

Old Marston Parish Council

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Members of the Public Welcome & Speaking arrangements:

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend the following meeting unless precluded by the Parish Council by resolution during the whole or part of the proceedings. They may address the parish council on any matter of council business during the time allotted at the beginning of the meeting for public participation.

Anyone wishing to speak must give prior notice with name and address to the Clerk before the meeting starts.

The protocol for speaking at the meeting is on page two of this document.

You are hereby invited to attend the meeting of OLD MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL to be held **at 7:00pm on Monday 8**th **January 2024** in Mortimer Hall, Oxford Road, Old Marston, OX3 0PH when the following business will be transacted.

Yours faithfully

Tim Cann. Parish Clerk.

2nd January 2024

Councillors are requested to declare any prejudicial interest they have in any of the items.

Requests from members of the public to speak: Please note you are required to inform the clerk prior to speaking and no member of the public or press shall speak for more than 5 minutes unless the chairman so declares and the total time for public participation is 20 minutes.







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- There is no entitlement for members of the public to speak at any other time during the meeting, unless invited to by the chairman.
- A record of public participation may be included in the Minutes and, if any actions are required, they will be reported on at the next meeting.
- In accordance with standing order 3(e), a question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The chairman of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given.
- A person, including councillors, shall raise their hand when requesting to speak.
- A person, including councillors, who speaks at a meeting shall direct his comments to the chairman of the meeting.
- Only one person, or councillor, is permitted to speak at a time. If more than one person wants to speak, the chairman of the meeting shall direct the order of speaking.
- A person, or councillor, shall not interrupt or talk over a person speaking.

AGENDA

(CLICK ON BLUE PAGE NUMBERS FOR LINK)

- 1. Request if anyone is intending to record the proceeds of the meeting, if so, has any member of the public any objections in being included.
- 2. Apologies for absence and approval by Council: LM, PH
- 3. Web Site, Facebook, and other social media.
- 4. Public, County & City Councillors & Thames Valley Police participation (if any requests received)
 - a. Thames Valley Police
 - **b.** County & City Councillors Report(s)
 - c. Public
- 5. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on the 4th December 2023 (Page 5)
- 6. Matters arising omitting those for which an agenda heading follows:-
 - Right of Way
 - Policy on honorarium for outgoing parish councillors: OALC has advised, as far as they are aware, no other parish council has such a policy and recommend not adopting one.

7. Operational Checks:

- Weekly operational checks on the defibrillator have been carried out.
- Weekly operational checks on the play equipment have been carried out.
- 8. Co-option of Parish Councillor.
- 9. Planning:

Applications considered between meetings: NONE.

Decisions: (Click to see reasons for refusal)

23/02017/FUL - 21 Haynes Road - APPROVED.

23/01414/VAR - Marston Paddock - APPROVED.

23/02480/FUL - 32B Oxford Road - APPROVED.

23/02518/FUL - 28 Cavendish Drive - REFUSED.

Awaiting Decisions:

20/02457/DEL - Willow Barn, Oxford Road

21/03294/FUL - 56 Marsh Lane

22/03049/FUL – Land North of Bayswater Brook

23/02294/DEL - 46 Oxford Road

23/02532/FUL - 68 Elms Drive

23/02460/ADV - Bus Shelter Outside 4 Elsfield Road

Applications to be decided: (PAGE 9)

- 23/02881/FUL 78 Oxford Road Demolition of existing front porch. Erection of a front porch.
- 23/02881/FUL | Demolition of existing front porch. Erection of a front porch. | 78 Oxford Road Old Marston Oxford Oxfordshire OX3 0RD
- 23/02818/FUL 25 Fairfax Avenue Erection of a single, part two storey rear extension. Alteration to 1 window to front elevation. Relocation of bike storage.

