

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4 September 2001
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr. C.W. Haynes Chairman
Mrs. C. Stone Vice-chairman ere
Mesdames Bradley, Cox, and Tiwari
Messrs Agent, Batey, Cann, and Taylor
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance
City Councillor Mr. J. Coats

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 July 2001 were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising

The clerk had written again about the new ^{post} ~~post~~ ^{box} ~~box~~ needed. It was noted that the existing box, likely to be replaced, had been painted whereas those in Mill Lane and Salford Road, in a worse condition. He would write again and include a comment on the loss of the 8 a.m. collection.

Correspondence

A letter was received from the City Council seeking a nomination for a City User Group Panel to provide feedback on such things as Planning Control Charter. The letter was addressed personally to the Clerk without reference to the Council that was not on the list of nominees. Mr. Taylor was appointed and in forwarding the nomination the Clerk was asked to emphasise that as a Local Authority it was important that it should have a nomination as of right.

Local Government Boundary Commission

The Commission had considered the options for Ward Boundaries and published its recommendations that, for this area, conformed to this Council's preference except that the small estate to the north of William Street was now included in this area. This was accepted.

Planning

Applications

The following were considered:

Land between 3 - 13 Cavendish Drive, the earlier application having been withdrawn, erection of three terraced houses. The general appearance was not in keeping with the area and the question of parking rights appeared unresolved. Inadequate parking remained within the development area. It was decided to recommend refusal.

76 Arlington Drive - large extension. There was no objection to the work proposed but the Clerk was asked to 'phone the Planning Officer to draw attention to the possibility that the work effectively made two flats with the minimum of extra work.

71 Oxford Road - alteration to division of two cottages and car access for the road. There was no objection to the proposal but it was thought that the parking and access arrangements were not ideal to serve the cottages and a new bungalow. The possibility of widening the footpath to be raised again.

8 Dents Close - extension - no comment.

25 Raymund Road - extension - no comment

Decisions

The following were reported:

86 Cherwell Drive - extension - approved

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30 Ewin Close – extension – approved
13 Beechey Avenue – extension – refused
1 Beechey Avenue – extension - refused

Other Matters

JR11 extension, it was reported that the Minister had declined to intervene with the result that there was no appeal against the grant of planning approval other than by way of a Judicial Review. Mr. Coats suggested that this was a reasonable possibility that the result could be a review of the traffic arrangements that were now unacceptable. The principle was agreed and a financial contribution possible. The Clerk was asked to investigate ways and means. Mr. Coats thought that some contributions could be expected from other interested parties. The Clerk to obtain advice and costings.

It was also agreed to make a formal complaint to the Local Government Ombudsman.

Notice of a meeting, on 11 September 2001 at 7 p.m. in Lecture Theatre 1 at the JR11 on the development and traffic arrangements was noted.

The City Council were proposing to put planning applications etc. on line. It was decided to welcome the proposal subject to paper plans still being sent to this Council.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment:

		£
Brookes University (paid Between meetings)	Fee for Mr. Baty's attendance at the Green Belt Conference	65.00
Singer and James	Burial Ground Railings	11,164.27
Cornhill Insurance	Fidelity Bond increase	49.50
L.M. Garner	Salary and expenses	1,408.45
L.M. Garner	Salary increase (see below)	86.92

Clerk's Salary

The National Association of Local Council's recommendation that Clerk's salaries should be increased by 3.5% from 1 April 2001 was accepted and the Clerk's salary so increased.

Recreation Ground

The Scout's request that the new lease should be for a period of 35 years was agreed. Before entering into a new lease the consent of the Charity Commission is required. This involves a "Scheme" to be published in the following terms:

SCHEME

The trustee of the Charity (Old Marston Parish Council) may grant, to The Scout Association Trust Corporation, an extension of the lease of land identified in the schedule to this scheme, for the purposes of a Scout Hut for a term not exceeding 35 years. The Trustee must comply with the restrictions on disposal imposed by section 36 of the Charities Act 1993, unless the lease is excepted from these restrictions on disposal imposed by section 36(9)(b) or (c) or section 36(10) of that Act.

SCHEDULE

LAND AT Old Marston, Oxfordshire, with a building thereon known as the Scout Hut. The land is described in a lease of 17 September 1982 which was made between Marston Parish Council and two others of the one part, and a Member of the Board of Management and one other of the other part.

This was agreed.

The Clerk would arrange a meeting between the Chairman of Marston Saints and the Chairman and Vice-chairman to discuss outstanding items.

Before entering into a formal agreement with the Oxford Preservation Trust for the use of the Mill Lane site used as a playing field the Clerk was asked to obtain a price for repairing

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the fence and to suggest that the likely life of a notice would be so short that its provision should be reviewed.

The Clerk reported on the problems of getting the installation work of the new amusements completed at Oxford Road.

Highways

The Artists said that they would not be prepared to repair the Mural.

Attention to the following items required:

The Cumberledge Close street sign was loose

Loose setts on the Arlington Drive Estate.

Overgrowing hawthorn at 64 Oxford Road.

Burial Ground

It was decided to resurrect the proposal to provide a stand tap.

The caretaker had agreed to strim the footpaths crossing the adjoining land.

Date of Next Meeting

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**Minutes of a Meeting between Representatives of Old Marston Parish Council and
Marston Satins Football Club held at the Pavilion on 25 September 2001**

Present were Mr. C.W. Haynes and Mrs. M.C. Stone, Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Parish Council and Mr. K. O'Connor and Mr. D. Holt, Vice-chairman and member of the Club. The Clerk in attendance.

The Meeting was arranged to discuss matters of joint concern.

Premises

Guttering in need of replacement, some thought to have been stolen.

Prefab garage not good enough to erect. It was agreed that a concrete block structure would be permitted subject to the Club contacting the Planning Officer

An inspection had taken place; the Club to connect properly the bar sink drain, redecorate the shower areas and provide a glass washing machine.

Ground

It appeared, from Mr. Coats' comments elsewhere, that there would be a greater chance of acquiring the additional land towards Marsh Lane if it was not intended to build on it. The Club suggested that the junior pitch and training area could be sited there to provide the extra space needed and avoid uprooting trees. The knock on effect is that any new building would be provided at the Boults Lane end. The desirable format of the new building was considered and the likelihood of Lottery Funding. Two routes seemed possible, that with close co-operation and support from the Football Association in which case the facility would be tied largely to the sport and in order to get the grant the site would have to be leased to the Club that would exercise control. The second method would be for a similar arrangement to that for the Mortimer Hall where the site and development is run by a charity controlled by a committee that would have a number of trustees, possibly with a majority of Council members. Lottery funding could then be possible and control and extent of football and other use balanced according to need. A building to compete with the Mortimer Hall was not expected. The possibility of the new building being on the present site would be considered further together with an enlargement of the parking area.

A contractor had been asked to clear the land drain to prevent the amusement area being waterlogged.

Conduct

The Club undertook to ask its members again to leave their cars at home and to try to keep noise levels down at matches and training to avoid annoyance to nearby residents. Parents would be asked to supervise their children, particularly when the parents were in the Clubhouse

Other Items

The Club continued to flourish and had a very large number of young players, mostly from the Parish. More would be welcome. It was hoped to have girls teams playing as soon and possible but accommodation was a problem.

The Chairman thanked those present for attending and wished the Club a successful season.