Minutes of Old Marston Parish Council Meeting 7th April 2015 at 7:30pm.

Present:

Parish Council

Charlie Haynes (CH) - Chairman Duncan Hatfield (DH) - Vice-Chairman

Patricia Hall (PH) Michael Cadd (MC) **Angie Tiwari (AT)** John Batey (JB) Barrie Lewis (BL) Tony Greenfield (TG) Nils Bartleet (NB) Tim Cann (Clerk)

City Council

Cllr Mary Clarkson (M) **Cllr Mick Haines (MH)**

Members of the Public: 2

CH asked if anyone intended to record the proceedings of the meeting. TG to record.

CH asked Councillors to declare any prejudicial interests. None

15/04/01 Apologies for Absence:

ACTIONS

Peter Cox

15/04/02 Minutes of the last meeting held on 3rd March were approved. PH thought

15/03/10 should say "Oxford Road" instead of "Marston Road". CH proposed that once changed, minutes can be signed. All agreed.

15/04/03 Requests from members of the public to speak: None.

15/04/04 Matters Arising (omitting those for which an agenda heading follows) None

15/04/05 Planning

Applications to be decided

15/00783/FUL – 4 Boults Close – No Objections.

15/00892/FUL - 7 Elsfield Road - No Objections.

15/00761/FUL – 33 Church Lane (Retrospective) – No Objections, although the City Council have some concerns over previous building conditions.

15/00976/FUL – 17 Oxford Road – No Objections.

Applications considered between meetings:- NONE

Decisions:

14/02934/FUL – 2 Mortimer Drive – APPROVED 15/00067/FUL - 13 Elms Drive - REFUSED

15/00330/FUL - 6 Southcroft - APPROVED

Awaiting Decisions:

14/03496/FUL – Colthorn Farm

15/00210/FUL - Land adjacent 147 Oxford Road

15/00329/FUL – 28 Nicholas Avenue 15/00541/FUL – 36 Beechey Avenue 15/00574/FUL – 39 Salford Road

NB stated that it was good that the Council pointed out that the yellow planning notice had not been displayed, regarding 39 Salford Road. On investigation he was advised that it was because the man who puts them up was on holiday!

15/04/06 Boults Lane Development Project

CH advised that the Fundraiser/Facilitators report had recently been received and proposed that the Steering Committee needs to meet to review the report so as to make recommendations to the Council. He also felt that, at this stage, members of the Marston Saints FC would not be needed. All agreed.

TC

15/04/07 Recreation Ground

- a. CH proposed that he and the Clerk meet to make recommendation for next meeting. Then, when Council agree, the family would be consulted. Agreed.
- b. CH confirmed that all Councillors had received the Total Turf Solutions report. TG advised the Council that he felt something could be done; the report states that it was only the top 6mm or so that was stopping any drainage. JB thought that at current costs the recommended work would probably cost an extra £2,000 to £3,000 making the total work needed costing approximately £15,000 £20,000. BL stated he didn't think anything could be done as all the fields around flood and it would just mean they flow into recreation ground. CH proposed that himself, TG and the Clerk meet with Whitehorse Contractors, who did the drainage work on the Boults Lane recreation ground and report back to the next meeting. All agreed.
- c. JB proposed that, as this was contracts and therefore involved finances, this should be dealt with by the Finance Committee. CH seconded. All agreed.

15/04/08 Finance

a. Bank balance as at 31/03/2015 –
 Current Account £27,730.98
 Newbury Building Society Account £201,315.07

Business Reserve Account £18,733.06 Petty Cash balance £125.07

The following accounts to be paid:

	£ Incl. VAT	
BGG (Litter Picking February 2015)	60.00	
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Oxfordshire Play Association (Grant)	100.00	
Total Pest Control (Quarterly Charge)	390.00	
Staples (Stationery – Clerk Ink)	88.98	

OALC (2015/16 Membership)	631.49	
Charlie Haynes (Phone/BB Service – March 2015)	20.00	
Clerk's Pay including expenses & pension - March 2015		
Oxford City Council (Cemetery Refuse Collection)	69.60	
Anthony Stiff Associates Ltd (Second Interim Payment)	1950.00	
ORCC (2015/16 Membership)	65.00	
Oxford Green Belt Network (Annual Membership)	15.00	
MP Security (Annual Pavilion Alarm Inspection)	95.62	
Petty Cash Expenditure:- NONE		
INCOME :-		
Marston Saints FC (Annual Rent)	150.00	
NB proposed payment accepted. JB Seconded. All Agreed.		

b. The Clerk informed the Council that he had researched to ensure they were getting the best interest on their reserves and as at 10th March 2015;

Santander 0.45%,

TSB 0.05% on the first £1,000,000

NATWEST 0.05% on the first £249,999 & 0.15% £250,000 and above

State Bank of India 1.5%

Barclays 0.38%

Newbury Building Society 1.25% - current holders of the reserves.