- 23/02818/FUL | Erection of a part single, part two storey rear extension. Alterations to 1no. window to front elevation. Relocation of bike storage. | 25 Fairfax Avenue Oxford Oxfordshire OX3 0RP
- 10. Feedback from Transport Meeting between Oxfordshire County Council, Oxford City Council and Old Marston Parish Council representatives. (Page 19)
- 11. Oxfordshire Charter. (Page 20)
- 12. Finance:
 - a. Balance Report (Page 21)
 - **b.** Following Payments to be reviewed for payment:

The following accounts to be paid:	£ Incl. VAT	
Clerks Pay Including Expenses, Pension, etc December	per 2023	
The Red Lion (Chairman's Christmas Buffet)	330.90	
Mr D. Hook (Installation of Cemetery Bench)	200.00	
Royal British Legion (Wreath Donation)	200.00	
TOTAL	£3,711.28	
Petty Cash Expenditure:		
Oxford Bus Company (Clerk's Ticket to County Hall)	4.00	
INCOME:		
Newbury Building Society (Annual Interest)	2,702.98	

- c. Oxford City Council Business Rates for Elsfield Road Cemetery
- d. Tree Survey: £1,030.00 included VAT.
- 13. Clerk's Report (Page 22)
- **14.Reports from Members:** Update from **c**ouncillors representing the council on external bodies should the respective organisation have met.
 - Mortimer Hall Committee Meeting,
 - Public Transport Meeting
- 15. Plus, anything of an urgent nature which has come to the Clerk's attention since the agenda was set.
- 16. Information sharing (including correspondence)

Rural Services Network Digest etc.

- OALC Newsletter
- Correspondence

Date of next meeting: - Monday 5th February 2024 7pm in Mortimer Hall.

- **17.Closed Session** To resolve, under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act), that the public and media be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
- 18. Finance Committee draft minutes meeting held on 18th December 2023:
 - Draft Budget
- **19.Draft Precept:** The current tax base figure was not available until after the finance committee had met so the committee was unable to review and recommend.

Minutes of the Old Marston Parish Council Meeting held on the 4th December 2023 at the Mortimer Hall from 7:00pm. UNCONFIRMED

Present:

Parish Council:

Duncan Hatfield (DH) – Chairman Charlotte Vinnicombe (CV)

Skye Denno (SD) Pat Hall (PH)
Peter Williams (PW) Mick Bates (MB)
Alistair Morris (AM) Charlie Haynes (CH)

Oxford City Council: Mary Clarkson

In attendance:

Tim Cann (Clerk) Members of the Public: 4

23/12/01 Intention to record the proceedings of the meeting: NONE.

23/12/02 Apologies for absence: Parish Councillors Louise Milford – Unwell, Mary James & Louise Upton – clash of meetings.

23/12/03 Website and social media: DH advised Facebook and Twitter followers increasing.

23/12/04 Public, County & City Councillors & Thames Valley Police participation (if any requests received)

- a. Thames Valley Police: No Report received.
- **b.** County & City Councillor Reports:
 - Report from City Councillor Alistair Morris: reported that the city council plan to plant 74 trees across the city including 2 or 3 in Mortimer Drive. There will also be several dozen on the Marston Ferry Road cycle track There is a consultation out on smoke control.

c. Public:

A resident spoke about the construction work going on at Marston Paddock in Butts Lane. Reporting mud on the roads, damage to the Bricklayers building and two posts being knocked down. Pavements are being blocked by large lorries and construction vehicles making it has become increasingly dangerous for children and parents going to school There had been residents stopped while lorries arrive, which obviously is due to safety, however on one occasion a resident only managed to catch the bus because it was late!

It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk will write to Oxford City planning enforcement and the developers.

23/12/05 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th November 2023.

It was **RESOLVED** these are a true record.

23/12/06 Matters Arising (omitting those for which an Agenda heading follows):

• It was **RESOLVED** that Dr Judith Webb be invited to the walk around the parish owned land in February.

23/12/07 Operational Checks:

- The clerk reported that the weekly checks on the defibrillator had been carried out. All working correctly.
- The clerk reported that the weekly checks on the play equipment had been carried out.

23/12/08 Planning:

Applications considered between meetings: NONE.

Decisions:

23/02155/FUL – 2 Mortimer Drive - REFUSED

Awaiting Decisions:

20/02457/DEL – Willow Barn, Oxford Road

21/03294/FUL - 56 Marsh Lane

22/03049/FUL – Land North of Bayswater Brook

23/02017/FUL - 21 Haynes Road

23/01414/VAR – Marston Paddock, Butts Lane

23/02294/DEL - 46 Oxford Road

23/02480/FUL – 32B Oxford Road

Applications to be decided:

- 23/02480/FUL 32B Oxford Road Erection of a single storey rear extension. Removal of existing front porch canopy and formation of a front porch. Alterations to fenestrations. (Amended description and plans). – NO OBJECTION.
- 23/02518/FUL 28 Cavendish Drive Enlargement of front porch. Removal of front boundary wall to allow for car parking access. Provision of cycle store (Part Retrospective). – NO OBJECTION.
- 23/02532/FUL 68 Elms Drive Demolition of garage. Erection of part single part two storey side extension. Alterations to rear fenestration. Provision of bin stores to front. – NO OBJECTION.
- 23/02460/ADV Bus Shelter Outside 4 Elsfield Road Display of a community notice board on the back wall of the existing bus shelter. – INFORMATION ONLY.

