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# Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Old Marston held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1 April 2003 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 and Cann.

City Councillors Mrs. M. Clarkson and Mr. R. Darke were also present.

The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance

One elector was present, Mr. N. Cowell.

#### **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. Batey, Macfarlane and Taylor.

#### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 May 2002 was confirmed and signed.

#### Chairman's Report

The Chairman welcomed those present and opened his report with planning issues. Most alterations to existing dwellings were now on the List of Delegated Powers whereby they were determined by officers, except where four City Councillors agreed that they should be referred to the Area Committee. The delegation included the conversion of family estate houses into one-bedroom flats that was fiercely contested. Two such applications had recently been called in to the Area Committee and refused, another was in the pipeline.

The City Local Plan was currently being reviewed and the Council had put a proposal that there should be included a general presumption that the conversion of estate family houses would not be permitted. The City Council had not agreed; the matter will therefore be argued at the Public Inquiry before the Inspector. Similarly the JRII links to the A40 were also proposed for inclusion.

Mr. Crofton Briggs, the City Council Business Manager, Planning Services, had recently attended a Council meeting at which the delegated Powers issue was discussed together with the need for four member's agreeing for a matter to be referred to the Area Committee. He said that these decisions had been taken by the City Council and he had no power to change the policy. The Parish Council had asked its City representatives to have the issue raised via the political process.

In the year 2002/3 donations had been made including £300 to OXSRAD, £250 towards Marston Times, £200 to the Mortimer Hall Play Group, £100 to the Over 50's Club and OMMLAA and £50 to St. Nicholas Mother and Toddler Group and OMRA. A grant of £145 to St. Nicholas First School had also been approved for two computer printers.

In addition to routine expenditure of about £23k further expenditure was planned £10.5k for safety surfaces and £4.5k for a dog fence at Boults Lane and £0.5k for an extension of the basketball area at the Mortimer site. Balances would be used where needed. The Precept for the year 2003/04 being £32k.

#### Recreation

Outline planning consent had been obtained for the erection of a new pavilion for the football club, one of the aims being the expansion of youth and girls' football, an essential element of which remained the use of the field adjoining Marsh Lane. Unfortunately the City Council apparently did not share the urgency of this. Pressure for a decision was being maintained.

The new lease for the Scouts had been agreed and will be formalised soon.

Agreement had now been reached, for the Mill Lane land, with the Oxford Preservation Trust for ring of the costs of a front boundary fence and for a tenancy to be granted to the

Council for the future use of the site for recreation, subject to the liability for fencing being identified.

It had been confirmed from the Oxfordshire Playingfields Association that the equipment in place before new safety guidelines were introduced could continue in use.

The Council had decided, subject to the City Council's agreement (it having a right of access) to erect a barrier and gate across the access road to prevent the use of the land adjoining the pavilion by drug users and suppliers.

#### **Highways**

The Council continued to press for the interests of the Parish to be safeguarded in planning traffic measures to be taken to deal with predicted increases as a result of the JRII extensions. Due to the efforts of the Clerk the Chairman is now a member of the main committee, the Headington and Marston Traffic Strategy group, the Clerk also attends the meetings. Some success has resulted, subject to funding predictions being fulfilled, as Pelican crossings in Marsh Lane and at Oxford Road/Cherwell Drive, traffic calming in Oxford Road and the footway in Marsh Lane between Horseman Close and Elsfield Road have been included in the programme of works, The A40 link to the JRII has been included for full investigation with the original proposal for the link via Maltfield Road. Minor changes were being planned to the roundabouts at Cherwell Drive to accommodate the extension of the Abingdon bus service to the JRII.

The Council has agreed to assist with the costs of parking control outside the shop and post office.

The lack of highway maintenance continues to cause concern with so much work being needed particularly with potholes and loose setts although a limited amount of surfacing of paths and roads is planned.

A volunteer artist is repairing the mural with help from the County Council.

The Chairman said he welcomed Mr. N. Cowell's survey work on traffic levels to help with the campaign for traffic calming.

#### Accounts

There were no accounts to be presented, those for 2001/2 being dealt with at the last annual meeting, those for the year ended yesterday not yet completed.

