

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council  
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4 December 2001  
at the Mortimer Hall**

**Members Present**

Mr. C.W. Haynes Chairman  
Mrs. C. Stone Vice-chairman  
Mesdames Bradley, Cox, Nurse, and Tiwari  
Messrs Agent, Bartleet, Batey, Macfarlane and Taylor  
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance  
City Councillors Mary Clarkson and Jock Coats  
The Chairman welcomed Mary Clarkson who said that her interest was to gather opinions and background information that would assist her as Chair of the North East Area Committee.


**Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Mr. Cann

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 6 November and 27 November 2001 were confirmed and signed.

**Correspondence**

The following were noted:  
Details of the less demanding presentation of annual accounts  
Quality Parish Councils – a consultation paper  
Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations: advice from OALC being prepared  
Standards Board publication – Clerk to evaluate and report  
Old Marston Mill Lane Allotment Association submitted the report of the AGM on 9 October 2000 together with the last audited accounts. ~~No notice of this year's AGM had been received~~ 

**North East Area Committee**

Mrs. Stone, the Council's representative reported on the first meeting of this committee that would deal with local matters, including planning, for the City Council instead of in the Town Hall.

She said that over 100 members of the public attended and about 20 took advantage of the opportunity to raise matters of interest from cycle routes, Green Road Roundabout congestion to play equipment.

The planning procedures worked and decisions taken, there being no Parish applications this month. Where a decision is unanimous members can within 3 days have the matter referred to the City Council, where it is not the City Council will decide. Items Fast Tracked, where Officers are directed to make decisions, can be taken to the Town Hall committee at the request of a Member.

**Planning**

**Decisions**

The following were reported:

- 11 Fane Road – conversion into two flats – approved
- 1 Beechey Avenue – extension – approved
- 20 Fairfax Avenue – extension – approved
- Between 3 – 13 Cavendish Drive – 3 houses – approved
- R/o 32 Mill Lane – new house – refused
- 71 Oxford Road – division into two dwellings - refused



#### Other Matters

Mary Clarkson would support the Council's suggestion that the Local Plan should include a presumption against the conversion of estate houses into flats.

**JR11 Extension** The Clerk reported that he had had a site meeting with Mrs. P. Dendy, Chair, and Mr. J. Sargent, Transport Advisor, of CPRE to consider the advantages of a direct A40 link for P&R busses and ambulances to serve the JR11. They appreciated the visit and would recommend that CPRE should support the proposal. However there was no support for an associated P&R that the Council had decided to drop in view of the considerable opposition from the rat run villages.

#### Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment

	£
Mortimer Hall Management Cttee.	Use of Hall 18.00
L.M. Garner	Salary and expenses 1475.89
St Nicholas School	S.137 Grant 500.00
DRAE Ltd.	Seat for Burial Ground 289.00

Letters of appreciation were received from several recipients of grants

The VAT refund had been received, also the balance of the Developer's recreation funding in respect of Church Lane

Items suggested for inclusion in next year's budget were the Burial Ground wall, surfacing the entrance to the Mortimer Hall Recreation Ground, railings Mill Lane, pavilion, possible upgrading of play equipment in Boult's Lane and grants to local organisations.

#### Recreation Ground

A dumped TV was reported.

The Clerk reported that no response had been received from the local Scouts regarding the renewal of the lease. He would write to the national office. He had noticed that the garage slab put down by the football club was partly on land leased to the Scouts. No fault rested with the Club. The Clerk would seek to have the lease plan amended.

#### Marston Saints

The Clerk had spoken with Mr. Herniman, Chairman Marston Saints F.C., who said that a new pavilion should provide for the four changing rooms necessary to accommodate two matches simultaneously that the junior pitch adjacent to Marsh Lane would permit, also to accommodate girl's teams. Whilst he wished to see a large extension he was confident that about 150 sq.m. (50% larger than the present building) could be sufficient.

The Clerk had discussed the possibility with the architect for the recently constructed Horton-cum-Studley new Village Hall, a similar building. Mr. Brown offered to attend a Council meeting to advise Council. It was decided to invite him and Mr. Herniman to the next meeting and to call a Special Parish Meeting on 22 January 2002 to discuss the possibility. As the Precept is required by the City Council by 25 January 2002 a Council meeting will follow to make any necessary adjustments to the budget.

#### Highways

Mr. Bartleet commented that the work carried out in Elsfield Road was not completed in accordance with the County Council's specification. The Clerk was asked to raise the matter with Mr. Carritt, the Area Engineer.

Mr Bartleet also questioned the County Council's letter stating that a speed camera in Marsh Lane was "unlikely to be approved by the police". He would investigate. More loose setts in Arlington Drive and concern over the condition of the verge where the Burial Ground hedge had been cut.

A progress report was received from Mr. Collins on the Subway mural. His suggestions for the addition of a rainbow and a "Buzz light year" flying with a banner behind "please do not

graffiti on this mural" were accepted. Unfortunately completion would be delayed due to the weather.

**Burial Ground**

It was decided to have the Parish name carved on the new seat, at a cost of £46, to deter theft,

**Date of Next Meeting**

8 January 2002

**Check for accounts paid and quotes**

8 Jan 02

Amber

# OLD MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

## ESTIMATES 2002-2003

	£	£
Income to 10 December 2001		40886
Expenditure to 10 December 2001		<u>44037</u>
OVERSPEND at 10 December 2001		3421
Expenditure to 31 March 2002		
Admin. maintenance etc.	2000	
Recreation Ground maintenance	2400	
Allotment Gates	600	
Provision-Burial Ground – wall and seeding	600	
-- do -- seeding etc surrounding area	600	
Hedge Cutting	<u>300</u>	<u>6500</u>
LOSS on the year		<u>10000</u>
Balance at 31 March 2001		41600
LESS planned overspend		<u>10000</u>
Balance at 31 March 2002 – say		<u>31500</u>
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Routine expenditure 2001-20021 expected	17000	
Contingences	1500	
Further items for consideration :-		
Entrance to Mortimer Hall Recreation Ground	250	
Paint Swings	250	
Notice Boards	900	
Grants	1450	
Mill Lane Recreation Ground Railings	1250	
Burial Register	200	
Precept Required 2000-2001		
Precept for current year		30500