23/12/09 Consultation:

- Draft Oxford Local Plan 2040 It was felt that there was little mention of the green belt, number of new homes unrealistic and not enough attention is given to brown field sites. It was RESOLVED that PW and CV will draft a response which will be circulated.
- Partial CIL Charging Schedule Review. Noted.

23/12/10 Community Needs Survey:

• It was felt that the survey was a positive start to the council engaging with the community. Further surveys using different mediums could be considered.

23/12/11 Finance: Bank balance as at 29/11/2023 –

Unity Trust Account £41,852.65 (incl. CIL Money) £27,272.56 Petty Cash £66.84 Newbury Building Society A/c £85,339.05, Skipton Building Society A/c £22,333.50.

The following accounts to be paid:	£ Incl. VAT			
Clerks Pay Including Expenses, Pension, etc November	2023			
M&S (Mr Cox 'Thank You')	150.00			
BestHost (Website Hosting & Email addresses)	159.00			
OALC (Training – MS)	384.00			
Mr D. Ward (Preparing Wild Strip)	400.00			
BT (Office Phone)	7.50			
TOTAL	£3,186.94			
Petty Cash Expenditure:				
Oxford Bus Company (Clerk's Ticket to County Hall)	4.00			

INCOME:	
Newbury Building Society (Annual Interest)	2.702.98

It was **RESOLVED** to discuss at the January meeting whether a policy was needed to honour past service parish councillors.

- a. It was **RESOLVED** to accept these payments.
- b. Bank Authorisation, Finance Committee and Staffing & Standards Committee:
 - It was RESOLVED that MS will be a bank authorisation signatory and on the Finance Committee.
 - o It was **RESOLVED** that MB will be on the Finance Committee.
 - It was RESOLVED that CV will be on the Staffing & Standards Committee.
- **c.** Newbury Building Society Account: It was RESOLVED to transfer £50,000 from the Newbury Building Society to the Skipton Building Society.
- **d.** Donation to Royal British Legion for wreaths: As the wreath for this year was a sustainable wreath, not from the RBL, it was **RESOLVED** to give the RBL a donation of £200.

23/12/12 OMMLAA (Old Marston Mill Lane Allotments Association) AGM:

The chairman and clerk attended the Annual General meeting of Old Marston Mill Lane Allotments Association on Thursday 23rd November.

It is a very active, well-run association with dedicated and committed officers.

It was RESOLVED that the clerk work with OMMLAA on the following points and bring costings to council for consideration:

- A higher entrance gate is needed,
- There are various gaps in the hedge which need addressing,
- The boundary along south side, with Bradlands and Wards Mobile Home Park, needs attention.

23/12/13 Clerk's Report:

- The council asked the clerk to chase up:
 - Access cameras in Elsfield Road. The clerk will email ML.
 - Additional streetlights in Elsfield Road. Clerk to email ML.
- The council were made aware of:
 - The new seat had been installed in the Elsfield Road cemetery.
 - Vehicles are parking close to the church entrance and cemetery entrance causing issues for hearses and people attending services etc. It was RESOLVED the council fund the purchase of eight funeral cones.

23/12/14 Report from members:

- MJ attended the public transport meeting but as she was not present a report would be given at the next meeting.
- DH advised that the Mortimer Hall committee meet on the 18th January.

23/12/15 Plus anything of an urgent nature which has come to the clerk's attention since the agenda was set:

 It was RESOLVED that the finance committee will meet on Monday 18th December at 6pm.

23/12/16 Information Sharing:

- OALC Newsletter.
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- Correspondence

23/11/21	Date o	f next	meeting:
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Monday 4th December 2023 at 7pm in the Mortimer Hall.

MEETING	CLOSED:	8:42pm
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Signed:	Chairman
Date:	
	FIRMED following resolution at the following ful
council meeting.	

