





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.

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. There is no entitlement to speak at any other time during the meeting.

An issue raised shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate. The Chairman may direct that an oral or written response be given or that a note be made for later action.

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.

To: Parish Councillors Peter Williams, Mary James, Louise Milford, Charlotte Vinnicombe, Skye Denno & Alistair Morris

You are summoned to the MEETING of OLD MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE to be held at 6:00pm on Monday 27th March 2023 in the Mortimer Hall, Oxford Road, Old Marston when the following business will be transacted.

Yours faithfully

Tim Cann.
Parish Clerk

21st March 2023

NOTE: Please ensure that you have familiarised yourself with the items on the agenda before the meeting.

From time to time, it may be unavoidable for members to arrive late or need to leave early. Please be aware these occurrences WILL be recorded in the minutes at the appropriate stage of the proceedings.

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

AGENDA

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.
3. Minutes of the meetings on 19th December 2022
4. Matters arising omitting those for which an agenda heading follows:
 - Wild flower seeds have arrived and left with Court Place Farm Allotments.
5. Jubilee Tree Planting locations/species/etc.
6. Community Needs Survey
7. Any item that has come to the Clerk's attention of an urgent nature since the agenda was set.
8. Information sharing (including correspondence):
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9. Date of next meeting: -

Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on the 19th December 2022 in the Mortimer Hall from 6:00pm.

Present:

Parish Council:

Alistair Morris – Chair (AM)

Charlotte Vinnicombe – Vice-Chair (CV)

Mary James (MJ)

Louise Milford (LM)

Tim Cann (Clerk)

ENV 22/12/01 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman: AM was elected as Chairman and CV elected as Vice-Chair of the committee. They confirmed they would like to be addressed as 'Chair' and Vice-chair' respectively.

ENV 22/12/02 Intention to record the proceedings of the meeting: NONE.

ENV 22/12/03 Apologies for Absence: Skye Denno – other commitment, Louise Upton – vacation.

ENV 22/12/04 Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 24th February 2022. It was **RESOLVED** these are a true record.

ENV 22/12/05 Matters Arising (omitting those for which an agenda heading follows):

- Climate meeting report now on website,
- AM stated that a lot of work had been done on the various initiatives but as with most things needs commitment,
- LM queried why electric vehicles would not be allowed through the traffic filters when installed. AM pointed out that all vehicles add to congestion
- AM advised the meeting that the Low Carbon Group has a meeting in the Victoria Arms on Sunday 15th January at 6pm.
- CV stated that it looked like Oxfordshire County Council still intend to upgrade Back Lane. It was **RESOLVED** to invite a representative from the Oxford Preservation Trust to the next committee meeting to explore the alternative cycle route.

ENV 22/12/06 Jubilee Tree Planting:

AM reported that progress is very slow with the county and city councils. The county has found funding and stock to proceed with the project without parish council assistance. Although they are adamant it is only one side of the cycle track along the Marston Ferry Road. CV suggested planting trees along the other side of the road, on the right going towards Summertown. AM will ask the county council.

ENV 22/12/07 Traffic Calming:

CV stated that the system is divisive but now been agreed. After some discussion it was **RESOLVED** that there should be a standing item on the agenda of the full council, and it should be promoted people able to speak on CPZ and bus gates. It was also **RESOLVED** to recommend railings, similar to those used in Marsh Lane, around grass verge on the Cherwell Drive/Oxford Road junction.

ENV 22/12/08 Wild Marston:

The Clerk advised that he had no response from either the city council or county council regarding the grass verges. It was **RESOLVED** to revert back to sending out packets of wildflower seeds so people can sow in their own gardens.

ENV 22/12/09 Terms of Reference:

The Clerk stated that the council had discussed reviewing the terms of reference for each committee.

The current terms are:

Consists: up to 6 elected Councillors

Quorum: 4

Notification: 3 clear days

Meet: Not less than quarterly

1. In accordance with the Parish Council's Environment Policy, seek to minimize the effects of climate change and take positive action to tackle it.
2. Give encouragement to residents to reduce waste, increase home composting, re-cycle where possible and resist use of single-use plastics.
3. Seek to preserve green belt land and encourage its use for recreation, crops, forestry, and wildlife.
4. Promote green energy sources.
5. Promote use of allotments, home growing and communal growing within the Parish.
6. Consider measures to discourage traffic congestion and toxic emissions.
7. Preserve and add to existing tree stock where feasible.

