

Minutes of the Old Marston Parish Council Meeting held on the 2nd December 2019 in the Mortimer Hall at 7:00pm.

Present:

Parish Council:

Duncan Hatfield (DH) – Chairman	Pat Hall (PH) – Vice-Chairman
Charlotte Vinnicombe (CV)	Louise Milford (LM)
Mary James (MJ)	Peter Cox (PC)
Alistair Morris (AM)	Michael O’Keefe (MO)
Mick Cadd (MC)	Peter Williams (PW)
Mick Bates (MB)	Tim Cann (Clerk)

Oxford City Council:

Cllr Mary Clarkson and Cllr Mick Haines.

Thames Valley Police: None

Members of Public: 9

19/12/01 No one intended to record the proceedings of the meeting.

19/12/02 Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillor Alan Spence – Family illness,
County Councillor Mark Lygo – Unwell.

19/12/03 Website, Facebook and other social media: DH informed the meeting that information is available on the website and various social media sites.

19/12/04 Public, County & City Councillors & Thames Valley Police participation (if any requests received)

- a. **Thames Valley Police:** None.
- b. **County & City Councillor Reports:** **City Councillor Mick Haines** did a traffic survey on Friday 29th November for one and a half hours: 662 cars, 12 Cyclists, 2 Lorries, 2 Vans and 1 Bus. The streetlight in Church Lane has been replaced. He has asked for the fallen leaves to be cleared. On Friday 6th December at 3pm he will accompany a police patrol.
- c. **Public:** None.

19/12/05 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th November 2019. It was **RESOLVED** these are a true record.

19/12/06 Matters Arising (omitting those for which an agenda heading follows):

- **VE Day 75 on the 8th May 2020:** It was **RESOLVED** to defer to the January meeting as the Clerk had not heard from other organisations.
- **Air Quality:** It was **RESOLVED** to defer to the January meeting as the Clerk had not heard back from Air Quality monitoring.

19/12/07 Operational Checks:

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- It was confirmed that the weekly operational checks on the defibrillator had been carried out.
- It was confirmed that the monthly Safety checks on the play equipment had been carried out.
- **Swan School:** Report given by Tony Harris, of GallifordTry, reported that work was on schedule which meant less vehicles now needed on site. Otherwise a quiet month with no complaints.

19/12/08 Scott Urban, of Oxfordshire Liveable Streets, spoke about helping the City Council with traffic changes. The City and surrounding network have been working with the same infrastructure for the last 40 years which has resulted in increased instances of asthma and poor air quality. The proposal is to have 5 bus gates around the City which will control traffic, blocking private vehicles and allowing buses. There will be a gate on the Marston Ferry Road and one in Hollow Way. They looked at the needs of Old Marston and the plan is to have a new bus service for the area. A work-place parking levy will be in the region of £4-600 per parking bay; this would be to help fund the buses.

It was then opened up for questions; PW agreed with the concept but what can the Parish Council do and could Scott speculate the effects on Old Marston from the Marston Ferry Road gate. A filter could be placed on the Oxford Road, possibly mid-village, to discourage the rat running. Ideally the community would be consulted on where the bollard would be located.

There would need to be cheaper fares as buses are expensive on the Old Marston routes.

The 'filter' bollard would be fixed, so in effect making the village two halves, one only accessible from Cherwell Drive/Marston Ferry Road end, the other only accessible from Marsh Lane/Elsfield Road end.

19/12/09 Recreation Grounds, Cemetery & Pavilion:

The Council reviewed the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Grounds, Pavilion & Cemetery Committee held on the 25th November 2019 and made the following resolutions:

- It was **RESOLVED** the Mortimer Hall Recreation Ground play equipment will be repaired by MB, AM, PC & MC where possible.
- It was **RESOLVED** the Clerk get costings to replace the Multi Play Junior and Carousel.
- It was **RESOLVED** to ask the Marston Community Gardens Group to plant trees in Boults Lane Recreation Ground as per map,
- It was **RESOLVED** to ask the Marston Community Garden Group to replant the section of the hedge which has been removed in Boults Lane Recreation Ground,

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- It was **RESOLVED** to ask the Marston Community Garden Group to plant bulbs around areas in Boults Lane Recreation Ground,
- It was **RESOLVED** to ask the Marston Community Garden Group to install bird boxes in established trees in Boults Lane Recreation Ground.

19/12/10 Open Meeting: It was **RESOLVED** to hold the next open meeting in March 2020 on Local Environment, Traffic, Air Pollution and Parking.

19/12/11 Youth Council: It was **RESOLVED** to defer this until after Elin Philips, Regional Youth Democracy Coordinator for the British Youth Council, had spoken to the Council.

19/12/12 Oxford Living Wage:

It was **RESOLVED** that Old Marston Parish Council support the Oxford Living Wage.