PLANNING

23/02518/FUL - 28 Cavendish Drive

Proposal: Enlargement of front porch. Removal of front boundary wall to allow for car parking access. Provision of cycle store (Part Retrospective).

Following consideration of the application in respect of the proposal outlined above it was resolved to REFUSE PLANNING PERMISSION for the following reasons:-

REASONS:

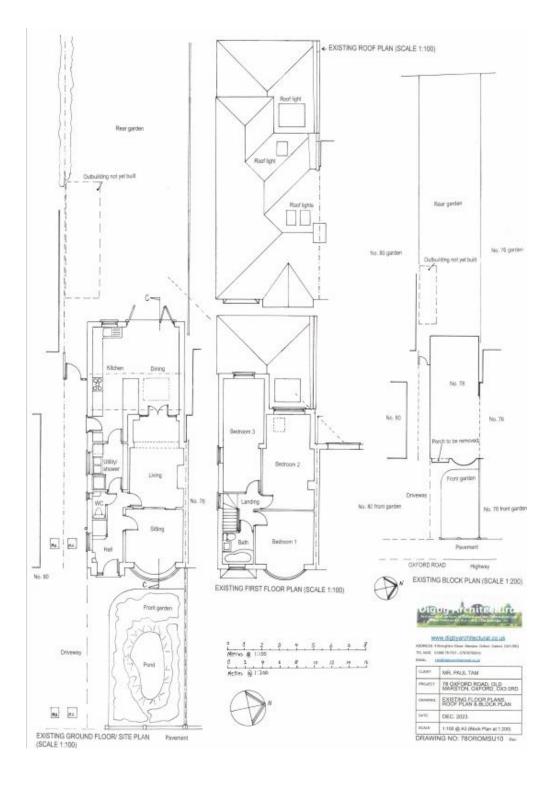
1 Because of its height, depth, overall bulk and mass and prominent position immediately adjacent to the public domain, the proposed cycle store would be an overly dominant and intrusive addition to the street scape that would appear visually incongruous and alien in its setting to the detriment of visual amenity and contrary to Policy DH1 of the Oxford Local Plan 2036 and the NPPF.

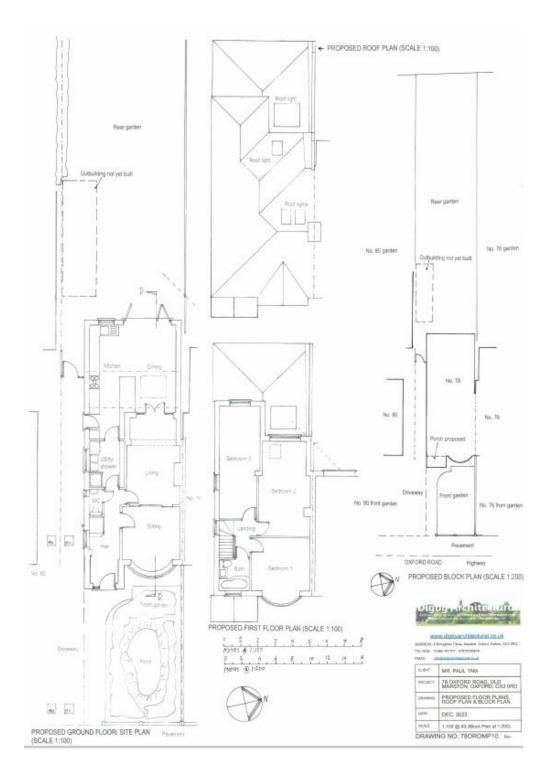
2 The application site fails to meet the relevant criteria set out in Policy M3. The proposal includes a net increase of one new private off-street parking space on the site with access to the street. Therefore, the proposal would have an unacceptable impact in parking terms as the development would increase on-site motor vehicle parking to the detriment of the aims and objectives of the Oxford Local Plan 2036 which seeks a modal shift away from private car use. As a result, the development would be contrary to Policy M3 of the Oxford Local Plan 2036.

