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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8 November 2005
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

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

Apology

An apology for absence were received from Mr. McGinn

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2005 were confirmed and signed

Matters Arising

The Chairman reported on the Parish Transport Representatives meeting called by the County Council meeting that he attended. He raised the questions of poor services to the Mill Lane and Oxford Road area but was not impressed by the lack of acknowledgement of the problems. There would be no change to the No. 14 service but there was an undertaking to review the No.13 service to Mill Lane.

Northeast Area Committee

There were no items to report but Mr. Bartleet confirmed that the projected traffic growth in the area to 2011 was 25%

Correspondence

Accounts and notice of AGM from OMMLAA were noted
Attention was drawn to the Countryside Agency's campaign for the creation of Parish Plans, often prepared by volunteers, with financial support from the Agency. The Council welcomed the initiative. Volunteers would be sought via Marston Times

Planning

Applications

148 Oxford Road part of rear garden joined to the consent granted for 1 Rippington Drive to be converted into flats resulting in a terrace of a large single block forming a terrace with two residential units with accommodation on two floors. (Not called houses?)

The structure would be continuous and be over 26 meters long in the approach road of a small-scale development of largely semi-detached houses in the pattern of estates built in the 1950's. The flavour of the period is to desecrate these estates with excrescences that ruin their character. This application represents one of the worst kinds and must be refused. Additional reasons are yet a further loss of a family home with the knock on effect on the local school and the lack of visitors parking. Being a 1950's estate the roads are of sub-standard width that results on parking on the verges and pavements to the desecration of the area.

7 Beechey Avenue – Extensions and alterations to the roofline.

It is regretted that houses in this 1930's road should be altered in the way of this house ruining its integrity. Whilst not liking this further intrusion it will possibly improve the appearance of the property. However the number of rooms and layout gives rise to the suspicion that it could be used for multi-occupation. There is no parking provision to this property and any increase, in residents cars, by multi-occupation would be disastrous as the road is unusually narrow. If approval is given there must be a restriction to one against multi-occupation

Decisions

CH Haynes

- Adj. 46 & 48 Oxford Road - 5x1 B/r flats - refused
- 46 Mortimer Drive - new garage and playroom - refused
- 1/3 Nicholas Avenue - conversion of loft space to studio - retrospective - refused
- Marston Vicarage - new garage - approved
- R/o 109 Oxford Road 8 new houses - approved
- 4 Mill Lane - 2 new houses - now appealed

Other Matters

The Clerk reported that he had met a representative from Royal Mail and discussed with the Manager of Wychwood Homes, the developer of the Post Office Site, to discuss the damaged Post Box. He had secured agreement that the box would be demolished but it would be rebuilt on the same site, and in the same manner as the existing, when the new construction reached first lift (when the scaffolding is raised above ground floor lintels)

Accounts

The following Accounts were passed for payment:

		£
Playground Management Ltd.	Playground survey	94.00
BDO Stoy Hayward LLP	Audit Fee 2004/5	293.75

The Chairman had examined the applications for grants from local organisations and a schedule of recommended amounts prepared. Mrs. Cox to examine these.

Recreation Ground

The contracted work was now well underway. A second rubbish bin was planned but not ordered. The Clerk would order one. There were no serious problems although the large roundabout has no safety surface and the parapet heights of the climbing equipment were marginally below new standards but replacement was not required.

The Clerk would order a new rubbish bin and "Dog" signs
The Scout lease had been completed

Mr. Batey then proposed that the Special Meeting mandated the Parish Council:

1. To proceed with the drainage work necessary to bring Boult's Lane recreation ground up to a standard consistent with that which would be required for a future grant towards a new pavilion.
2. Following such work, planning should continue with a view to replacing the pavilion by 2008, subject to a further Parish meeting.

Seconded by Mrs. Nurse and carried there being no votes against with one abstention declared.

Mrs. Cox then proposed that; The P.C. look into the legalities and possibilities of demolishing the football pavilion and leasing the land to the football club at a peppercorn rent. Therefore enabling them to place a building on it. The P.C. to support this by grant.

Seconded by Mr. Cann.

Highways

No progress had been secured towards the promised improvements to Oxford Road kerbing etc.. It appeared that the problem was that although first priority had been granted by the City Council work had not been agreed by the overseeing County Committee. It was agreed that direct representation should be made to the members of that committee.

Some Members had seen the repainting of the Mural now nearing completion and were pleased at the work undertaken by members of the Youth Offending Team. A letter of appreciation was agreed

It was agreed to recommend Rylands as the street name for the new development R/o 109 Oxford Road

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Burial Ground

The volunteer caretakers were complimented on the improved condition of the ground.
The Clerk would write appropriately.

Date of Next Meeting
8 December 2005

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