It was **RESOLVED** to add:

- **Monitor effects on residents of the CPZ in the parish,**
- **Monitor effects of Low Traffic Network/Bus Gates in the parish,**
- **Monitor changes to public transport timetables/routes.**

It was felt:

- **Review services/facilities that may improve quality of life for residents such as reducing loneliness, improving health & wellbeing'.**

Too massive undertaking.

ENV 22/12/10 Revised Calendar of Meetings:

The Mortimer Hall had now been booked for committee meetings to be held on the last Monday of the month so the next Environment Committee meeting would be the 26th June. It was felt this too far away and asked could it not be two committee meetings on a same evening. The Clerk agreed to review the calendar to have two committee meetings on the same evening.

ENV 22/12/11 Items of an urgent nature which have come to the Clerk's attention since the agenda was set: NONE.

ENV 22/12/12 Information sharing (including correspondence):

NONE.

ENV 22/12/13 Date of Next Meeting: TBA

MEETING CLOSED: 7:25pm

OLD MARSTON COMMUNITY SURVEY 2023

What is the survey about?

Old Marston Parish Council is the local authority nearest the community. Although it is limited, in law, to what they can do, Parish Councils can have an important role to play in local government.

Old Marston Parish Council have introduced three initiatives:

- **Environment:** To be mindful of the environment, locally as well as nationally, in council activities. To strive to be sustainable and zero carbon emission as far as economically and practically possible.
- **Community Engagement:** To have a two-way engagement with the community. Using a variety of methods and striving for positive outcomes.
- **Health and Wellbeing:** To encourage a healthy, balanced lifestyle. Supporting and working to combat loneliness and encourage inclusion of the elderly, young and all sectors of the Community. To empower people to be able to make positive choices.

As part of its community engagement initiative Old Marston Parish Council is seeking the views of the residents of Old Marston.

This will:

- Let the parish council know how the residents see the parish council,
- Show the parish council what it does well and not so well,
- Feed into the council's policies and procedures such as its five-year plan,
- enable the council to make more informed decisions,
- speak to the city and county councils with a better understanding of what the residents of Old Marston want.

Who can take part in the survey?

We want to hear the views of everyone who lives in Old Marston and we want to hear from as many people in your household as possible. Please answer the questions based on your own views and experiences and encourage other people you live with or know in Old Marston to take part. We also want to hear the views of people who own or manage a business or organisation in Old Marston.

Taking part in the survey

Taking part in the survey will take no more than 10 minutes. Taking part is voluntary, but your feedback is valuable.

The survey closes at 5pm on **DATE**. Please make sure you return your completed questionnaire to the Old Marston Parish Council before then.

If you have any questions about taking part, please call on 01865 203 139 or email clerk@oldmarston-pc.gov.uk

Please return your completed form to:

**The Clerk, Old Marston Parish Council, 8 Nicholas Avenue,
Old Marston, Oxford OX3 0RN**

or

place in the box in the Old Marston Library before **DATE**

How we will use your information and your rights

Old Marston Parish Council will keep your individual response confidential. The Clerk will collate the data so that the Parish Council receive a report on the aggregated survey findings and anonymised data from the survey. If you provide your contact details, they will only be used for research purposes related to this survey and will not be disclosed to any third parties.

For information about your data rights and who to contact please read the privacy policy which can be found online at www.oldmarston-pc.gov.uk/privacy

ABOUT YOU

1. Do you live in:

Old Marston

New Marston

2. What is your post code?

(You can leave it blank if you do not wish to provide it, but it will not be used to identify individual households)

3. Do you own or manage a business or organisation in Old Marston?

Yes, in Old Marston

Yes, in New Marston

No

Prefer not to say.

4. Please circle which age group you fall into:

Under 16 years

16 – 19 years

20 – 24 years

25 – 34 years

35 – 44 years

45 – 54 years

55 – 64 years

65 – 74 years

75+ years

I'd rather not say.

5. Please circle how many people live in your household:

1 (just me)

2

3

4

5 or more

Prefer not to say.

6. Are you a parent, carer or guardian of a child or young person (ages 0 – 18) (Circle all that apply)

No

Yes, aged under 5,

Yes, aged 5 – 10,

Yes, aged 11 – 18,

Prefer not to say.

7. How long have you lived or worked in Old Marston?

Less than a 1 year

2 – 5 years

6 – 10 years

11 to 20 years

More than 20 years

Prefer not to say.