Changes to the Audit procedures required the appointment of a lay person to oversee the accounting procedures and to do an audit at the end of the year for submission, on a paper basis, to professional auditors for approval. They would make a detailed audit of a few Councils each year. Mr. D. Manson had acted very successfully, signing off the 2001/2 accounts that were approved by the professional auditors.

#### **Burial Ground**

Most of the work to the extension had been completed but there was still concern over drainage. The ditch needed scouring but as it did not belong to the Council the OPT, as adjoining landowners, would be asked to have it done and the fallen trees removed.

There remained a small paved area to be finished and the rules to be drafted.

#### **Allotments**

An agreement for the Association to run the Mill Lane site for 25 years had been signed and he wished the Association well.

#### Correspondence

The City Council had invited Parish Council representatives to a meeting to discuss parish boundaries.

#### **Election**

The Returning Officer, having received eleven nominations declared them members of the Parish Council with effect from 5 May 2003. The new members being Mr. N. Cowell and Dr. G.R. Swift. The Chairman thanked the retiring members, Ms. A. Bradley, Mr. W. Agent and Mr. R. Taylor for the service they had rendered to the Parish. The resulting vacancy to be filled by co-option.



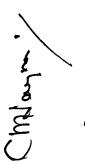
Thanks were due to the two City Councillors who had given immense support to the Council in dealing with the City Council, particularly with planning issues. Also to the Parish Councillors for their services, particularly to those who help to run organisations like OXSRAD the playgroups and village hall to name but a few. To the Clerk who's efforts continue- well done.

#### **Open Session**

Mr. N. Cowell regarded the mention of his presentation to the last meeting of the Council in the Marston Times as dishonest since no mention was made of his proposal that funds budgeted for recreation should be transferred to roads. At the meeting it was said that it was the County and City Council's responsibility to maintain the highways so no action was appropriate. He was also seriously concerned that there was no democracy and no democratic mandate for the Council in May to the Council because only eleven electors had been nominated for twelve vacancies so there could be no election. It was explained that was as the system works and nothing could be done about it. The vacancy being filled by co-option in due course.

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#### **ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS**

The following is a statement as to persons nominated for Election as Councillors for the

### PARISH OF OLD MARSTON

## STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

Date of Election: 1st May 2003

Due to in-sufficient candidates standing, there will not be an election held in this Parish.