78 Oxford Road - 23/02881/FUL - Demolition of existing front porch. Erection of front porch.

SITE LOCATION PLAN FOR 78 OXFORD ROAD, OLD MARSTON







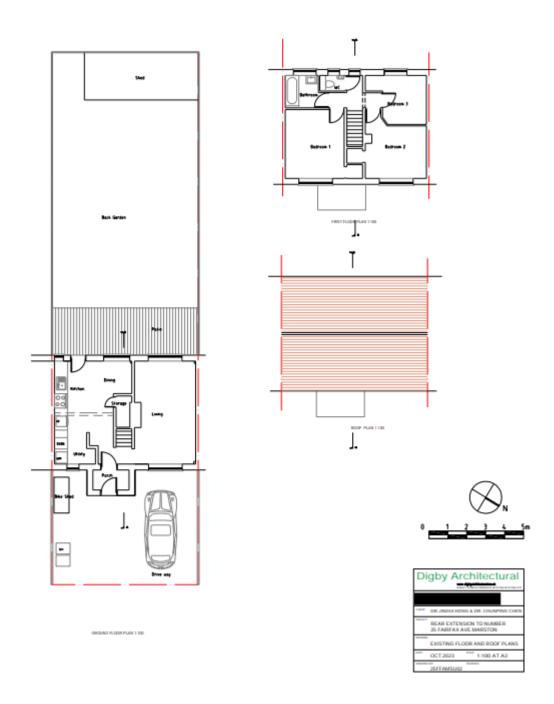


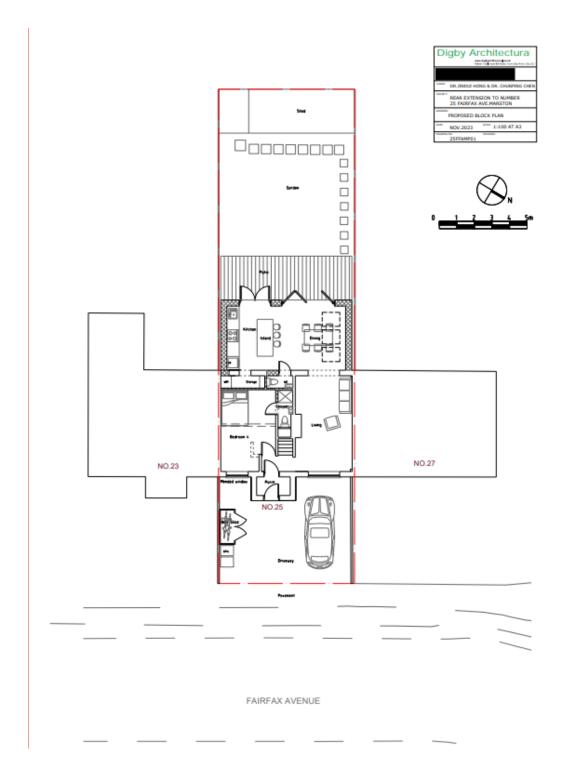
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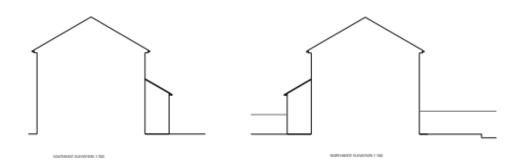
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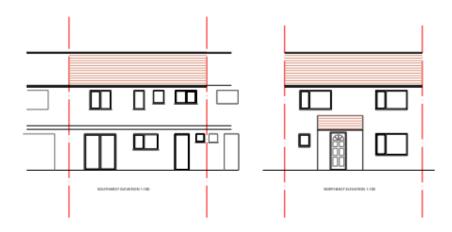


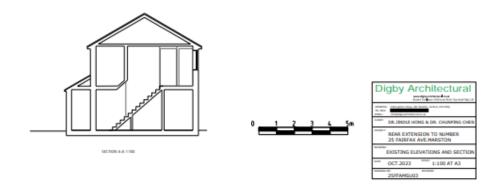














Feedback from Transport Meeting between Oxfordshire County Council, Oxford City Council and Old Marston Parish Council representatives.

Thanks to everyone for their time on Tuesday - I found it a helpful meeting. Before I forget what was discussed, and so we can report back correctly to the Parish Council in the new year, could I ask everyone to check my brief note of the meeting for accuracy and completeness? Especially Craig, please!

