

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1st September 1998
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr A T Jones (Chairman)
Mr C W Haynes (Vice-chairman)
Mesdames Cowell, Cox, Deam, Stone & Tiwari
Messrs Batey & Drinkwater
The Clerk Mr L M Garner was in attendance

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Nurse, Mr Bartleet and Mr Phipps

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th July 1998 were confirmed and signed

Matters Arising

It was reported, on behalf of Mr Bartleet, that no progress had been made to secure the restoration of the bus service to the Arlington Drive and Rippington Drive estates.

The Clerk requested Members to inspect the revamped bus stop on Oxford Road, near Rippington Drive, for a possible danger to pedestrians.

Mrs Mavis Jones had been pleased to approve the proposal to erect a new seat on the Boults Lane recreation ground dedicated to the memory of her husband, the late Norman Jones, in tribute to his involvement in local affairs. A friend of his Mr P. Sarac had offered to make the seat for the cost of the materials. The Clerk would write to him.

The Clerk reported that he had added Marsh Lane to the Council's request for extended 30mph limits.

Correspondence

A large number of items were tabled and attention drawn to;
Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils- Notice of forthcoming meeting, review of expense levels for Members and Clerks and an annual review of Clerk's salaries. This item was deferred.

Oxfordshire County Council- Road Casualty report 1997

Oxfordshire County Council- Notice of charges for the disposal of waste other than household waste at specified tips

Planning

Applications

1, Horseman Close- Erection of 1.9m wall outside of property near the highway. Strong objection because it would obstruct sight lines at the sharp bend in the road

23, Lodge Close- Conservatory- No comment

Brasenose College Field Marston Ferry Road- Radio mast- No comment

13/15, Oxford Road- New fascia sign- No comment

A notice of an application for an off-licence was received for 13/15, Oxford Road-

No objection raised

Decisions

26, Arlington Drive- Conversion of garage to living accommodation- Approved

38, Oxford Road- Part reconstruction- Approved

adj.23, Mill Lane- New 2/3 br.house- Approved

10/11 Cromwell Close- New house- Approved

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1, Beechey Avenue- increased height of roof- Approved
Colthorns Farm, Oxford Road- New houses- Refused

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment;

Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils	Audit Notices	3.60
Marston Church Properties	Hire of Hall	15.00
Oxford City Council	Recreation Ground maintenance	489.87
Old Marston Residents' Association	Grant (S.137)	50.00
L M Garner	Salary & Expenses	1063.15

Recreation Ground

The City Council had decided that the work required to the Recreation area adjacent to the Victoria Arms access would not qualify for the use of the Developer's contribution which it held. It was therefore decided to accept the City Works quotation in the sum of £144.

Mrs Deam drew attention to the fact that the by-laws had been removed from the entrance to the Mortimer Hall Recreation Ground.

Mr Haynes drew attention to an occupied caravan on the Boults Lane car park. The Clerk would investigate.

The requested site meeting between the City Council and Mr Phipps concerning the footpath between Boults Lane and Horseman Close had not been arranged. The Clerk would remind the City Council of this and request that the foliage be cut back to expose the lighting. It was also decided to consider reducing the height of the poplar trees.

Highways

The Clerk would draw attention to caravans parked on the cycle track near the fly-over and overhanging vegetation in Cherwell Drive.

Vandalism

About fifteen incidences had occurred within the last week. Damaged cars, broken windows and arson which took place over several evenings. Most were reported to the Police who had failed to respond on many occasions and failed to mount patrols to prevent the on-going damage. The Clerk would write.

Allotments

The report of the sub-committee was received. The recommended Agreement, Constitution and Tenancy Agreement were, subject to minor amendments, approved. The Chairman and Vice-chairman were authorised to sign on behalf of the Council after the Association had adopted its Constitution.

In view of the limited Council funds which would be held by the Association it was decided that their Treasurer should not be required to be the subject of a Fidelity Guarantee.

The Clerk would draw the Contractor's attention to the bent stand pipe.

Mr King's offer to erect a temporary fence in the A40 gap at £6 per hour was accepted. Mrs Stones offer of a length of chain link fencing was gratefully accepted.

Burial Ground

The Clerk reported an increased take-up of plots and he would proceed with the Planning Application for the extension

Several complaints about poor maintenance this season were received. The Clerk would discuss these with Mr Cooper.

Alun T. Jones
29 Sept. 98