the following persons have been nominated

| Home Address  | Description<br>(if any)   | Names of Proposers and Seconders   | Decision of Returning Officer that Nomination Paper is Invalid or other reason why a person nominated no longer stands nominated   |
|---|---|--|--|
| 37 Salford Road, Marston, Oxford, OX3 ORY             |   | Barbara M. Gatehouse<br>Valerie M. Bartleet  |  |
| 47 Horseman Close, Old Marston, Oxford, OX3 ONR       |   | Anne T. Byles<br>Paul A. Kiefer  |  |
| 8 Nicholas Avenue, Marston, Oxford,<br>OX3 ORN        | Born & Lived in<br>Old Marston  | Roy Gurney<br>Kenneth V. Sheehan   |  |
| 21 Mill Lane, Old Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPY            | A Better<br>Marston   | Giles L. Oldershaw<br>Michael B. Mash  |  |
| 38 Cavendish Drive, Old Marston, Oxford, OX3 OSD      |   | Janet A. Haynes<br>Janet S. Crane  |  |
| The Willows, 12 Boults Lane, Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPW |   | Janet A. Haynes<br>Gemma A. Haynes   |  |
| 19A Mill Lane, Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPY               | Parish<br>Councilor from<br>14 Sept 2001  | Nigel Cowell<br>Jill Cowell  |  |
| 48 Elms Drive, Marston, Oxford, OX3 ONL               |   | Janet V. Sanders<br>David R. Nurse   |  |
| 33A Oxford Road, Marston, Oxford,<br>OX3 OPQ          |   | Lucy M. Hughes<br>Sasha E.<br>Wernberg-Moller  |  |
| 15 Mill Lane, Old Marston, Oxford,<br>OX3 OPY         | Retired General<br>Practitioner   | Michael S. Gautrey<br>Janet V. Sanders   |  |
| 10 Cavendish Drive, Old Marston, Oxford, OX3 OSB      | Teacher   | Violet M. Avery<br>Nigel C. Waddle   |  |
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|   | 37 Salford Road, Marston, Oxford, OX3 ORY  47 Horseman Close, Old Marston, Oxford, OX3 ONR  8 Nicholas Avenue, Marston, Oxford, OX3 ORN  21 Mill Lane, Old Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPY  38 Cavendish Drive, Old Marston, Oxford, OX3 OSD  The Willows, 12 Boults Lane, Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPW  19A Mill Lane, Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPY  48 Elms Drive, Marston, Oxford, OX3 ONL  33A Oxford Road, Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPQ  15 Mill Lane, Old Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPY  10 Cavendish Drive, Old Marston, Oxford, | 37 Salford Road, Marston, Oxford, OX3 ORY  47 Horseman Close, Old Marston, Oxford, OX3 ONR  8 Nicholas Avenue, Marston, Oxford, Old Marston  21 Mill Lane, Old Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPY  38 Cavendish Drive, Old Marston, Oxford, OX3 OSD  The Willows, 12 Boults Lane, Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPY  19A Mill Lane, Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPY  19A Mill Lane, Marston, Oxford, OX3 ONL  48 Elms Drive, Marston, Oxford, OX3 ONL  33A Oxford Road, Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPQ  15 Mill Lane, Old Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPY  15 Mill Lane, Old Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPY  10 Cavendish Drive, Old Marston, Oxford, Teacher | 37 Salford Road, Marston, Oxford, OX3 ORY  47 Horseman Close, Old Marston, Oxford, OX3 ONR  48 Nicholas Avenue, Marston, Oxford, OX3 ORN  21 Mill Lane, Old Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPY  38 Cavendish Drive, Old Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPY  The Willows, 12 Boults Lane, Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPY  19A Mill Lane, Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPY  48 Elms Drive, Marston, Oxford, OX3 ONL  33A Oxford Road, Marston, Oxford, OX3 ONL  33A Oxford Road, Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPY  33A Oxford Road, Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPY  15 Mill Lane, Old Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPY  Retired General Practitioner  Michael S. Gautrey Janet V. Sanders  Michael S. Gautrey  Janet V. Sanders  Michael S. Gautrey  Janet V. Sanders  Michael S. Gautrey  Janet V. Sanders  Michael S. Gautrey  Janet V. Sanders  Violet M. Avery |

Persons above, where no entry is made in the last column, have been and stand validly nominated.

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## PARISH OF OLD MARSTON

## RESULT OF UN-CONTESTED ELECTION

Date of Election: 1st May 2003

I, Marion Headicar, the Returning Officer at the above election do hereby certify that the name of the person(s) elected as Councillors for the said Parish without contest are as follows:-

| ame                                   | Address   | Description (if any)               |
|---------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| ARTLEET<br>LS RAOUL                   | 37 Salford Road, Marston, Oxford, OX3 ORY             |                                    |
| ATEY<br>V CLARK                       | 47 Horseman Close, Old Marston, Oxford, OX3 ONR       |                                    |
| ANN<br>MOTHY L                        | 8 Nicholas Avenue, Marston, Oxford, OX3 ORN           | Born & Lived in Old Marston        |
| OWELL<br>gel                          | 21 Mill Lane, Old Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPY            | A Better Marston                   |
| OX<br>LIAN ESTHER<br>lown as GILL)    | 38 Cavendish Drive, Old Marston, Oxford, OX3 OSD      |                                    |
| AYNES<br>ARLES WILLIAM                | The Willows, 12 Boults Lane, Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPW |                                    |
| ACFARLANE<br>Blie J                   | 19A Mill Lane, Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPY               | Parish Councilor from 14 Sept 2001 |
| URSE<br>ZABETH GILLIAN<br>Own as LIZ) | 48 Elms Drive, Marston, Oxford, OX3 ONL               |                                    |
| ONE<br>Y c                            | 33A Oxford Road, Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPQ             |                                    |
| VIFT<br>HAM ROGER                     | 15 Mill Lane, Old Marston, Oxford, OX3 OPY            | Retired General Practitioner       |
| WARI<br><sup>Ana</sup>                | 10 Cavendish Drive, Old Marston, Oxford, OX3 OSB      | Teacher                            |
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4: 3rd April 2003

Marion Headicar

Returning Officer