

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th November 1997
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr A T Jones (Chairman)
Mesdames Cowell, Cox, Deam, Nurse and Stone
Messrs Carrington, Drinkwater and Phipps
The Clerk Mr L M Garner was in attendance.
The Chairman welcomed Mr David Yeoward who had recently been elected to represent the Parish on the City Council.

Apologies

An apology for absence was received from the Vice-chairman Mr C W Haynes, Mrs Tiwari and Mr Bartleet.

Minutes

The minutes for the meeting held on the 6th October 1997 were confirmed and signed.

Correspondence

The following items were noted;
Oxford City Council- Members Information sheets
Environment Agency- Summary of plan for Thames and Ock rivers
Oxfordshire County Council- New bus time-tables
Brewery- Notice of change of Licensee at The White Hart to Mr D H Holder
Old Marston Residents Association- Minutes of meeting 8th July & 14th October 1997

Public Affairs Committee

The Chairman reported on his attendance at the meeting with City and other Parish Councillors. A major topic of discussion was the difficulties other Parishes experienced in communicating with the appropriate City Official. The Clerk reported that he had no such problems. The City Council were considering appointing a Liaison Officer.

Proposed Library Closure

The Clerk reported Mr Bartleet's conversation with him earlier, when he apologised for missing this meeting, when he said that the Old Marston Library was high on the list of proposed closures. The Clerk was asked to write to enquire whether money raised locally could be used to stem the proposed closure.

Appointments to Outside Bodies

Mrs Deam was appointed a Trustee to the Old Marston Charities Trust for a further four year term. Mrs Cox was appointed to the OXSRAD Committee for a further one year term.

Planning

Applications

The following were considered;
54, Nicholas Avenue- Extension- No comment
4, Rimmer Close- Extension- No comment
7, Cotswold Crescent- Conservatory- No comment

12, Bradlands- Use of flat for office and visitors bedroom- No comment
Red Lion- Signage- This was acceptable but direction of lights to be checked.

Decisions

The following were reported;
10, Cavendish Drive- Extension- Approved
5, Boults Lane- Conservatory- Approved
4, Boults Lane- Conservatory- Approved
27, Mortimer Drive- Extension- Approved

Other Matters

The Oxford Preservation Trust and The Council for the Preservation of Rural England had formed a working party to consider the formation of a Green Belt Protection Group. No member wished to attend the inaugural meeting. The Chairman confirmed that he would attend the Oxford City Council Conservation Area Advisory Forum on the 12th November 1997.

Accounts

The following donations under S.137 were made.

Marston Over 60-'s Club-	£100.00
Mortimer Hall Playgroup-	£50.00
St.Nicholas P.C.C for Marston Times-	£150.00

Allotments

Several letters and discussions had taken place since the last meeting and it was decided to refer the matters raised to a sub-committee comprising the Chairman, Vice-chairman, Mr Carrington and Mr Phipps to which Dr Swift would be invited. The Clerk to arrange the meeting. The wayleave agreement with Mr R Ward was approved.

Marston Saints Football Club

The formal agreement to be entered into with the Club was approved. The Clerk would arrange for it to be signed.

Mr Phipps reported on the meeting with the Club's representatives. The major problem was the condition of the toilets and showers and the lack of a separate female toilet. The Club said it would have some outline plans drawn for consideration in due course.

A schedule of the Club's events had been considered and the recommendations submitted by Mr Phipps in the form of the light type on the Club's submitted list was accepted by the Council. The list is attached.

Highways

The Clerk and Councillor Bartleet had received submissions on behalf of Ashlong Road residents by Mr J.Sparrowhawk. These listed various deficiencies in Highway maintenance and dangers to the public. They had also been sent to the City Councillors for the area and the Clerk was asked to give the Parish Council's support to the campaign.

Mrs Tiwari had asked that the condition of Lewell Avenue should be drawn to the Highway Authority.

Problems with geese and obstructions to the footpath from Elsfeld Road to the Allotments continued. The Clerk was asked to write to the City Engineer to request that action be taken.

Alm T. Jones

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