

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council  
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3 May 2005  
at the Mortimer Hall**

**Members Present**

Mr. C.W. Haynes Chairman  
Mrs. M.C. Stone Vice-chairman  
Mesdames Cox and Tiwari  
Messrs Batey, Cann, Cox, Holmes and Swift  
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance  
City Councillor Mrs. C. vanZyl.

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**Planning**

**Applications**

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- 29 Mill Lane – new house adj. – no comment
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- 16 Jessops Close – large side extension – no comment

**Decision**

- 34 Mill lane – garage – approved
- 4 Mill lane – nine dwellings – refusal - appealed

**Other Items**

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The following accounts were passed for payment

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| Oxford City Council                 | Recreation ground maintenancce 2004/05 | 2,439.24 |
| Oxon. Association of Local Councils | Subscription                           | 553.97   |
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The Council's insurance included a provision that an age bar removed the Clerk from cover for Personal Accident. It was decided to have the cover extended.  
The promised City Council Grant towards the dog fence, the safety surface at Boult's Lane and improvements to Back Lane totalling £10,379 had been received.

**Clerk's Salary**

The Clerk withdrew for this item. It was decided to increase the Clerk's salary by 3% from 1 April 2005, in line with the recommendation of the National Association of Local Councils.

**Marston Saints Football Club**

The Chairman reported on the recent meeting of the Marston Saints Sub-committee the Clerk's draft of the proposed Licence was accepted as a basis. The Club suggesting that a 25-year period would be appropriate considering the input likely to be needed from the Club.

The waterlogged condition of the pitch making it unplayable was considered Mr. Mitchell, from the F.A., suggested approaching the Sports Turf Research Institute for a soil and drainage survey. The Clerk had obtained a quote by phone of £1,200. It was decided, proposed by Dr. Swift seconded by Mr. Holmes to accept the quotation subject to a 50% grant being made from the Football Foundation, as indicated by Mr. Mitchell, together with a further grant of 50% towards the work required

The Club reported that it had checked the dimensions of the Marsh Lane land and found that it could accommodate a pitch and it would contact the owners in due course.

Next meeting 24 May 2005

**Recreation Ground**

The Clerk would investigate metal plaques for the two seats at Boult's Lane  
Mrs. vanZyl would investigate the request for dog bins at School Lane and Boult's Lane

**Highways**

The Chairman reported that a hastily arranged meeting had been held with a Highway Engineer, Consultants, Mr. Cowell for OMRA and the Clerk to explore the Traffic Calming to be implemented, probably next year. For the Parish it was made clear that road humps would not be acceptable neither would the engineers agree a 20 mph speed limit. They were receptive to the suggestion of an entrance gate at Elsfield Road, pinch points rather than chicanes, speed check signs and they thought designated parking could be used a traffic calming measure. Number plate recognition cameras would be used to track traffic flows, speeds and numbers. It was hoped that a further meeting could be held in due course to consider draft proposals. It was decided that Mr. Batey should join the team and that the OPT Branch should be invited to appoint a representative

Mr. Batey drew attention to the City Council fence that was now in a deplorable state. Repair, on cost grounds was denied in 2003. The Clerk was asked to write again.

**Burial Ground**

As the City council had taken on the maintenance the mower bought in 1993 and strimmer bought in 2000 were surplus to requirements. Offers of £5 and £20 respectively had been received. Subject to the equipment working it was decided to accept the offers.

**Date of Next Meeting**

7 June 2005

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