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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council  
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 31 January 2005  
at the Mortimer Hall**

**Members Present**

Mr. C.W. Haynes Chairman  
Mesdames Cox and Nurse  
Messrs Bartleet, , Cox, and Swift  
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance  
City Councillor Mrs. M. Clarkson

**Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. M.C. Stone Vice-chairman, Mrs. Tiwari, Messrs Batey, Cann, Holmes, McGinn and City Councillor Mrs. C. vanZyl.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 January 2005 were confirmed and signed.

**Matters Arising**

The Meeting was, due to the main hall being used, held in the Back Room. This was considered more suitable and it was decided to use that room in future. The Chairman would make the arrangements  
Confirmation was received from the Manager of The Harlow Centre confirming that there were no non-educational activities being conducted at the Centre  
The Chairman undertook to ask, at the next HAMATS Meeting, for the reinstatement of a direct bus service between Mill Lane and the JR11 also to raise again the request for a 20mph speed limit in Oxford Road north of Cherwell Drive

**North East Area Committee**

There were no matters to report

**Contracts**

The response to the documents circulated was disappointing. A further report would be presented to the next meeting

**Correspondence**

The South East England Regional Assembly announced consultations on the SE Region Development Plan. A copy was received  
A letter was received from the DPM Office stating that the Clerk was the nominated officer for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act.

**Planning**

**Applications**

The following were considered, and no comment made:  
22 Ashlong Road – rear dormer  
25 Horseman Close – single storey rear extension  
20 Cavendish Drive – conservatory

It was decided to oppose the proposed erection of additional antennae at the Marston Ferry Road Mast

**Decisions**

None reported:

**Other Matters**

The Council has continued to press for Building Regulations to be enforced by the City Council when houses are converted into flats. The City Council has not accepted that it is its responsibility. The Clerk had obtained further information that seemed to confirm that it was the City Council's responsibility. He had written accordingly to the Planning Office, a reply was awaited.

*M. Stone*  
11/3/05

Accounts

The following account was passed for payment  
R&M Pest Control - Moles - £105.00

The Clerk would press for the promised City Council Grant of £10,379.00 to be paid.

Joint Meeting with Marston Saints F.C.

It was agreed that the preliminary steps towards the new pavilion should be taken:

- The Council would retain ownership of the building and reserve occasional use
- Produce a draft licence giving effect to the above, detailing respective responsibilities
- Renew the planning outline consent
- Investigate the effectiveness of the land drainage
- The Club would get the FA's requirements for a building to be eligible for grant
- Remain, as now, serving the locality and children
- Consider fund raising towards the capital cost against an initial period of use being granted
- Interest in acquiring additional land adj. Marsh Lane had been abandoned

Recreation Ground

The Clerk had arranged with Mr. Ward to have the remains of a tree overhanging School Lane to be removed. It was dead and a branch had dropped off.

The proposed all weather pitch at St. Nicholas School is now expected to be scaled down because grant funding was being cut back.

It was decided to submit to the County Council the formal papers claiming public rights of way across the allotments

Highways

Members were pleased to note the improvement to the Oxford Road footpaths secured by the Chairman and Clerk at a meeting with highway staff the Clerk would write in gratitude

The Oxford Road sign at Cherwell Drive was in need of repair

The new lighting standard in Ponds Lane had not been lit.

Date of Next Meeting

1 March 2005. Note time 7p.m.

M. Christine Stone  
1/3/05