19/12/13 Finance: Bank balance as at 26/11/2019 –

Current Account £49,467.29	Business Reserve A/c £3,755.59
Newbury Bld Society A/c £84,329.86	Skipton Bld Society A/c £5,000.00
Petty Cash £59.30	CiL Money £19,117.28

The following accounts to be paid:	£ Incl. VAT
Clerk's Pay Including Expenses, Pension, etc. – November 2019	
BGG (Grass Cutting & Litter Picking for October 2019)	351.00
JG Pest Control Ltd (Pest Control in Pavilion)	419.99
Dave Hook (Various work in/around old pavilion)	740.00
ALCC (Previous cheque cancelled as wrong amount)	40.00
Webroot Ltd (Online Security Software)	104.76
BT (Clerk's Office Telephone)	105.45
Castle Water (Cemetery Use)	0.52
GDT Fire Alarm Ltd (Annual Service)	432.00
GDT (Fire Extinguishers) Ltd (Annual Service)	79.20
TOTAL	£3,888.52
Petty Cash Expenditure:	
Oxford City Bus (Clerk's Fare to Parish Forum meeting)	3.80

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TOTAL	£3.80
INCOME :-	
Co-operative Funeral Care (Mr Turner Memorial)	250.00
TOTAL	250.00

It was **RESOLVED** to accept these accounts.

19/12/14 Planning:

a. Applications considered between meetings: - NONE

Decisions:

19/00234/FUL – 24 Ashlong Road – APPROVED

19/00288/FUL – 17 Haynes Road – APPROVED

19/00233/FUL – 60 Mortimer Drive – REFUSED

19/00239/FUL – 29 Mill Lane – WITHDRAWN

Awaiting Decisions:

18/01549/FUL – 20 Raymund Road

18/03048/FUL – Manor Farm, 15A Mill Lane

19/00548/FUL – 2 Haynes Road

Applications to be decided:-

19/02793/FUL – 9 Gordon Close – Demolition of existing garage, conservatory, greenhouse and sheds. Erection of a two-storey side extension to create a 1 x 1-bed dwelling (Use Class C3). Erection of a single storey rear extension. Subdivision of existing gardens. Provision of car parking, bins and bicycle storage. – **CONCERN WITH OVERDEVELOPMENT AND ASKED TO BE CALLED IN.**

19/02159/FUL – Hill View Farm – Retention of 16no. storage containers. – **NO OBJECTION**

19/12/15 Finance Committee: (Due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed on this item Council asked all members of the public and press to leave the room)

The Council reviewed the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 21st November 2019 where the following recommendations were made:

Grants:

Organisation	Requested	Allocated
Over 50's	300.00	300.00
Bell Ringers	175.00	175.00
Marston Community Gardening	300.00	300.00
OXS RAD	300.00	300.00
Mortimer Hall	300.00	300.00
Mortimer Hall Pre-School	300.00	300.00
St Nicholas Junior Choir	300.00	300.00

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FOSNS	300.00	300.00
St Nicholas Primary School Gardening Club	265.00	265.00
Marston Times	300.00	300.00
Marston Saints FC	300.00	300.00
OMMLAA	300.00	300.00
Court Place Farm Allotments	300.00	300.00
St Nicholas Primary School After School Club	300.00	300.00
St Nicholas Primary School Forest Club	300.00	200.00
St Nicholas Messy Church	300.00	200.00
TOTAL (Budget £4,500)	4,640.00	4,440.00

Council **RESOLVED** to agree these grants.

Council also **RESOLVED** that the maximum allocated for the annual grant remains at £300.00. However, outside of this the Council would review any grant application for a specific project received throughout the year.

Budget: The Council reviewed the draft budget and **RESOLVED** to accept for a total of £75,340.

Precept: The Council reviewed the precept option set out and **RESOLVED** to ask for an increase of 3.5%.

19/12/16 Items of an urgent nature which have come to the Clerk's attention since the Agenda was set:

- The Clerk brought to the Council's attention of an email he had received from a resident who was concerned about the parking on Carters Estate. It was **RESOLVED** that this would be dealt with at the Open Meeting.

19/12/17 Information sharing (including correspondence)

Rural Services Network Digest etc,
Marston Times Article,

- Headington & Marston Community Forum minutes of the meeting on 8th November 2019,
- Oxfordshire County Council road closure notice: Oxford Road from 6th January to 20th April 2020,
- Parish Council Forum agenda of the 18th November 2019,
- Applications are invited for High Sheriff's Award 2019/20,
- AM reported on the Parish Forum meeting of the 18th November re Citizens Assembly,
- DH reminded Council that OXCLEAN was on 29th February 2020,
- AM informed the meeting about the tree planting in Croft Road Recreation Ground; there was a record attendance for such an event,
- DH felt there was a need for a streetlight in the Mortimer Hall Recreation Ground.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:25pm

Signed by the Chairman.