

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th September 1999
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr C W Haynes (Chairman)
Mrs E. Nurse (Vice-chair)
Mesdames Bradley, Stone & Tiwari
Messrs Agent & Taylor
Apologies for absence were received from Medames Cox, Deam & King, Messrs Bartleet & Batey
The Clerk Mr L M Garner was in attendance
City Councillor Mr J. Coats attended, K. Tiwari apologised for absence

Minutes

The Minute book being with the Auditor the Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the 6th July 1999.

Matters Arising

No reply had been received from the brewers concerning the proposed sign The Victoria Arms entrance
No reply had been received from the Oxford Preservation Trust re the suggested amusements for Mill Lane. Miss Bradley would speak to Mr Nicholls for suggestions about choice of equipment.
Mr Taylor had received permission to place a noticeboard on the Jack Russell wall.

Police

The Chairman welcomed Sgt. Price and P.C. Jackson who said that although there were no unusual problems at present they were aware of the possibility of drug dealing in the Parish and a limited amount of anti-social behaviour. ~~The proposed closure of the footpath from Park Way had not been done.~~ ^{TRAVELLERS} Gypsies were again at the fly-over and were the Department of Transport's responsibility. The Chairman thanked them for attending and they left the Meeting.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Consultants dealing with the strengthening of the A40 bridge to suggest that measures be incorporated in the scheme to prevent ~~gypsies~~ ^{TRAVELLERS} from using the land again.

Correspondence

Old Marston was unplaced in the Best Kept Village competition but the judges made favourable statements relating to the Church, Church Hall, Schools and the recreation grounds. The Clerk would send copies of the results to the schools.

Miss Bradley commented that she had expected her letter to the Chairman, to which he had replied, to be circulated but no proposals had been made which required a decision.

The Clerk circulated a list of Parish Council appointments and nominations.
The following were noted;
Oxford City Council- Members' Information sheets
Atmosphere Report on Crime & Disorder
Oxford City Council- Notice of conference on empty houses
Oxfordshire County Council- Report of meeting with Parish Councils 15th April 1999 (The Council was not represented)
Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils- Bi-monthly circular, meeting reports, alterations to travelling and subsistence allowances and a review of Clerk's salaries (deferred)

Mr Batey's proposals

He suggested that Members should be nominated to have specific interests and it was agreed as follows;

- Traffic Matters- Mrs Nurse
- Hedges on Parish property - Mr Agent
- Local Groups- Mrs Cox
- Footpaths and overhanging vegetation- Mrs Stone
- Parish property- Mr Haynes & Mr Batey
- Highways- Mrs Tiwari & Mr Taylor
- ~~Through~~ Gypsy issues- Ms. Bradley
- Traffic- To be advised
- Transport- To ber advised

Millennium Committee

Notice of a meeting to be held on the 22nd September was received. No member of the Council was available to attend. The Parish Council would offer it's facilities, free of charge, for the festivities.

Old Marston Charities Trust

Mr C.Haynes was appointed as the Council's trustee for a further four year term.

Land Registration

The Land Registry had responded to the application for the registration of the Councils holdings. The Clerk had checked the Plans and, after consultation with the Chairman, had corrected them to include the area of land between The Mortimer Hall and the bungalow and to redefine the School Lane boundary on the line of the fence. A small finger of land of about four square yards at the rear of Boults Lodge had been lost when the ditch was piped in. The Clerk's actions were confirmed.

Planning

Applications

The following applications were considered;

- 10, Beechey Avenue- Extension- No comment
- 3, Church Lane- Conservatory- No comment
(The above were dealt with by the Chairman between meetings)
- 27, Elms Drive- Extension- No objection in principle to an extension, but attention to be drawn to the different style.
- Marston Saints F.C.- Garage adjoining the pavilion for storage. It was decided to recommend that it should be sited in line with the rear of the property rather than at the front. Mr Coats, City Councillor, said he would endeavour to deal with this when the application was considered.

Decisions

The following were reported;

- 112, Arlington Drive- Extension & pitched roofs- Approved
- 6, Southcroft- Extension- Approved

Other Matters

Notice was received from the City Council that the review of the Local Plan was about to commence to which the Parish Council indicated it's interest in being consulted. The proposed Centre for Islamic Studies was to be the subject of a Public Meeting. The Parish Council would not be represented but Mr Coats was asked to ensure that no amplified sound should be permitted outside the building. The Clerk had received a reply from the Chairman of the City Highways Committee agreeing that the Parish Council should be involved in discussions on traffic matters

affecting the Parish. He had asked Mr W.Read of Corporate Services to liase with the Parish Council.

Bus Service

It was noted that a Park-&-Ride service between Pear Tree and the JR and Brookes, supported by Brookes University would run on an hourly basis during the next two terms during working hours. It was hopeful that further funding would be obtained to continue the service.

No progress had been made to improve the time-table of the Mill Lane service.

Mr Coats promised to support pressure for the restoration of the service to Carters and the Council estates, but success was not likely.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment;

		£
Artworks	Repairs to Mural	160.00
Audit commission	Audit fee 1997/8	405.49
L M Garner	Salary & part expenses	1008.52
Old Marston Residents' Assn.	S.137 Grant	50.00

The proposal to open an account with the Bristol & West Building Society had been declined.

Mural

The mural had been completed and the protective coat applied. The artists were required to make two return visits to repair damage caused by graffiti. The Clerk would write to those involved to express the Council's thanks and would discuss the provision of photographs with the artists.

Allotments

The Clerk had asked for a quotation for cutting the Mill Lane hedges.

Marston Saints F.C.

The Chairman and Mr Taylor had inspected the work done which was of a very high standard. The Clerk was asked to write to thank those involved. The sand sack had been stolen and it was unlikely that the deposit would be recovered.

It was decided to form a committee with the Football Club to further a grant application for Lottery funding for the pavilion. The Parish Council representatives to be the Chairman and the Vice-chair, Mrs Stone & Mr Taylor.

Burial Ground

It was decided that maintenance in future years be put to contract and the Clerk was asked to produce a draft specification.

5 October 1999

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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL BY-ELECTION
Old Marston and Risinghurst Ward

9TH September 1999

WARD AND ELECTORATE AT 9.9.99	CANDIDATE				RESULT	
	NAME	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	NO. OF VOTES	% POLL	OTHER INFORMATION
OLD MARSTON & RISINGHURST 5007	Duncan HATFIELD	1 Haynes Road Old Marston OXFORD OX3 0SE	The Conservative Party Candidate	352	33	
	Michael MCANDREWS	Plater College Pullens Lane OXFORD OX3 0DT	Liberal Democrat	719		Liberal Democrat HOLD
	Cherry MOSTESHAR	Elsmere Crick Road OXFORD OX2 6QL	The Labour Party Candidate	506		
	Pritam SINGH	18 Cavendish Drive Old Marston OXFORD OX3 0SB	Green Party	69		