

# **Minutes of Old Marston Parish Council Annual Meeting of the Parish 5<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

## **Present:-**

Charlie Haynes, Chairman (CH)  
Wally Cox, Vice Chairman (WC)  
Duncan Hatfield (DH)  
Michael Cadd (MC)  
Peter Cox (PC)  
Roy Jones (RJ)  
Angie Tiwari (AT)  
Hugh Deam (HD)  
Mrs K Stratford, Clerk (KS)

## **Requests from Members of the Public to Speak**

None received

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Mr Nils Bartleet, Cllr Mary Clarkson and Beverley Hazell

Welcome to Barrie Lewis and LeRoy Garner who attended the meeting. The Chairman requested that Councillors declare any personal interests at any point on the agenda.

### **2. Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting**

The Clerk read the previous Minutes.

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the last annual parish meeting.

### **3. Matters Arising from Minutes**

- There had been an issue with levelling off the grounds after burials, and this has now been resolved. Although the Clerk must continue to monitor.
- Allotments – looks the best it has done for ages. A concern was raised back last summer regarding wanting to dig a ditch. This issue has apparently died away. The Chairman now sorted with Oxford Preservation Trust.
- Done Risk Assessment on the Clerk's office, but a new one is required for the new clerk.
- Done PAT test, but a new one is required for the new clerk's office.
- Job Description and contract of employment have been raised and approved for new clerk.
- New noticeboards look very good. The clerk has an issue with the opening of the noticeboard at Mortimer Hall, as it's rather awkward and uncomfortable. The parish council to investigate ways to make it easier and safer to use.
- Public right of way footpath across allotments application remains ongoing. Clerk in discussions with the County Council to try and speed up the process, as the deadline seems to keep moving backwards.

### **4. Chairman's Report**

- Boult's Lane – there has been no official advisement, but according to the Planning Website, approval has been granted. This is when the hard work will start and will be down to the steering committee to move forward. Meeting with the public went well. Will hold a further meeting to inform interested locals of status and progress.
- The Tesco application to change the Friar into a Metro Store was refused.
- Houses being turned into HMOs remains an issue.
- Two city councillors and the county councillor been very supportive and we can look forward to getting more support in the future.

- New clerk has new system for correspondence, which seems to work – Parish Councillors to advise her in advance if they wish her to bring specific items to the meeting.
- Accepted RoSPA quote and work will be done.
- Work ongoing at Boults Lane.
- Marston Saints successful in getting top pitch, up and running and looking very good.
- Oxford City have submitted plans for all-weather pitches at OXSRAD.
- CH/KS meeting OCC ref mowing to try to ‘beef up’ the specification and provide best value for the parish.
- Sub-committee – FoOMA. Have submitted plans – four plans have been submitted. CH suggested meet outside this meeting. First development to be done at Mortimer Hall, second phase will be Boults Lane, but this is tied up with sports pavilion. Hope to see progress soon.
- Finance – as before have supported local groups, Marston Saints, Mortimer Hall, etc. Will support FoOMPA. A very healthy balance – see later. CH/WC/KS to meet the city council in June regarding the double charging.
- I would like to thank Oxford City Council for their support, not least for Mortimer Hall, Marston Saints and FoOMPA.
- New Clerk has been employed and salary agreed.
- The outgoing Clerk has been paid an annuity.
- Burial Ground is looking good – thanks to Peter. We want to discuss the charges at the next meeting, as we are considerably cheaper than the council.
- We need to install some sort of holding store at the burial ground; the Chairman is proposing a small container.
- We have a meeting with Oxford Preservation Trust and we have an agreement we pay 50% and hopefully the City Council will pay the other 50%.
- We have asked OCC for assistance with the cemetery.
- We have an issue with the Gravedigger. Clerk has written.
- Highways – still waiting for a review on traffic calming in the village. We will chase vigorously.
- There is still an issue with parking in the village, and we need to get this resolved. There has now been a limit on time cars can park outside shops, and this has been very successful and appreciated by the traders, as it has stopped the commuter parking that was occurring.
- Need to resolve Ashlong Drive etc, where commuters are parking.
- Back Lane continues to be an issue.
- NEAC – thanks to Wally who has done more because of Nils Bartleet being ill.
- Thank you to Gill and Duncan for the bulletin – much appreciated.
- Allotments – well used, although not full. The Court Place Farm site is even busier.
- Website very well used – thanks to Duncan.

### **5. Finance. Clerk’s accounts.**

This information comes direct, reported by LeRoy Garner. See separate report. LG is contacting the local auditor. Many thanks to Roy. The healthy account shows the parish council has not been extravagant.

### **6. AGM correspondence – none.**

### **7. Any Other Business**

Thanks to the Clerk for doing his job and for his work on the accounts.

Thanks to all the people who sit on committees, Peter Cox, Duncan Hatfield, the county councillor and two city councillors.

Thank you to all the Parish Councillors for their work over the past year and for supporting the parish.

Thanks and welcome to Kate, the new clerk.

WC – on behalf of Mortimer Hall – thanks to the parish council for their help and assistance. The work is moving forward and this summer funds are being raised for the toilets.

**6. Date of Next Meeting – AGM**

May 2010. Agenda to be agreed. Meeting Closed 20:10