CH proposed we remain with the Newbury Building Society. JB seconded. All agreed.

15/04/09 Draft Standing Orders

The Clerk read through confirming the alterations had been actioned as decided at the previous meeting.

JB proposed they be accepted and the New Standing Orders be adopted. NB seconded. All agreed.

15/04/10 Highways

a. i. Parking Survey

MH reported that he had spoken to David Tole and the first batch of questionnaires, covering Oxford Road and the Carter estate, will be delivered on Friday 10th, the second batch covering the remainder of the Parish will be

delivered the following Tuesday. NB asked if they were proposals or suggestions? MH stated proposals. CH thanked MH for all he had done. JB thought they would be prepaid so onus on resident to return. MH to contact the Clerk so he can arrange for a copy to go to each Parish Councillor.

TC ii. JB proposed, due to the nature of the subject, the Council go into Committee. CH seconded. All agreed.

The public, including City Councillors, left the room.

There then followed a frank and open discussion where code of conduct was discussed.

The public, including City Councillors, returned.

b. Underpass

The Clerk advised that he had met with the engineer while working on the pumps, who said that the problem seemed to be with the surrounding brookes and ditches as pumps working fine. The engineer would contact Oxfordshire County Council to clear surrounding waterways. TG reported that it was still a problem with flooding. The Clerk to chase.

TC

- **c.** BL stated that there were a lot of bikes being chained to lampposts. CH advised that, as they were not breaking the law there was not a lot the Council could do.
- **d.** BL stated that the surface of many roads is breaking up, even when the streetsweeper goes over it in places it sweeps up part of the surface. M said she would mention it to Highways to investigate. AT stated the wooden post on the corner of Mortimer Drive/Raymund Road was broken. TG said he reported online the underpass which was attended to within hours.

15/04/11 Website, Facebook, Twitter & Streetlife

DH informed the Council that there are now over 430 Twitter followers, development of the website was ongoing.

JB asked about the photographs. TG agreed to do in the Summer, when weather improved.

15/04/12 Information Sharing (including correspondence)

County & City Councillors Reports

MH reported that repairs to the paths of Nicholas Avenue was about to start.

DH thanked all who took part in this year's OXCLEAN; a very successful morning with over 35 volunteers helping.

Email from Tony Greenfield re Old Marston Traffic & Parking Issues Epetition

Email from John Batey re responding to Tony's email

Email from Oxfordshire Preservation Trust re 2015 awards

Rural Services Network Weekly News Digest 9 March

ORCC News Bulletin

Email from ROAR (Rural Oxfordshire Action Rally) re fighting "inappropriate & excessive development in Oxfordshire

Rural Services Network Digest 16 March

Rural Services Network re Economy Spotlight March 2015

Email from Mary Clarkson re Bradlands development estimate handover date

Rural Services Network Rural Transport March 2015
Rural Services Network News Digest 23 March 2015
Email from Thames Valley Police re 2015 Community Policing awards
Email from Oxfordshire County Council re 70th Anniversary of VE Day
Email from Tony Greenfield to Cllr Nimmo-Smith re parking & traffic issues
Temporary Road Traffic Closure Notice re Oxford Town & Gown Run
Temporary Road Traffic Closure Notice re May Day Celebrations
Temporary Road Traffic Closure Notice re London Road & Alternative routes
Oxford City Council Parish Council Forum Agenda Minutes 9 March
Letter to Newbury Building Society re tax paid on interest
Letter from The Pensions Regulator re the Clerk's pension status
Letter from Oxford Edens re gardening & grounds maintenance work
Letter from Weaveley Arboretum re their natural burial cemetery
Email from Rural Services Network News Digest 30 March
Email from Tony Greenfield re agenda items.

Meeting closed: 21:10

Date of Next Meeting: Parish Council Training Wednesday 15th April 2015 7pm Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 5th May 2015 in Mortimer Hall at 7:00pm followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.