8. Which best describes you?

Full time employed (Go to question 9)

Part time employed. (Go to Question 9)

Temporary away from employment (maternity/paternity leave, sick, etc) (Go to question 11)

Self Employed (Go to question 9)

Full time education (Go to question 11)

Not employed. (Go to Question 11)

Retired (Go to question 11)

Other (please specify) (Go to question 9)

Prefer not to say. (Go to Question 11)

9. Where do you work? If you are still working from home, due to the pandemic, and this will change back at some point, please select where you are likely to be working once you return.

(Circle one option)

At Home

in Oxford City

Headington

Summertown

Other

Prefer not to say.

If Other, please specify:

10. What is the most common way you travel to work? Again, if you are working from home, please select how you are likely to travel once returned.

Car/Van (as driver)

Bicycle

Car/Van (as passenger)

Motorbike

Bus

Taxi

Train

Other

On foot

Prefer not to say.

If other, please specify:

Old Marston as a place to Live.

11. Overall, how much do you like or dislike Old Marston as a place to live?

(Circle one option)

Strongly like

Somewhat like

Neither like nor dislike

Somewhat dislike

Strongly dislike

Don't know.

12. What do you like most about living in Old Marston if anything?

(Circle up to six.)

Sense of Community,

Proximity for commuting,

Proximity to countryside,

Proximity to friends and family

Schools

Local facilities and amenities, shops etc.

Good cycling and walking routes

Don't know.

If Other, please specify:

Friendliness of people

Local transport network

Leisure and Sport facilities

I've lived here all my life.

Nothing

Other

13. And what do you dislike most about living in Old Marston?

(Circle up to six.)

- State of roads and/or footpaths
- Danger of cycling and walking
- Poor parks and recreation areas
- Lack of local facilities and amenities
- Lack of leisure and sport facilities
- Over development of the area
- Other
- Don't know.
- If Other, please specify:

- Air pollution
- Traffic and congestion
- Lack of Community Spirit

Nothing

Current Facilities

14. How would you rate the following in Old Marston?
(Tick one answer for each option)

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	Don't know
Facilities/ things to do for preschool children,						
Facilities/ things to do for children aged 5 to 11,						
Facilities/ things to do for young people aged 12 to 18,						
Facilities/ things to do for adults aged 18 to 65,						
Facilities/ things to do for adults aged over 65.						

What's going on in Old Marston

16. How do you usually find out about things that are happening in Old Marston?

(Circle as many as applies.)

Facebook

Council website

Marston Times

While shopping locally

I don't

If Other, please specify:

Twitter

Council noticeboard

Word of Mouth

Other

Future of Old Marston

17. What, if anything, most worries you about the future of Old Marston?

(Circle up to six)

Lack of medical facilities,

Lack of affordable housing (to rent or buy),

Lack of facilities/services for children and young people ,

More traffic,

Lack of public transport,

Lack of facilities/services for older people

Lack of facilities/services for disabled people,

Air quality/Pollution

Higher crime levels

Loss of identity in community,

Pressure on parking places

Lack of leisure facilities,

Over development,

Other,

I don't have any worries,

If Other, please specify:

Owning or managing a business or organisation in Old Marston

- 18. Please only answer the following questions if you own or manage a business or organisation in Old Marston. Please leave the questions blank if you do not.**

Approximately how many people are employed by your business or organisation in Old Marston?

None

1 – 9

10+

Prefer not to say.

What can the parish council do, if anything, to support your business or organisation?

Old Marston Parish Council

19. Before this survey had you heard of Old Marston Parish Council?

Yes (Go to Question 20)

No (Go to Question 24)

20. Are you satisfied with council run things?

(Circle one option)

Very Satisfied

Fairly Satisfied

Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied.

Fairly dissatisfied

Very dissatisfied

Don't know.

21. Do you receive the parish council newsletter?

Yes No Don't know

22. Have you visited the parish council website in the last year?

Yes (Go to question 23)

No (Go to question 24)

Don't Know/Can't remember (Go to question 24)

23. How would you rate the parish council website?

(Circle one option)

Excellent

Good

Fair

Poor

Very poor

Don't know

24. And final, are you interested in signing up by email to receive e-newsletters and information from the parish council.

Yes, I am interested,

No, I am not interested,

I am already signed up,

Don't know.

If you would like to sign up to receive future information from the parish council, please provide your email address in the box below.

For information about your data rights, please visit Old Marston Parish Council website.

25. Email address:

Thank you for taking the time to take part in the survey, your views are greatly appreciated and important to us.