancy

One nomination was made for Mr. L. Macfarlane who was co-opted to fill the vacancy.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 April 2001 were confirmed and signed.

Banking Arrangements

The Clerk outlined the problems that were caused by the Bank ignoring previous instructions. A new Mandate was authorised for cheque signatories being the Chairman, Vice-chairman and Mrs. Nurse (two to sign) and the Clerk as counter signatory. The Clerk being authorised to transfer funds between deposit and current accounts.

Correspondence

A further request was received from the City Council for a nominee to serve, when required, on the City Council Standards Committee. It was decided to nominate Mr. J. Batey.

It was noted from the Old Marston Residents' Association Minutes that it was unable to fund a delegate to a Green Belt conference at Magdalen College. Mr. Batey would investigate and report.

Planning

Application

The following was considered:

8 Dents Close – Side and rear extensions – no comment

Decision

The following was reported:

19 Horseman Close – extension - approved

Other Matters

Details of the City Council's arrangements for visitor's coaches to alight and board passengers in St. Giles were received with dismay. The road markings were grotesque and the loss of car parking regretted. Mr. Coats hoped that better arrangements could be made as part of the Westgate or coach station developments but these were some years away. It was decided to support this view.

JR II Extension

Mr. Coats said that it was likely that the traffic arrangements would concentrate on the extended Thornhill and new Silo park and ride sites and that Marsh Lane could be

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retrieved. The County Council had objected to the present planning application but there was considerable pressure for an early decision

Accounts

The Accounts for the year 2000/2001, that had been circulated, were approved and signed.

The following accounts were passed for payment.

		£
Cornhill Insurance	Premium	448.89
L.M. Garner	Reimbursement for stationery	23.98
C.D. Ward	Clearing rubbish etc from Boult's Lane and Mill Lane	320.00

The insurance premium did not include additional fidelity cover requested.

The account for alarm maintenance was not paid to await the outcome of the enquiry into it not operating in a recent attempted break in.

Recreation Ground

Some damage was reported to play equipment. The Clerk to put a notice in the notice boards requesting that damage should be notified to him.

It was decided to ask P.C. Jackson to attend the next meeting.

The Clerk had discovered that SMP the play equipment supplier had allowed an insufficient length of fencing on the western boundary. It was decided to accept the increased charge of £150 for the longer fence.

The Clerk explained that the revised plan received from the Land Registry as a result of the County Council agreeing that the strip of frontage to Oxford Road was not highway rect. He was instructed to ensure that the boundary recorded was the edge of the metalled footpath.

Highways

Criticism was levelled at the lack of notice and consultation given by the City Council of the road closure of Oxford Road and Mill Lane for the Rideathon organised by TV's Blue Peter programme as a fund raising event. It is understood that the event was scheduled to take place on a disused airfield but had been cancelled at short notice due to the foot and mouth outbreak. The City Council had been approached and agreed to provide alternative arrangements hence the short notice. Mr. Coats agreed to ask that stewards should be briefed to permit access to properties affected.

Mr. Coats said that alternative plans were being prepared for improvements to the Marsh Lane/Cherwell Drive junction. An enlarged traffic island that would do away with shop parking and a traffic light scheme. The Council was opposed to any loss of parking and as the consultation period was likely to be short the Chairman was authorised to determine the Council's response.

The Mill Lane bus shelter had not arrived. The Clerk would investigate the availability of a surplus shelter at Risinghurst.

The Clerk would chase the promised new letterbox for Oxford Road and ask that the Mill Lane box be painted. He would also look at the Mortimer Drive bus stop and request a new street nameplate.

A letter was received from the County Council stating that the stretch of Elsfield Road between Church Lane and the Burial Ground would be repaired in February 2002.

Burial Ground

A Deed of Grant was signed.

The Chairman and Clerk would examine the detailed plans of the railings.

It was decided to permit the transfer of the purchased plot E94 to the son of the purchaser now deceased.

Date of Next Meeting

5 June 2001

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