

**Minutes of Old Marston Parish Annual Meeting
Tuesday 3rd May 2016, 7.00pm at Mortimer Hall**

Present:

Charlie Haynes (Chairman) (CH)
Angie Tiwari (AT)
Patricia Hall (PH)
Barrie Lewis (BL)
Tony Greenfield (TG)
Tim Cann (Clerk)

Duncan Hatfield (DH)
Peter Cox (PC)
Michael Cadd (MC)
John Batey (JB)
Michael O'Keefe (MO)

Members of the public 4

16/01 Apologies for absence

Parish Councillor Peter Williams and City Councillor Mick Haines

16/02 Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 5th May 2015

The minutes of the meeting were approved as a true record.

16/03 Matters Arising (omitting those for which an agenda heading follows)

None

16/04 Chairman's Report

Planning Bradlands had been finished and people taking up residence. Cumberledge Close has been boarded up and the City Council are looking to demolish and build themselves on the site. An ACV has been applied for the Red Lion pub and the Jack Russell pub had already had an ACV on it. The brewery was looking to upgrade the Victoria Arms pub. The Barton Park development goes ahead although there is concern with the access road.

Boults Lane Development Progress has recently been rapid, due to the lack of commitment and interest from the Football Foundation, the Parish Council has purchased the Barton Pavilion. Although not exactly what Marston Saints Football Club were hoping for, as they wanted four changing rooms, however the decision has been made although still a lot more work needed before complete.

Highways

Despite all the promises and raised hopes the parking issues are still on going. The initial Access to Headington proposals horrified Parish Councillors and parishioners alike however the revised proposals are not ideal but a little better. The parish Council has agreed to install three benches in various parts of the Parish. There is still a problem with speeding and rat running through the village.

Recreation Ground:

A tree was planted in memory of Parish Councillor Roy Jones in the Mortimer Hall recreation ground. A survey was also carried out on the drainage in the Mortimer Hall recreation ground to try and relieve the flooding but as there is nowhere for the water to go little can be done. Although there is a new path going to be installed running from the top of the subway to the play area which should held mothers, dads and grandparents with buggies and pushchairs. The play area in the Boults Lane recreation ground will be renewed once the pavilion has been installed. A tree survey has been done and work needed to be done is due to start soon.

Cemetery

Work needs to be done to ensure the grave stones and surrounds are all safe and no danger of anyone being hurt. Otherwise the cemetery is looking good.

Mill Lane Paddock

The Council is looking at the possibility to sell the paddock to release funds for the pavilion.

Fireworks & Village Fete

The Red Lion Pub hosted the firework display again this year and again a very well attended and organised event.

The Victoria Arms pub also hosted a village fete which again was well organised and well attended.

The Parish Council gave grants to both of these events as they are a Community event.

Defibrillators

The Parish Council has agreed to purchase two defibrillators, one to be installed on the outside of the Mortimer Hall. The second was going to be located along the row of shops on the Old Marston Road. Although this is actually outside of the Parish it was felt that it would be of benefit to the community as a whole.

Oxfordshire County Council

The County Council budget cuts have not affected any parts of the Parish as yet but this will be monitored.

Thanks

Thanks to our City and County Councillors for all the work and support they give the Council and to the Parish Councillors for becoming much more involved.

16/05 Finance Report

The Clerk went through the income and expenditure figures by budget headings, giving a final year end of a budgeted expenditure £63,600 compared with an actual expenditure of £45,960 giving an underspend of £17,640, the income was £80,214.27. It was asked where the £10,000 from the Oxford City Council appeared and the Clerk informed them that this came under precept.

16/06 Correspondence No items.

The Annual Parish Meeting ended at 7:23pm