MINUTES OF THE OLD MARSTON ANNUAL PARISH AND SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH MAY 1997 IN THE MORTIMER HALL AT 7.30P.M.

Members of the Parish Council present were;

Mr A T Jones (Chairman) Mr C W Haynes (Vice-chairman)

Mesdames Cowell, Deam, Nurse, Stone & Tiwari Messrs Carrington & Drinkwater

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Cox & Mr Phipps.

About 160 electors were present The Clerk Mr L M Garner was in attendance.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman said that the Parish Council, whilst maintaining it's general interest in roads recreational facilities etc., had continued it's close watching brief on the Marsh Lane Park & Ride proposal. He was pleased to report that the City Council had now accepted the Planning Inspector's decision that the adjoining Marsh Lane should become Green Belt.

Walkers continued to be discouraged and intimidated from using the field path from Elsfield Road, near Southcroft, to the allotments, by Mr Baker's geese. This was being raised with the Highway Authority.

Arrangements were in hand to provide a water tap at the Burial Ground in Elsfield Road and it was hoped to have the sub-way mural repainted this year.

Mill Lane Site

The following resolution was proposed;

Having taken note of the Parish Council's proposal to sell the Mill Lane allotments site for building development, this Parish Meeting resolves that this irreplaceable amenity should be retained as the property of the Parish and continue to be used for allotments.

After considerable discussion the resolution was passed.

At the meeting a petition was signed by 112 of those present, of these 84 came from approximately 405 dwellings having their access via Elsfield Road and Oxford Road north of the Marston Ferry Road, 28 were from some 960 houses in the remainder of the Parish. Comments about traffic densities and speed were made but no survey was available.

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