

## Minutes of Old Marston Parish Council Meeting 3rd April 2007

**Present:-**

Charlie Haynes, Chairman (CH)  
 Wally Cox, Vice Chairman (WC)  
 Gill Cox (GC)  
 (KS)  
 Angie Tiwari (AT)  
 Michael Cadd (MC)  
 Peter Cox (PC)  
 Duncan Hatfield (DH)  
 Hugh Dream (HD)  
 Nils Bartleet (NB)

Cllr Mary Clarkson  
 LeRoy Garner, Clerk (LG)  
 Mrs K Stratford, Minutes Secretary

<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
	<p>Mr John McGinn and Dr Graham Swift (GS). Caroline van-Zyl</p> <p>The Chairman requested that Councillors declare any personal interests at any point on the agenda.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting - Amendments</b>	
	<p>None.</p> <p>The Chairman is authorised to sign off minutes.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Matters Arising from Minutes</b>	
	<p>WC appointed vice-chairman. GC proposed, AT seconded.</p> <p>Proposed Roy Jones to fill vacancy (HD, CH).</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<p><b>AGM – 01/05/07</b></p> <p><b>Jessica Padget of Mothers and Toddlers</b>                      Thanked the council for donation.</p> <p><b>“Postwatch”</b>                      Campaigns on post office closures – clerk will represent the council at any meetings needed to save the Post Office in New Marston (Cllr MC)</p>	<b>LG</b>

	<p><b>Some Courses for councilors</b> See clerk (NB: DH has the information at the moment.)</p> <p>Need representative on Standards Committee at City Council. Also on Core Strategy</p> <p><b>5 Planning</b></p> <p><b><u>Applications</u></b>  <u>53 Oxford Road</u> – conversion back to two dwellings – no comment  <u>38 Cherwell Drive</u> – rear extensions – no comment  <u>112 Oxford Road</u> (garden facing Mortimer Drive) – new bungalow – no comment  <u>27 Nicholas Avenue</u> – side extension to provide 1x2 B/r dwelling- the building will be entirely in front of the building line that is intact the whole length of Mortimer Drive. The garden car parking is at a busy corner and its use a probable danger. Refusal is strongly recommended</p> <p><b><u>Decisions</u></b>  <u>R/o Colthorne Farm and 34 Oxford Road</u> - 2x4 B/r houses – renewal of consent granted in 2000 – no comment – no comment  <u>Church Farm, Church Lane</u> – pedestrian gate in south wall – application in 2006- approved  <u>17 Mill Lane</u> – Alterations and internal works – approved  <u>51 Rippington Drive</u> – two additional front garden parking spaces – approved  <u>20 Horseman Close</u> – side extension to form new dwelling – refused  <u>1 &amp; 3 Nicholas Avenue</u> – alterations and extensions to provide 8 flats - withdrawn</p>	<p><b>LG</b> <b>No Person Designated</b> <b>ACTION</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Boults Lane Development Project</b></p> <p>Had meeting. New plan looked at by Steering Committee, noted roof lowered.</p> <p>LG has written to Mr Hook to ask Environmental Health rules regarding existing external doors to resist break-ins. Response: 1) Put steel plate over door or remove match boarding and replace with heave duty plywood. LG has asked for a quote, but not received a response yet (outstanding since 20/03).</p> <p>Will invite residents to look at plans, but on hold for a month now pending approval.</p>	<p><b>LG</b></p> <p><b>No Person Designated</b></p>

<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Recreation Grounds</b></p> <p>Letter received from Football Club to say moving will be over and above and in addition thanks for the £1,000 not taken.</p> <p>Discussed need for a representative to replace JB – agreed not required.</p> <p>Started work down Boult's Lane. Can claim money from football foundation once we get the bill.</p> <p>Recreation ground at the back of Mortimer Hall in a state. Moving and upkeep of equipment required. Baring in little roundabout needs to be replaced. Noted hedges being done now.</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b></p> <p><b>No person designated</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Burial Ground</b></p> <p>LG to send away for quote for seat</p> <p>Stability of memorials – one or two not secure. To be dealt with. PC and CH to lay unstable memorials down. Owners to pay for re-instatement if they desire.</p>	<p><b>LG</b></p> <p><b>PC/CH</b></p>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <p>Tree overhanging – Salford Road. Ring Council (Andrew Burchett). Also manhole by Windsor Crescent. Pavements in Arlington Drive very poor repair and potholes.</p> <p>Deep Cleaning going on now – Councillors noted looks very good.</p>	<p><b>LG</b></p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>North East Area Committee</b></p> <p>AT attended. Raised issue of Mortimer Hall not receiving committee papers. NB, WC and AT do not receive. LG to chase (next meeting 24/4)</p> <p>Noted that NE AC does not achieve what it's supposed to.</p>	<p><b>LG</b></p>
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>Parish Council Bulletin</b></p> <p>Many thanks for the help in delivery.</p> <p>Agreed to place a request for volunteers in Marston Times (volunteers to contact GC)</p>	<p><b>DH</b></p>

	Agreed to get some copies of bulletin to the library.		<b>GC</b>
	Editor for bulletin required for after June. Also agreed to run a questionnaire to gauge reaction to the bulletin. HD will take over as editor in September 2007.		<b>HD</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Finance</b> The following accounts were paid:		
		£	<b>ACTION</b>
	Allianz Cornhill Insurance Annual premium	1,167.18	
	Oxon. Assn. Local Councils Subscription	567.10	
	Thames Water Burial Ground supply	6.44	<b>WC</b>
<b>13</b>	Oxford City Council Burial Ground Rates	57.72	<b>No Person Designated</b>
	National Assn. Local Councils Subscription to Local Council Review	13.50	
	Acorn Design & Print Ltd. Review printing	194.47	<b>MC</b>
	Notice of Audit – 25/6.		<b>WC</b>
	Allianz Cornhill Insurance covers property, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party, rec ground, public indemnity to £5 million (can update to 10).		
	Vice Chairman has been signatory – acceptable to WC.		<b>No Person Designated</b>
	<b>Any Other Business</b>		

<p>14</p>	<p>NB: Overhanging trees on pavements – trees causing obstruction when parking on footpath. Noted County can ask the householder to cut back but they are slow to act. Park Walk is one example, Oxford Road is another.</p> <p>MC to look at Nicholas Avenue and speak to CH regarding calling it in.</p> <p>WC reported Mortimer Hall had spent money on hi fi equipment and arranged it so as to reduce noise but still had received a complaint. Asked Mr Solaja from Environmental Health to come and have a look, but not arranged a date for this yet. Agreed will lock the equipment at the setting limit, once agreed.</p> <p>Complaint regarding Arlington Drive alleyway (dog fouling) would like signs installed and also would like a dog bin but understand these re only in parks. Noted City Works are cleaning as part of the deep clean.</p> <p>DH recommends Councillors take a look at the website. Got email addresses for all Councillors.</p> <p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7:30pm – The AGM. Agenda to be agreed.</p>	<p>All</p>
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