

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5 February 2002
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr. C.W. Haynes Chairman
Mrs. C. Stone Vice-chairman
Mesdames Bradley, Nurse, and Tiwari
Messrs Agent, Cann, and Taylor
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Cox, Mr. Bartleet, Mr. Batey and Mr. Macfarlane, also from City Councillors Clarkson and Coats.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 January 2002 and 22 January 2002 were confirmed and signed.

North East Area Committee

Mr. Bartleet had apprised the Clerk of the matters before the last meeting of the City Council's North East Area Committee. The principal item was the Local Plan Review consultation document relating to the hospitals and Brookes University. The conclusion of the meeting was that the hospital services should be sited to give the best service and that any surplus land should be used for housing. The recommendation about the extension of Brookes University was that there should be no further increase in size. Reviewing the associated Transport Plan the Committee noted that the Hospital policy would be to allocate on-site housing to married staff.

The Parish Council had been consulted on the above and the Clerk outlined his draft response (that mirrored that above), previously approved by the Chairman and Vice-chairman. It was approved for submission.

Correspondence

Ms. Bradley had considered further her request that the ~~Government~~^{State} should be asked to adopt a sexually neutral form of words in Legislation and Government publications. She had written a letter to the OALC that the Clerk was asked to support.
A letter was received from Royal Mail promising a new letterbox outside the Post Office.
A request for a grant from WRVS was noted.

Planning

Applications

The following were considered and no comment made
13 Rippington Drive – revised extension
58 Raymund Road – extension
Colthorn's Farm – two new houses
Marston Middle School – temporary classroom

Decision

The following was reported:
71 Oxford Road – new bungalow – approved

Other Matters

An appeal had been lodged against the refusal to grant consent for an extension at 13 Beechey Avenue was received. It was decided to make no further comment.

Hospital Traffic Arrangements

The Clerk reported on the satisfactory outcome of his meeting with Oxfordshire County Councillor R. Tudor Hughes, County Council Executive Committee Member for Highways, the County Councillor for the Wheatley Division Mrs. A Purse and Mr. P. Mann Group Manager in Transport Planning at the County Council. He had arranged the meeting to forward this Council's opinion that the advantages of a direct entrance to the JR11 from the A40 had not been evaluated. Those present appreciated the advantages of the proposal and there was a willingness to take the proposal forward for evaluation. The Chairman undertook to obtain the advice of the Cherwell Drive shopkeepers on the form of any parking control required in the parade.

Bus Service 13c - Mill Lane to JR11

A letter was received from the County Council requesting further consideration of the 13C service. The only public service route for the residents of the parish to the north of Cherwell Drive to the JR11 is the above. The majority of the population in that area are at the furthest point and it includes some 50 units of sheltered housing and it is a long walk to Cherwell Drive or a change of bus would be required. If the service is withdrawn then its loss will probably be balanced by an increase in demand for hospital assisted transport. Unfortunately the figures are not available to the Council and it is hoped that the County Council will provide the best service it can.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment

	£
Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils	Attendance at the Green Paper Briefing Meeting (paid between meetings) 11.70
C.D. Ward	Ground Works, hedge cutting etc. 985.00
John Milnes	Carving seat for Burial Ground 46.00

Recreation Ground

From advice obtained by the Clerk it appeared that the request to the Scouts, in the grant of a new lease, to release a narrow strip of lane from that in the expired lease was sustainable. He had discussed this with the Scout Group Chairman and written in confirmation. A reply was awaited.

Subject to advice from District Audit that it was not necessary to go to tender for the appointment of the architect for the proposed new pavilion the Clerk was asked to confirm Mr. Brown's appointment to him and ask him to proceed. Car parking continued to be a problem and it was decided to include, in the scheme, the extension of the area by the repositioning of the fence to permit cars to park end on, on the Marsh Lane side of the allotment access track. The planning brief prepared by the Clerk was approved.

An offer of the land, additional to the Boults Lane Recreation Ground, was received from the City Council at £960 per annum when in use. As this seemed beyond the resources of the Club the Clerk was asked to negotiate the charge downwards.

The Clerk had made a bid for a portion of the £125,000 available from the Developer's contribution for recreation arising from the Islamic Centre planning consent.

The outcome of a meeting with the Oxford Preservation Trust on the future of the Mill Lane area was reported, including its recent letter. The Trust's requirement that the Council should take responsibility for a new roadside wooden fence could not be accepted as its predecessors had been wrecked. The iron railings seemed the only solution but were not acceptable to the Trust. The Trust's comments about litter picking were noted and it seemed justified. The Clerk would contact the City Council about this and on similar problems in other areas and would arrange for other rubbish to be removed.

The Clerk had secured an extended wayleave from BT for the stay added to the pole at the corner of Boults Lodge. He was authorised to sign the agreement.

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An estimate for the removal of a fallen tree in the sum of £50 from Mr. T, Cann was accepted.

Highways

Mr. Bartleet had made it known that Elsfield Road would be resurfaced and that he had resurrected the possibility of a speed camera in Marsh Lane.

Attention was drawn to the condition of the surface of School Lane.

Mrs. Tiwari agreed to notify the Street Lighting Dept. that two streetlights were not working.

Burial Ground

Inches of rain had fallen in the past month resulting in much standing water in the Burial Ground and surrounding area. The Clerk was authorised to commit £100 towards finding a solution.

Other Matters

The Clerk did not believe that it was possible to make a donation to an individual towards the cost of representing this country in foreign championship events but would check the position.

Date of Next Meeting

3 March 2001

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