

Minutes of the Old Marston Parish Council Environment Committee Meeting held on the 30th March 2021 via Zoom from 7:00pm.

Present:

Peter Williams (PW) – Chairman Alistair Morris (AM) – Vice-chairman

Louise Milford (LM)

Charlotte Vinnicombe (CV)

Mary James (MJ)

Tim Cann (Clerk)

Members of Public: 0

ENV 21/03/01 Intention to record the proceedings of the meeting: NONE.

ENV 21/03/02 Apologies for Absence: NONE.

ENV 21/03/03 Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 7th December 2020. It was **RESOLVED** these are a true record.

ENV 21/03/04 Matters Arising (omitting those for which an agenda heading follows): There was a discussion on Back Lane and the possibility it being developed for use by cyclists to and from the potential Mill Lane developments. There was also a discussion on the letter sent to Planning at the Oxford City Council regarding the potential Hill View Farm development in Mill Lane.

7:25 MJ joined the meeting.

ENV 21/03/05 Future Idea Relevant to this Committee:

- **More tree planting, hedges, and wildflowers:** The Boult's Lane boundary hedge, with the allotments, is overgrown with gaps and needs serious work done. This would be too big for a group of volunteers. It was **RESOLVED** the Clerk confirm boundary ownership. **Cemetery Extension and side paddock:** Once the extension had been finalised a hedge and wildflowers could be laid along the new fence.
- **More bulbs planting:** AM advised that most of the bulb planting was in grass verges so outside the Parish Council control.
- **More Bird Boxes:** No specific location but additional sites could be found.
- **Have a Parish Council map of the footpaths around the Parish with points of interest marked on it:** Need to know where the Rights of Way are. AM used an artist who works for Greenprint for the Marston Community Garden map. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Council that a map of the Parish highlighting footpaths and interesting point be investigated further.

Signed by the Chairman.

- **To open the Cemetery Store Garage so people can make drinks, rest, cut flowers:** As there is no electric or water supply to the garage this was impractical.

ENV 21/03/06 Items of an urgent nature which have come to the Clerk's attention since the Agenda was set:

NONE.

ENV 21/03/07 Information sharing (including correspondence)

CV stated that a Low Carbon Neighbourhood was a radical idea as it means blocking off roads. This would cause an issue for buses. Rising Bollards was discussed and whether it plausible making Oxford Road and Elsfeld Road one way.

ENV 21/03/09 Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 2nd June 2021.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:23pm

Signed by the Chairman.