

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7 November 2000
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr. C.W. Haynes Chairman
Mrs. C. Stone Vice-chairman
Mesdames Bradley, Cox, and Tiwari
Messrs Batey, Bartleet, Cann, and Taylor
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance

Appologies

An apology for absence, due to ill health, was received from Mr. Agent. As his recovery could be slow leave of absence was agreed. Mrs. Nurse also apologised

Minutes

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

Matters Arising

Ms. Bradley reported on the OALC Meeting attended re. the Local Government Act 2000 and its likely effects on Parish Councils if not carefully monitored. Ms. Bradley and Mr. Cann were thanked for attending.

Marston Saints Football Club

Mr. D. Herniman, Chairman, and a colleague, attended to discuss matters of common interest. Car parking continued to be a problem, a joint meeting of the users was being arranged. Mr. Herniman regretted that the impression was given, by the bar doors being open, that the bar was open. He said that soft drinks and snacks were served from the bar but the sale of alcohol was restricted to the agreed two hours after afternoon and evening matches and evening training sessions. There were a few special events where the bar was open although these were now very few due to the size of the Club; larger accommodation being required. Members were very pleased to know that there were now over 100 children involved in junior football, including some girls. The Club was pleased that a new litterbin would soon be in place. The portable goal post on the ground would be secured by the Club that would also draw the player's attention to the bylaw that prohibited dogs being brought on to the ground. The maximum penalty being £100.

Special events being a Christmas Draw and Charity Matches on Boxing Day and New Years Day were approved.

Correspondence

In response to a letter from the WRVS seeking support it was decided to ask it what activities it provided in the Parish.

The City Council gave notice of a meeting to be held with Parish Representatives on 21 February 2001. The Chairman and Vice- chairman would attend. The Clerk was asked to have placed on the agenda problems with setts, 20 mph speed limits and traffic calming as a means of controlling rat running. Problems of the footpath needed from Horseman Close to Elsfield Road.

Oxsrad

The Chairman was appointed to serve as the Parish representative on the Oxsrad Committee for the following year.

Planning

Applications

The following was considered : -
Centre for Islamic Studies Marston Road.- Contractor's access - no comment

Decisions

The following were reported :-
27 Church Lane - extension -refused
107 Oxford Road - new house - refused, confirmation awaited

Onby

- Old Stables Boults Lane – extension – approved
- 2 Mortimer Drive – Extension – approved
- 36 Oxford Road – large extension- approved
- 38 Oxford Road – extension – approved
- 48 Elms Drive – extension – approved

Other Matters

Mrs. Stone reported on the City Council Conservation Area Advisory Committee Meeting that she had attended. The question of the provision of a 20 mph limit in Oxford and Elsfield Roads was raised but without traffic calming would not be implemented. That could only be funded by developer contributions. The police had no interest in enforcement.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment

		£
W.J. Cooper	Burial ground Maintenance	, 317.75
T. Cann	Travelling expenses	. 13.44
Oxford City Council	Recreation Ground Maintenance	. 181.20

Notice of Audit was received commencing at 10 a.m. on 8 January 2001

Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that he had overseen the drainage work but had had to call out the City Council jetter. The land drains were now working although there was a long term problem since tree roots were entering the drains.

Two quotations were received, for new amusements, but not examined as a third was awaited, but it was apparent that a further £10,000 would be needed in addition to last year's provision to provide a meaningful addition and fencing. It was decided to include this in next year's precept. The Clerk was asked to write to the City Council to fund the fencing as it had in other recreation grounds in the City

It was decided to rearrange the site meeting to discuss parking at Boults Lane

Highways

The Clerk would ask the City Council to provide a bus shelter at the Mill Lane bus stop. It was decided to have the outside of the bus shelter painted a darker colour and to ask Mr. King to make the squint opening.

The Over 50's club to be asked to consider the requirement for seats to be placed adjacent to footpaths

The Clerk was asked to chase the contractor to get the vegetation cut back in School Lane. Mr. Bartleet reported that he had confirmed to the Highway Authority that the Parish Council's request for a footpath in Marsh Lane and Elsfield Roads was of very long standing indeed and recommended that pressure should be maintained. He reported after the Meeting that he had discussed, with the Area Highway Surveyor, the problems with setts, the path and 20 mph limits. A site meeting was being arranged.

The Clerk would press for a reply to the letter re. the condition of the end of Mill Lane. The Elsfield Road nameplate was still missing and there was overhanging vegetation at the sub-station in Oxford Road, town houses Cavendish Drive, Fane Road/Cavendish Drive and the corner in Park Way.

Burial Ground

Deeds of Grant were signed in respect of two recent burials. The caretaker was complimented on the good condition of the site

Any Other Business

Ms. Bradley was thanked for her continuing efforts to improve social conditions in the Mill Lane area.

Date of Next Meeting

MONDAY 4 December 2000

4/12/00