

Minutes of Old Marston Parish Council Meeting 4th February 2014 at 7:30pm.

Present:

Parish Council

Charlie Haynes (CH) - Chairman
Barrie Lewis (BL)
Peter Cox (PC)
Michael Cadd (MC)
Michael O'Keefe (MO)
Nils Bartleet (NB)
Tim Cann (Clerk)

Duncan Hatfield (DH) – Vice-Chairman
Roy Jones (RJ)
Patricia Hall (PH)
Angie Tiwari (AT)
Peter Williams (PW)
Peter Sarac (PC)

City Council

None

County Council

None

Members of the Public : 8

14/02/01 Apologies for Absence

ACTIONS

Cllr Mary Clarkson Cllr Mick Haines Cllr Mark Lygo

14/02/2 Minutes of the last meeting held on 7th January were approved. All Agreed.

14/02/3 Requests from members of the public to speak : NONE

14/02/4 Matters Arising (omitting those for which an agenda heading follows)

CH reported that things had been progressing with the new pavilion in that four building firms had been sent packs inviting them to quote for the work. Also Eddy Aldworth from Marston Saints and Anna Weston, a professional fundraiser, was attending tonight. Anna Weston then gave a brief resume about herself and the work she had already achieved. CH informed the meeting that it was the norm for fundraisers to get 10% of whatever they raised as well as a no win no fee basis however a contract agreeable to both will be signed.

CH recommended the Parish Council take on Anna Weston to raise money for the new pavilion. All in Favour.

14/02/5 Correspondence

Email from Janet Crane – Mortimer Hall

Email from Elaine Bennett – speaking at previous meeting

Email from Ann Leonard, AES Europe – offering services for waterways management

Email from Lucy Watts – Marston & Northway NAG Meeting

Email from Jan Mason – verges around Southcroft

Signed by the Chairman.

NALC – conference on What next for Localism?

Oxfordshire County Council – Consultation draft Rights of Way management plan

Ian Travers Smith Oxfordshire County Council – Flooding questionnaire

OALC – Chairmanship Training

14/02/6 Planning

Applications to be decided

14/00034/FUL – The Victoria Arms – Formation of overflow car park: No objections although felt it could be reduced in size or done in phases.

Applications considered between meetings : None

Decisions:

13/03030/FUL – Plots 1 & 2 31 Church Lane - APPROVED

13/03048/FUL – 42 Elms Drive - APPROVED.

13/02988/FUL – 1 Nicholas Avenue – APPROVED.

Awaiting Decisions: NONE

14/02/7 Boults Lane Development Project

Due to Eddy Aldworth and Anna Weston attending the meeting this was discussed under “Matters arising” at the beginning of the meeting.

14/02/8 Recreation Ground

- a. Letter from Barney Jenkins dated 27 January 2014 (14/02/08A) was given out. CH explained that as reported at previous meetings the Oxford City Council had not invoiced the Parish Council for any of the grass cutting they are contracted to do since 2009. This had now been resolved and a cheque for £11,350.80 has been raised, although this is being held until the official invoice is received.
- b. The Oxford City Council has also submitted their quotation for grass cutting & litter bin emptying for the 2014 season. This is £3675 plus VAT
- c. CH and TC are meeting with another contractor on the 5th February to get a comparison quotation. It was agreed that, depending on the quotation from BGG on the 5th, the Parish Council would go with the City Council’s quotation unless it is considerably lower.

14/02/9 Finance

- a. Bank balance as at 27/01/2014 –
current account £20,475.07
business reserve account £218,706.60
petty cash balance £82.98

The following accounts to be paid:

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	£ Incl. VAT
Diane Malley (Payroll Services 3 rd Quarter 2013/14)	12.35
Oxon County Council Clerks Pension (February 2014)	155.87
Charlie Haynes (Phone/Broadband January 2014)	20.00
Clerks Pay Including Expenses – January 2014. Details in correspondence file and displayed in the minutes book.	
St Nicholas Church Wives Group (Christmas Grant)	300.00
Dataprint Ltd (photocopying sports pavilion plans)	103.55
Get-on-line Ltd (Chairmans email address)	20.00
Get-on-line Ltd (Web Host & email)	174.00
Wiseserve Ltd (Fault on Chairmans PC)	45.60
Oxford City Council (outstanding grass cutting 2009-2013)	11350.80

Income –

Mr D. Ward (Rent 2014)	150.00
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- b. CH proposed that the Parish Council adopts resolution 14/01/10b in minute dated 7th January 2014 that the Parish Council open an account with the Newbury Building Society and that £200,000 to be transferred. Signatory's on account to be CH, PC & TC. All in favour.
- c. Alterations to the Risk Assessment had been made and circulated at meeting. CH proposed these were adopted. All in favour.

14/02/10 Burial Ground

No Items.

14/02/11 Highways

- a. **Drains:** It was agreed TC to contact Oxfordshire County Council re clearing of drains throughout the parish. PH informed the Council that there was running water coming from the manhole cover outside Coldthorn Farm. CH confirmed that TC had already reported this to Thames Water. **TC**
- b. **Traffic Survey:** David Tole's email regarding his initial findings on the survey was circulated. He had asked if the Parish Council were willing to contribute to any work. CH reminded the Council that this had been discussed previously and advise from the OALC and County Council confirmed that this was not **TC**

Signed by the Chairman.

legally possible. NB expressed surprise that David Tole even asked such a question. TC to contact M, MH & ML to seek possible financial support.

- c. **Southcroft:** An email had been received from a resident in Southcroft asking if the Council would take on the maintenance of the verges. TC has already written to the Oxfordshire County Council asking if this was possible.
- d. **Rights of Way:** A questionnaire has been received from the Oxfordshire County Council asking for opinions on planning procedures etc. This can be completed online.
- e. **Flooding Survey:** An email has been received from the Oxfordshire County Council asking for details regarding flooding in the area. This can be either completed online or printed off and posted. Three members of the public asked for details.

14/02/12 Library : No Items.

14/02/13 Allotments

TC has written to Mr Manson with regards to the secure container outlining that once planning permission had been obtained and the base was ready the container would be ordered.

An email had been received from a member of the public with regards to a complaint about an allotment holder on Court Place Farm Allotments. After a brief discussion it was agreed TC to write to the Allotment Association making them aware of the complaint.

TC

14/02/14 Website

DH informed the Council that payments had been made to ensure continuation of the service.

14/02/15 Elections 2014

It was agreed that SHOULD the Oxford City Council elections be uncontended then the Parish Council would like polling cards to be issued. The cost would be approximately 20p to 25p per card and would be payable by the Parish Council.

14/02/16 Information Sharing

RJ complained about Stagecoach's Sunday service to the JR Hospital, buses are very often very late.

RJ said he thought that the lane by St Nicholas School could be named "School Lane".

TC

DH reminded everyone that the Litter Picking day would be on 8th March at the Mortimer Hall.

MO said about cars parking on grass verges throughout the Parish was making them unsightly and dangerous.

TC

There was a brief discussion about getting a local police officer to attend meetings.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th March 2014, 7:30pm at Mortimer Hall.

Signed by the Chairman.