

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Thursday 4 October 2005
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

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

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. C.W. Haynes, Chairman, Mrs. Tiwari, Messrs Bartleet, Cox and McGinn.

Correspondence

In accordance with Audit requirements a letter was received from the Clerk confirming that he declared to the Tax authorities his remuneration from the Council.
A letter was received from the City Council reminding members that they are required to complete a new form to declare any changes in their financial interests under the Code of Conduct Rules. One new form was requested.
It was noted that street works were being carried out in New Marston of a lesser urgency and presumably at less cost than the work required in the Parish. Mrs. Clarkson said she would investigate the discrepancy,
The RoSPA report into the condition of Oxford Road Footpaths had been received. It was decided to defer payment in the expectation that there were photographs to be sent.
Marston Times to draw attention to the Police Safer Streets Campaign and the Community Involvement consultation.

Planning

Applications

1/3 Nicholas Avenue Retrospective application in respect of a studio flat in the roof space comprising a living room and an ensuite bathroom. No kitchen. It was regretted that the transgression of the planning regulations had not been discovered earlier and it was therefore probable that a Building Control application had not been approved. It was decided to recommend that the accommodation on the third floor should be added to the first floor to create a family unit.

R/o 46 Oxford Road - outline application for five 1 B/r dwellings. Access from School Lane, that is a Bridle Way, to which according to the County Council Rights of Way Officer there is no right of access. It represented an over development of the site. The application should be refused. The acceptance of the application was questioned since it was specific as to the numbers of dwellings but gave no details of how they could be fitted on the site; the number of storeys required and how much nearby properties would be overlooked.

The Minute Book records that at a meeting on 16 November 1965 an application was received for a new house on land fronting the Bridle Way. The applicant was Mrs. Deam, a member of Council at the time. No objection to the application was made subject to a turning circle at the end of Raymund Road (before the Marston Ferry Road was built). It was refused. It is the Clerk's recollection that Mrs. Deam said that she had been refused access to the Bridle Way. Subsequently she sold the land to a developer and a Minute dated 10 March 1970 records consent being granted subject to access from Raymund Road.

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Decisions

- 75 Oxford Road – demolition and erection of semi-detached houses – approved
- 4 Mill Lane – demolition and erection of two detached houses – refused
- R/o 34 Mill Lane – substitution of bungalow for garage – refused
- 9 Barnes Hay – extension – approved
- 1 Harlow Way – extension - approved

Other matters

Notice of intention to adopt the Oxfordshire Structure Plan 2016 was received the new DoT Traffic Advisory unit leaflet recommended that old direction signs should be preserved. That at the junction with Elsfield and Oxford Roads would be a suitable example. It was decided to draw it to the attention of the County Highways Engineer. The sign was of particular interest because it was to a design that became known as a Summerfield Sign. He was the County Council Surveyor in the 1950's and his view was that most reading was of lower case characters and for quick reading of directional signs white letters on a coloured ground was better than the reverse that was the rule previously.

North East Area Committee

In addition to the report on planning applications, above, the statement made by Mr. R. Dix, of the County Council, that traffic in the area was expected to increase by 11% by 2011 was noted.

The Headington/London Road improvement scheme had received a negative response.

Accounts

The following Accounts were passed for payment:

		£
R&M Pest control	Moles	25.00
L.M. Garner	Reimbursement for road marker	7.57

Marston Saints F.C.

An extension of outline planning consent of three years had been obtained for the pavilion.

The report on the land drainage was received saying that the system was no longer functioning. Work was required either to replace the whole system or to lay new pick up drains from the laterals that would be jetted. The ballpark figure for a new system would be about £35,000, possibly less if the laterals could be used plus £7,500 to relieve the compaction and condition of the grass. The work, subject to F.A. approval, would be grant aided to a maximum of 90% with 65% being more likely. The balance to be met from Council funds. F.A. support for the drainage and pavilion is subject to the club having a lease of the facilities. These would be in line with current practice, for which a draft agreement had been agreed by the MSFC and Council Sub-committee. It was decided that the period should be 25 years and that a legal executive should approve the agreement.

It was noted that the improvements to the drainage system were needed irrespective of the MSFC use that attracted FA funding.

It was decided that a Public meeting be called to approve the above. Proposed by Dr. Swift, seconded by Mrs Cox and approved *new con. Swift + c 2*

Recreation Ground

The Clerk to investigate problems on the Mortimer Hall Site.

The specification for work to the north boundary ditch was approved

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Highways

Problems with the No. 14 Bus service to be investigated

The specification for improvements to Back Lane was approved for circulation to contractors.

The Clerk reminded members that a street name for the new close R/o 109 Oxford Road was needed.

The Invitation to tender for improvement work to Back Lane was approved

Burial Ground

Mr. Cox reported that grass cutting had started and that some volunteers had come forward as possible helpers. The Clerk would place a suitable notice on the new notice board

Date of Next Meeting

8 November 2005

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