

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th April 1997
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr A T Jones (Chairman)
Mr C W Haynes (Vice-chairman)
Mesdames Cox, Deam, Nurse and Tiwari
Messrs Carrington, Bartleet, Drinkwater and Phipps
Some twenty electors were also present
An apology was received from Mrs Stone
The Clerk Mr L M Garner was in attendance

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th March 1997 were confirmed and signed

Casual Vacancy

Valid nominations were received for Ms A. Bradley proposed by Mrs G. Cox and seconded by Mrs A. Tiwari and Mrs J. Cowell proposed by Mrs E. Nurse and seconded by Mr C. Haynes. Mrs Stone had written to support Ms Bradley but was absent from the meeting.

In order to discuss, in confidence, the matter of a letter written by Ms Bradley the Council went into Committee. When the Council meeting resumed a vote was taken, Mrs J. Cowell 6 votes, Ms A. Bradley 2 votes. Mrs Cowell was declared co-opted.

Correspondence

The following items were noted:-

Oxfordshire County Council-	Statistics
Oxfordshire Fieldpaths Society-	Annual report and walk programme
Oxford City Council-	Members information sheets
Marston Saints Under 9's	Invitation to presentation evening
Oxfordshire Community Health Council-	Survey results
Thames Valley Police Authority-	Consultative meetings: 24 th April The Barn Greater Leys, 17 th July Barton, 23 rd October Botley
Dialability-	Site visit list
Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils	Bi-monthly circular and notice of AGM

Planning

Applications

The following application was received;

1, Beechey Avenue- 2 storey extension- No comment

Between meetings the Chairman had authorised an objection to be lodged to the proposal for business use of an outbuilding at Colthorns Farm, Oxford Road. It would be an inappropriate use in a residential and conservation area. This action was confirmed.

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Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment;	
Tradewind- New wall Mortimer Hall	£3252.00
Trade Services (Landscaping) Recreation Ground tree	£52.87
D L Ward- Hedging etc. Mill Lane	£450.00
Cutting Burial Ground hedge	£60.00

Mill Lane Site

The proposal for the erection of a Healthcare facility by Independent Care Management Ltd was considered. The Council decided that use for housing was the preferred option.

Allotments: Dr G. Swift was permitted to address the meeting to further the case for allotments to be provided for the applicants. His comments were noted.

The Clerk was asked to reply to a letter from the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Ltd concerning the status of the Mill Lane land.

The Clerk's report was received and accepted. It was decided that the replacement allotments should be of approximately 180 square yards, the rent £15.00 per annum, sheds not to be permitted.

The Clerk reported that there was more hardcore on the replacement site than was expected. Mr D. Ward had quoted approximately £2000 for the work required to reinstate the land, including access gates and post, some fencing and the erection of a small tin screen. It was decided that this should be held over to the May meeting.

The total expenditure to date of £3,300 was noted, to be financed from balances and recouped out of sale proceeds.

A letter from Miss C. Westwood expressing an interest in an Elsfield Road allotment site was deferred to await the final marking out of the replacement site.

Other Matters:

The Clerk had received the draft of the Planning Agreement from the City Solicitor. It was, in part, contrary to the planning conditions. Negotiations were continuing.

A letter was received from a Cowley resident expressing an interest in purchasing a property on the site.

A copy of a letter of support to the original planning application was belatedly received having been submitted by Councillor K. Tiwari.

Legal advice: A schedule of advice required was submitted by the Clerk and approved. The suggestion that the Council's other land holdings should be Registered at the same time was accepted.

Annual Meeting

The proposed hand-bill had been amended to include a brief history of the site. It was checked for factual accuracy in view of the comments received from Mr H. Allen. His request for funding for a parallel circular was not accepted.

Marston Saints Football Club

The application for permission for the Club to apply for extended licensing hours was, at the request of the Club, reconsidered. It was decided to confirm the original refusal.

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Recreation Ground

A quotation in the sum of £427.41 for repairs to the Boults Lane car park was received and accepted. The roundabout wooden seats has again been broken and the frames removed. Two had been recovered and it was decided to purchase the third and to have metal substitutes for the wooden seats, covered in wood, made. The Clerk would obtain quotations.

The Clerk had employed City Works to free a blocked drain caused by a toilet pan "smelly" being flushed into and stuck in the man-hole,

Highways

The Clerk was asked to write to Comtel to ask that the disturbed verges, on the Arlington Drive estate should be reseeded.

A reply was received from the City Council indicating that the route from Rippington Drive to Edgeway Road was surfaced as a footpath and would be suitably repaired. It would only be improved if it was designated a cycle route. It was decided to ask if this could be done.

The Clerk reported that he had located the artist who painted the sub-way in North Hinksey.

He lived in Weymouth but visited Oxford occasionally. He would contact the Clerk on his next visit.

The City Engineer had written to Mr Baker to request the erection of the promised fences on Footpath number 5 but he had no power to secure the erection.

A tree at number 1, Salford Road required attention.

Other Matters

The following were confirmed: Combined Annual and Special Parish Meeting 6th May 1997, Parish Council meeting 13th May 1997 both at 7.30p.m. in the Mortimer Hall.

Members were invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee in the Hall at 8.00 p.m. on the 28th April 1997.

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13 May 1997