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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th October 1999
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr C W Haynes (Chairman)
Mrs. E. Nurse (Vice-chair)
Mesdames Bradley, Cox, Deam, Stone and Tiwari
Messrs Agent, Batey & Taylor
The Clerk Mr L M Garner was in attendance
City Councillor Mr. Tiwari attended

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs King and Mr Bartleet

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7 September 1999 were confirmed and signed subject to minor amendments

Matters Arising

It was decided that the list of Member's responsibilities should be completed as follows:

Traffic matters-Mrs. E. Nurse
Hedges on Parish property-Mr. W. Agent
Local Groups-Mrs. G. Cox
Footpaths and overhanging vegetation-Mrs. C. Stone
Parish Property-Mr. C. Haynes and Mr. J. Batey
Highways-Mrs. A. Tiwari and Mr. R. Taylor
Travellers-Ms. A. Bradley
Bus Service- Mrs. B. Deam
OALC-Ms. A. Bradley

Mrs Deam said that she would continue to have an interest in all Parish property.
Due to Mr. Bartleet's County Council commitments the Chairman felt he should not be included in any of the above.

Correspondence

The following items were noted:

Oxfordshire County Council- Circular on Waste Management
Oxfordshire County Council-Utilities contacts for Millennium Celebrations
Oxfordshire County Council-Housing and Waste Monitoring Reports
Minutes of July OMRA Meeting

Planning

Applications

The following were considered;

20, Gordon Close- Side & rear extension- No comment
1, Beechey Avenue- Velux roof lights- No comment
100, Oxford Road- Large extension- No comment but subject to the relationship to the adjoining property being examined

Decisions

The following were reported:

10, Beechey Avenue- Extension- Approved
3, Church Lane- Conservatory- Approved
12, Clays Close- Extension- Approved

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Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

		£
L M Garner	Petty cash	145.46
Land Registry	Enquiry fee	4.00
Village Hall Management Committee	Hire of Hall June-September	12.00
Oxford Fieldpaths Society	Subscription (S.137)	2.00
W J Cooper	Cemetery Maintenance	293.00
R & M Pest Control	Moles	25.00
M P Chesterman	Drainage Work to Pavilion	380.48

It was accepted that the total cost of the work to the Pavilion of £642.17 exceeded the estimated costs of £500 due to the additional underground drainage work required. The accounts, revised in accordance with the Auditors instructions for the year 1997/98 were adopted.

Auditor's Report

The report was received and the following items noted:

- Minute Book sheets to be numbered
- Amendments to minutes to be initialled by the Chairman
- Cheque stubs to be initialled by signatories to confirm payee. Return of cheques no longer required
- Adoption of 1998/9 Accounts required
- Revised presentation of accounts to be followed.

Parish Tour *R.A.R.T. [Signature]*

The Chairman, Mr C Haynes, Mesdames Bradley and Stone, Messrs Batey and Taylor and the Clerk conducted the tour.

Mortimer Hall Recreation Ground

- Replace one cradle seat
- Replace one seat on small swings
- Lubricate swings
- Multitplay equipment, tighten up verticals, replace five horizontal logs and treat slope with wood preserver
- Treat moles

Subway

Damage to Mural noted. This had been reported to the City Council
Sweeping required (The Clerk later confirmed that it was swept on a six week cycle and he would write to request more frequent sweeping.

Boults Lane Recreation Ground

- Take out dead elms in Allotment hedge and cut back to the boundary on the Allotment side, with accordance with Mr Cann's request. Also tidy up the Recreation Ground side and consider planting quicks.
- Cut back vegetation from the side of the access track
- Lubricate carousel and swings
- Holes in rails of the carousel to be filled with expanded foam
- Multiplay equipment one log missing

Mill Lane Recreation Site

- Have barbed wire removed

Tidy rough ground at the far end
Consider providing goal posts and youth shelter

Burial Ground

Untidy state noted

Allotments

Large area uncultivated *nearby 50% let*

New gates required

~~Unauthorized~~ use of site as a vehicle park by Mr King (Mr Batey subsequently spoke to Mr King to ask that this use be stopped.)

Precept

The Clerk was asked to price the following items:

Notice board for the Jack Russell

Notice board for Burial Ground

Youth Shelter for Mill Lane

Water Supply for Burial Ground

New Allotment gates

Painting swings

Hedges in Boult's Lane Recreation Ground

£1,000 to be included for improvements in Mill Lane site

Various play equipment

Recreation Ground

It was decided to accept B.T.'s offer of a one off payment of £85 in respect of the Wayleave for the pole adjoining the gate to Boult's Lane Recreation Ground.

Highways

Damage to the Mural was reported which had been passed to the City Council. It was decided to call for a meeting to discuss future maintenance of the mural.

The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with representatives of the City and County Councils to discuss the deteriorating state of the roads and footpaths in the Parish.

The following to be reported:

Damage to the verge at the centre access to the service road caused by cars being parked opposite

Cavendish Drive, large pools of water in wet weather

Danger at accesses to the Red Lion and adjoining cottage, warning signs to be investigated.

Loose setts at the corner of Church Lane and Elsfield Road.

The Clerk was asked to remind Wadworths that it had yet to reply to the letter concerning road signs.

It had been ascertained that the route of footpath No.9 along the river was over Marston Ferry Road at the Cherwell Bridge. A check would be made whether the appropriate footpath signs were in place.

Marston Saints F.C.

Confirmation was received that it would establish a joint Committee with the Parish Council to further the proposed grant application and would arrange a meeting. It's representatives to be Mr. D. Hemiman, Mr. S. Richardson, Mr. J. Page and Mr. G. Halford.

The Chairman will contact the Club to arrange the first meeting as soon as possible. The Chairman, Vice-chair, Mrs. Stone and Mr. Taylor to represent the Council as agreed at the last meeting. *Send representative to be invited.*

A copy of the revised Club rules was received and noted.

Burial Ground

The Clerk was asked to prepare a statement of regulations to be applied to the maintenance of graves.

Mrs. W. Merrilan wished to purchase two grave spaces. In view of the shortage of vacant plots it was agreed that this should be deferred until the extension was completed.

The maintenance of the site continued to cause concern. The maintenance man told the Clerk that the strimmer was broken, and in view of it's age not worth repair. It was decided to ask him to do his best for the time being and that the position be reviewed in the light of the pending contract.

Burial Ground Extension

A letter was received from the Tree Officer of the City Council suggesting that, as a condition of the planning consent, the hawthorns should be retained and a hedge planted along the new railings. The Council did not favour this and asked the Clerk to negotiate with the Tree Officer.

Other Matters

The Clerk agreed to submit the plans for the Mortimer Hall extension on behalf of the Management Committee.

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