

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OLD MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT MORTIMER HALL AT 7.30p.m. ON TUESDAY

1st OCTOBER 1996

Members present were;

Mr A T Jones (Chairman)
Mr C W Haynes (Vice-chairman)

All members were present
The Clerk Mr L M Garner was in attendance.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th September were confirmed and signed.

Police

Constables Atkins and Sanders paid a courtesy visit and were pleased to report that there were no burglaries recently and that there were few other serious problems. Members referred to one or two minor matters which the Constables agreed to bear in mind. The Chairman thanked them for attending as they left the meeting.

Correspondence

The following items were noted;
Oxfordshire Association for Local Councils
Bi-monthly circular
Headington Advocacy Scheme-Request for volunteers
National Association of Local Councils-Annual report
and accounts
Environment Agency- Handbook
Best Kept Village Competition 1996-Judge's report
Oxford City Council-Members Circular
Oxfordshire Health Authority-Consultation document on
the future of services for the disabled
Marston Area Committee OPT-Copy letter to Planning
Office re possible park and ride site

Planning

Decisions.

35 Raymund Road- Extension- Approved

Other matters

It was understood that the JR2 proposals were now "on the back burner" due to financial problems. The County Council was against the Marsh Lane park and ride site.

The Clerk drew attention to the new Planning Policy Guideline Note 1 from the Department of the Environment which said that planning authorities shall "ensure that housing is available where jobs are created". He was asked to write to the County Planning Officer as this should affect Structure Plan discussions.

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Mill Lane Site

The Clerk reported that the planning application was likely to be before Committee later in October. The Planning Consultant had completed his contract to submit an outline planning application. Should it be necessary to continue his services the Chairman, Vice-chairman and Clerk were empowered to instruct him appropriately and to agree remuneration.

A statement of interest was received from a company wishing to erect a nursing home.

It was confirmed that a further Public Meeting would be held should planning permission be granted.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment;

Oxford City Council- Burial ground rates	£33.67
John Phillips Planning Consultancy-Planning Fees etc.	£917.21
Oxford Fieldpaths Society- Subscription (S.137)	£2.00
St.Nicholas Mother & Toddler Group- donation (S.137)	£50.00
Marston Over 60's Club- Donation (S.137)	£100.00
Marston Saints F.C.- Donation towards under 9's team (S.137)	£80.00

Recreation Ground

The Clerk inspected the dead elm suckers near St.Nicholas School which were relatively small and should be dealt with in the spring.

The Oxford Preservation Trust expressed an intention to replace the fencing on the recreation area in Mill Lane with hedging and asked whether the Parish Council would, in due course, undertake the hedge cutting. This was agreed.

Highways

A letter was received from the City Engineer stating that the sign re dogs and geese at the Elsfield Road entrance to Footpath No 5 was not illegal. Negotiations with the land-owner were continuing. The Clerk was asked to write to the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils requesting a change in the law.

Burial Ground

As there was no notice board on which to place a notice relating to the use of the Church tap the Clerk was asked to report the availability in the December issue of Marston Times.

A letter was received from the Environmental Agency approving burials at a depth of 1.2 metres in the land available for the extension. The planning application would be submitted next financial year when funds are available.

Alm T. Jones

5 November 1986