

Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4 April 2006 at the Mortimer Hall

Members Present-

Mr. C. W. Haynes Chairman
Mrs. M.C. Stone Vice-chairman
Mesdames Cox, Nurse, and Tiwari
Messrs Bartleet, Batey; Holmes and McGinn
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance
City Councillor Mrs. M. Clarkson

Apology

An apology for absence was received from Mr. T. Cann

Minutes

The first paragraph of the Recreation Ground item was deleted to be rewritten as part of the minutes of this meeting. It should be amended to read: After examining the first draft of the Grant Application- before it is sent to the Football Foundation - the FA officer Basing with the Council/Marston Saints steering committee said that the quotations for drainage work were not consistent. Therefore Total Turf Solutions Ltd. were asked to draw up a specification to three contractors for the work (including the play area) and to manage the tendering process, on behalf of the Council. The cost of this design specification stage would be £2,750 and the cost of project management £3,800. These two items have been included in the grant application.

The minutes of the previous two meetings were then signed.

Northeast Area Committee

The application for the extension of 17 Cavendish Drive was approved.

Mrs. Cox said about the councillors reluctance vote against applications due to the fact the planners approved it and would win at appeal and as a general point for all applications we should take this up with other parish councils.

Correspondence

A letter was received from City Councillor Susan Brown, requesting support to the proposal to extend the Alcohol Free Zones to cover the whole City area as the designation of selected areas had moved the problem to other areas. It was decided to support the move

A letter was received from DEFRA that parish councils were now able to issue fixed penalty notices for offences under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. Those issuing the notices would have to attend a training course. It was decided to take no action

The introduction of a bus service on Wed, Thurs and Friday from Cumberland Close to the Old Marston Road and Cherwell Drive was announced depart 10.45, return at 11.30 was announced. Commencement date not stated.

Planning

Applications

19 Marsh Lane - use of the verge to create a turning space. Strong objections since it would probably be used as a private parking space for which a formal Highway Stopping -up Order would be required. It would also create a dangerous precedent. The footpath and verges were for pedestrians.

50 Oxford Road - large rear extension. Strong objections because of its size and the probability that it would contravene EN 53 depriving the neighbour of light under the 45" rules

34 Mill Lane - The applicant has appealed against the Enforcement Notice stating, "Without planning permission the erection of a detached one bedroom bungalow accessed from Cumberland (sic) Close"

Pavilion

It was decided to invite the Architect to the May meeting

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Company	Item	Cost
Total Turf Solutions Ltd	Drainage survey Boults Lane	3,231.25
Thames Water	Burial Ground	6.37
P. Cox	Reimbursement for new mower	166.48
Oxford City Council	Recreation Ground and Burial Ground maintenance	2,864.91

Recreation Ground

- Following the resolution at the last meeting the following was agreed. The Parish Council does not consider selling any land to the City Council. Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Batey. Mrs. Cox and Dr. Swift abstained. It was decided to request, for the second time, that the two post mounted litter bins should be removed and that poo bins be placed at the two entrances to the Boults Lane field
- It was decided to remind Mr. I. Ward that there were jobs still outstanding
- The Clerk has instructed Graham King Associates to carry out the tree survey on Boults Lane and would arrange for the survey to extend to all the Council's sites as required by the insurers

Highways

- The accesses to the school had become a focus for dog owners to release dogs from control whereupon the area becomes fouled, many owners not scooping the poop. Mrs. Clarkson said there were internal problems at the City Council that were delaying poop bins being placed on the highway. The request will be repeated
- The Clerk reported that he had attended the HAMATS meeting on which there were no significant items to report. He had taken the opportunity to raise, with Mr. Robertson the County Cabinet member for transport, the pictorial submission on the state of Oxford Road. Mr. Robertson had been surprised that no work had been done since it was authorised two_ years ago. He would inquire what had happened

Allotments

Dr. Swift questioned the status of the Mill Lane Allotments. The ensuing discussions revealed a difference of opinion. The Chairman said that the Conveyance and minutes at the time of the purchase would be examined and a report presented at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

16 May 2006 following the Annual Parish Meeting