Transport meeting at County Hall organised by Mark Lygo - 19 December 2023

Present: Craig Rossington (Transport Planner), Mark Lygo, Mary Clarkson, Louise Upton, Peter Williams, Charlotte Vinnicombe (the latter two representing Old Marston Parish Council)

Apologies: Tim Cann and Joanne Fellows

We went through several of the points raised in advance by the Parish Clerk, and Craig's general view was that it's simply too difficult to enforce the 'access only' restriction in a way that is workable and affordable. When it was mentioned that there were more accidents and near misses than are reported to the police, Craig said if we could provide him with 'a collection of evidence' of accidents that would be useful. He mentioned an option for us to pay the police to enforce the access-only restriction. He was not enthusiastic about the idea of using ANPR because of the significant cost of managing a complicated scheme. Nor was he interested in addressing speeding by replacing the chicanes with speed cushions. However, he did respond positively to a couple of suggestions about signage and road markings, and said he would look at a proposal to:

- (1) add markings to the road to prioritise cyclists,
- (2) add a new 'access only' signage at the T-junction, and
- (3) consider a new 30mph limit before you reach the 20mph in the village. We suggested that if all these could be done all at once, with an occasional police presence to help enforce it (which would have to be funded by the Parish Council), it was generally agreed this would be progress, at least.

His overarching response to all the other concerns (additional traffic from the housing developments, and the risk of the village becoming a drop-off/turning point after the traffic filters come in) was that we should 'wait and see' what impact the filters have, as this is the council's main (if not only) strategy for dealing with a host of traffic problems in Oxford. If the filters work, i.e. reduce the number of vehicles and successfully ease congestion, people will naturally stick to Marsh Lane, especially if supported by the measures described above.

Craig mentioned the transport policy for the Meadow Brook development and seemed unaware that the Elsfield Rd end of Old Marston was not in their plan, so is checking that. When I asked for more information about their methodology for transport planning, he referred us to the forecasting report -

https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/file/roads-and-transport-major-projects/Oxfordtrafficfilterstransportandtrafficforecastingreport.pdf on the Traffic Filters

page - https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/connecting-oxfordshire/traffic-filters#paragraph-14153.

I raised concerns about surfacing Back Lane, Louise voiced her support for doing it to encourage new residents to cycle to school and onwards, and both Mary and Louise reported that the path is currently not usable.

All of the above will be reported back to the Parish Council at its meeting on 8th January 2024.

Charlotte Vinnicombe.

Dear Charlotte and others,

I fully endorse what Charlotte has to say by way of a summary of the meeting. I have two additional points.

- 1. There is a continuing risk to pedestrians and cyclists between 7 and 9 am along Oxford Road. A particular danger spot is outside Mortimer Hall, a drop off point for nursery and local schools. My feeling, echoing that of local residents is that this will not wait for traffic filters which may not now even be introduced in 2024 according to the Oxford Times. Reporting incidents and illegal parking to the police does not elicit a response. We need a place where incidents can be reported and collected to determine risk.
- 2. Back Lane is one of the few remaining 'green lanes' which are hot spots for biodiversity. Resurfacing it for cyclists inevitably would involve widening and destruction of trees and bushes, important habitats for wildlife. While the path is muddy currently it is certainly not impassable. I met a dog walker myself yesterday while using it. It should not be considered as a solution for cyclists.

I hope we can maintain a dialogue with the County and Mr Rossington. This was a useful exchange of views.

Peter Williams

RETURN TO AGENDA

Oxfordshire Charter

Dear Councillors and Clerks,

Thank you to all who have taken the time to engage with us on the Oxfordshire Councils Charter.

We have had a fantastic response to the survey and the next step is to analyse of all your responses and feedback, with the aim of identifying themes and putting together a draft charter by the end of this calendar year. In January 2024, you will be invited to share your views on the draft charter in another survey which will run from 3 January 2024 until 11 February. Please schedule this on your meeting agendas for the new year and do look out for your invitation to consult on the 3 January.

Thank you once again for your continued engagement. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Tannah Collier, **Policy Officer,** Communications, Strategy and Insight, Oxfordshire County Council

BALANCES REPORT As at the 2nd January 2023

Unity Trust Current Account	36,933.15		
Newbury Building Society	85,339.05		
Skipton Building Society	22,333.50		
Petty Cash	51.74		
TOTAL	£144,657.44		
Cil Money (included in above	figures)	£27 272 56	

Parish Clerk Report January 2024

KEY: Black - Ongoing Blue - Actioned RED - Completed Green - New for this month.

