

Minutes of Old Marston Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting 3rd May 2011

Present:-

Charlie Haynes, Chairman (CH)
Duncan Hatfield, Vice Chairman (DH)
Wally Cox (WC)
Michael Cadd (MC)
Peter Cox (PC)
Roy Jones (RJ)
Angie Tiwari (AT)
Peter Sarac (PS)
Pat Hall (PH)
Nils Bartleet (NB)
Barrie Lewis (BL)
Gill Cox (GC)

Mrs K Stratford, Clerk (KS)
Cllr Mary Clarkson

| | Requests from Members of the Public to Speak | ACTION |
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| 1 | Apologies for Absence None | |
| 2 | Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting The Chairman confirmed the previous Minutes had been distributed and read by all. There being no corrections, the Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the last annual parish meeting. | |
| 3 | Matters Arising from Minutes None | |
| 4 | Chairman's Report Thank you to everyone for attending. Planning has been busy this past year. Thank you to Wally Cox and Nils Bartleet for attending NEAC on behalf of the PC. The main concern is the application to turn the Friar into a Tesco, which is still ongoing. Due to complete at end of May. The Barton project will also have a big impact on the village. The Ponds Lane development now seems to have been put to bed. The clock outside Mortimer Hall has been well received by the community. Houses of multiple occupation are still an issue, and the PC needs to keep on board with this. The planning application for the development of the Bricklayers will be submitted shortly, and the 3 Horseshoes is due to be turned into housing soon. This is two pubs lost to the village. Boult's Lane is ongoing. An annual meeting was held with the parish, and it was confirmed that no expenses will be paid unless funding is in place. Recreation Grounds – the tree survey has been completed, only 7 trees will be lost (down from the 30 or so recommended by the surveyor). Nothing has been said officially, but I understand the liability claim at Jessop's Close has been settled. Mortimer Hall continues to be well used FoOMPA have put in the grant application for the new climbing wall and picnic benches. The area is now very well used, and I consider the money to have been well spent. Thanks to Wren for the grant. FoOMPA held two open days last year, in April and September. Thank you to FoOMPA for the work you are doing. Finance – the balances are extremely healthy. The PC continues to get a £10,000.00 | |

rebate from the city council for the double charging.

Burial ground – the garage has worked well and made life easier for the team who work there. It looks the best I have ever seen it The new area is well under way. The PC will review costings of the burial ground later in the year. Many thanks to Mr Harper and all who work at the burial ground.

Highways – parking continues to be an issue. Some yellow lines were painted, but this has just pushed the problems deeper into the estate and there will be a further problem when the land next to Oxsrade ceases to be free to park at. The new “Welcome to Old Marston” signs look good. Potholes continue to be an issue throughout the parish, although now Barrie Lewis has a camera, we are expecting a great difference. Some roads are being resurfaced and the PC understands that Raymond Road is next on the list.

NEAC – thanks to all those who go, although aware the city is planning to scrap these. Still not got the dog bin at Boulton’s Lane. Thanks to the City and County councillors who fight our corner. I note there may be extra pressures under the “Big Society” on the Parish Council, but we will meet those challenges.

Bulletin – this needs to be re-launched. Clerk to put on the agenda for the next meeting

Library – hoping this will be allowed to remain. The Save Old Marston Library group is active, and are meeting next week. Thank you to the Councillors who have supported this action group, particularly Altaf and Roy.

Allotments are looking busy.

Website – many thanks to Duncan Hatfield. Continues to be a well used resource, much praised by those who see it.

The archiving of the council’s records has been organised. The blue plaque on Dr Heatley’s house looks good, and it is right that this gentleman with links to Old Marston is being recognised for his contribution to medicine.

Thanks to all those who sit on steering groups, and thank you to all Parish Councillors for your work and for attending meetings and for your commitment throughout the year.

Thank you to Peter Cox and all your team at the burial ground.

Thank you to the city and county councillors for your support

Thank you to Kate for your work.

The two new councillors, thank you for coming forward.

Barrie Lewis, you have thrown yourself into being a councillor, and thank you for all you are doing. Thank you to Roy and Barrie for all you do with the Highways.

The Parish Council has supported groups in the past, and is pleased to be giving further support to Mortimer Hall this year with £15,000.00

I have found a Minute Book for Mortimer Hall from 2nd February 1959. Roy Jones was on the committee. Well done to Roy. I note that the hall took 5 years to build.

A special mention to Gill and Wally for all their work and contribution over the years and continuing to this day.

5 Finance. Clerk’s accounts.

See attached sheet. The report was unanimously ratified by the Parish Council – proposed by PCllr CH.

6 AGM correspondence – none.

7 Any Other Business

PCllr NB queried when the Tesco enquiry would be resolved. MRC reported that the hearing in March had not had time to complete, so the final day was to be held on 20th May. Since the enquiry had opened, there had been two separate accidents at the

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location. The inspector seemed concerned about the servicing requirements – that so many of the parking spaces will be lost for so much of the time during deliveries, and the impact on the Marston Road house. She would report back after the enquiry was completed.

PCllr NB also reminded MRC of the enforcement of the 40mph limit onto Elsfield Road. MRC to chase.

MRC

PCllr WC – thank you for your words about Mortimer Hall. Thank you on behalf of Mortimer Hall, and assure the PC that any monies will be put to good use.

8 Date of Next Meeting – AGM

May 2012. Agenda to be agreed. Meeting Closed 8:05.