# Minutes of the Special Parish Meeting of the Parish of Old Marston held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22 January 2002 at the Mortimer Hall

### **Members of the Council Present**

Mr. C.W. Haynes (Chairman)
Mrs. C. Stone (Vice-chairman)
Mesdames Bradley, Cox, Nurse and Tiwari
Messrs Agent, Bartleet, Batey, Cann and Macfarlane
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance

Tiwenty electors were also present.

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#### Proposed New Pavilion on Existing Site at Boults Lange

The Clerk outlined the condition of the existing building that had led to the Council's decision that the best solution would be to build a new pavilion on the existing site. The Meeting's approval was sought.

The Marston Saints Football Club, the principal user of the building, had suggested a building of about 280 sq. m. but the cost of this would not be affordable. The Council's recommendation was to increase the size of the present building by 50% to about 150 sq. m. giving a building cost of about £160,000 - £170,000 at current prices. The Marston Saints F. C. agreed to continue to fund normal running costs.

In order to ascertain what grants were available planning permission was necessary requiring plans. An architect, Mr. V. Brown, who had recently completed the new pavilion at Horton-cum-Studley, had quoted approx. £800 for the plans, and the planning application about £100. The Council recommended that this should be done and as part of the Grant application process the employment of a professional fundraiser at about £1,000 should be authorised.

The above recommendations were accepted by thirty votes to two and a proposal: "That the Council proceed to the planning, grant and fund raising stages of the replacement of the existing building" was approved *nem con*.



# Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Old Marston held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7 May 2002 at the Mortimer Hall

# Members of the Council Present

Mr. C.W. Haynes (Chairman) Mrs. C. Stone (Vice-chairman) Mesdames Bradley, Nurse and Tiwari Messrs Agent, Bartleet, Batey and Taylor The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance No electors were present.

#### **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Cox, Mr. Cann and Mr. Macfarlane.

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 1 May 2001 and 22 January 2002 were confirmed

## Chairman's Report

In the absence of electors the Chairman gave an abbreviated report.

On planning particular concerns were the White Hart (where probable parking problems were being addressed) and Cavendish Drive housing schemes and the growing trend for the conversion of houses into flats. The traffic control proposals for the JRII extension continued to give concern.

The City Council North East Area Committee, attended by Mrs. Stone was providing a sounding board for local affairs but as it comprised five City Wards much of the proceedings were of no concern to the Parish; however planning applications being discussed with City Councillors present was a benefit.

The Council was continuing its campaign to route Park and Ride busses and ambulances direct to the hospital from the A40. The public enquiry into the Headington and Marston Area Traffic Strategy had not been public friendly, being held in only one relatively inaccessible venue in Headington and held in the beginning of the holiday season. Its links to the JRII problems were notably absent.

The use of the Speed Indicator Device was reducing traffic speed but the Marsh Lane Camera was not forthcoming.

Fortunately a volunteer had done some repair work to the Mural and it was hoped that more work would be done this summer.

The Council, in the knowledge of the poor condition of the Boults Lane pavilion, was seeking outline planning consent for a replacement building that would lead to a grant application to the Football Foundation that dispensed Lottery money. When more information as to funding was available the replacement would be decided

Negotiations with the Scouts regarding a new lease continued also with the Oxford Preservation Trust regarding a formal agreement about the use of the Mill Lane Land.

The Burial Ground Extension was progressing well, seeding expected later this season after some drainage work.

In conclusion he expressed appreciation and thanks to those providing services and facilities for the Parish, Scouts, Marston Saints F.C. the Mortimer Hall Committee, to Mr. Cooper for the Burial Ground maintenance and Mr. Agent for managing the Allotments. He thanked Mr. Coats for his support at City Council level, regretting that he was no longer a City Councillor, and the members and Clerk for their support.

# **Finance Report**

The Draft Accounts for the year 2001/2002 were presented and would be adopted at the following meeting.

## **Open Discussion**

As any other matters would be discussed at Council the meeting was closed.