Reference	Decision	Action	Done
23/01	1 Elsfield Road Bus Stop Noticeboard 2 Salford Road Noticeboard 3 School Lane Noticeboard	 Application has been submitted. Awaiting confirmation that property owner is happy for noticeboard. Planning permission not needed however advertisement permission is. 	
23/03	Biodiversity Survey	Emailed Wild Oxfordshire who suggested finding a school who run a Forest School.	
23/04	Tree Stock Identification	The local Cub group have identified the trees in Boults Lane Recreation Ground. Waiting for local scouts to do the Mortimer Hall Recreation Ground.	
23/05	Tender for Table Tennis Surround	This was going to be rubber matting however tenders are now being sort for a surround.	
23/06	Enclosed Waste Bins/ Recycling Bins	Costings and options are being collated for covered bins for the Mortimer Hall Recreation Ground and Boults Lane Recreation Ground. The contractor has also been contacted with regards to the implications to having recycling bins.	
23/07	Tender for Boults Lane Fence (on allotment boundary behind old pavilion site) & Shuttering.	Tenders being sort for wooden post & rail fence and hedge.	
23/08	Tender for work on Boults Lane Car Park	Tender recently received. Looking for further tenders.	
23/09	Pavilion – Tender for Door Bar	Awaiting tender	
23/10	Pavilion -Tender for Barrier Wheel	Looking for replacement wheel for barrier as current one worn out.	
23/11	Pavilion – Tender for officials changing room floor	Completed.	Y
23/12	Pavilion – Tender for Roof	Awaiting dry weather.	
23/13	Pavilion – Tender for Outside Tap	Awaiting tender	
23/14	Community Survey	Completed	Υ

23/20	Communications Boards	18 April - Emailed Thomley Hall. Awaiting reply. Tel 12 June no answer.	
23/26	Kissing Gate on Right of Way through to CPF Allotments	As it stands: Despite several email and telephone calls to the contractor no further forward.	
23/27	Additional Tables in MH Recreation Ground		
23/28	Additional Streel lights in Mill Lane		
23/29	43 rd Scout Group Lease	Awaiting confirmation from Scout Association agreement.	
23/30	Reactive Speed sign(s) along Oxford Road, through the village, to encourage drivers to slow down	Emailed Vicki Neville & Christian Mauz County	
23/31	CCTV to properly manage speeding traffic through the village:	Emailed Vicki Neville & Christian Mauz County	
23/32	Parking on Elsfield Road: could double yellow lines be extended the length of the Elsfield Road	County Council have advised that any alterations to the CPZ would be subject to additional funding being found.	
23/33	Can the sign leading into the village from Elsfield Road be changed to saying 'OLD MARSTON ONLY	Emailed Vicki Neville & Christian Mauz County.	
23/35	Flooding on MH Recreation Ground	Clerk to contact Highways. Emailed Ewan Siret 12.6	
23/36	Boundary hedge with Red Lion	Clerk seeking quote.	
23/37	NO DOGS sign in MH Play area	One has been ripped off, so replacement ordered. 4 x Metal received.	Υ
23/38	Wildflower area in BL Rec	Initial work should be done.	
23/39	Right of Way on Park Farm	Charlotte Richie leading this.	
23/40	Elsfield Road Bus Stop Window	Perspex needs replacing.	
23/41	BL CCTV	Advice is there would be a safeguarding issue with CCTV overlooking a play area/recreation ground.	Y

23/42	BL Play Area (RoSPA Report)	Weeds growing through play area surface. Weed killed 29 August	Υ
23/43	Newsletter		
23/44	Dead tree in MH Rec	Permission has been granted. Getting cost for felling.	

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RED - Completed

Green – New for this month.

RETURN TO AGENDA

Old Marston Parish Council – Calendar of Meetings 2023/24

Date	Meeting	Time	Venue
29 th January	Staffing & Standards	6pm	Mortimer Hall
5 ^h February	Full Council	7pm	Mortimer Hall
26 th February	Environment Committee	6pm	Mortimer Hall
4 th March	Full Council	7pm	Mortimer Hall
25 th March	P,RG,A,C Committee*	6pm	Mortimer Hall
8 th April	Full Council	7pm	Mortimer Hall
29 th April	Finance Committee	6pm	Mortimer Hall
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^{*}P,RG,A & C Pavilion, Recreation grounds, Allotments & Cemetery Committee

The above are the standard meeting dates schedules for 2023-24.

Although additional meetings may be convened with the appropriate notice period and will be posted on the website and noticeboard.