

**Minutes of Old Marston Parish Council Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 at 7:30pm.**

**Present:**

**Parish Council**

<b>Charlie Haynes (CH) - Chairman</b>	<b>Duncan Hatfield (DH) – Vice-Chairman</b>
<b>Patricia Hall (PH)</b>	<b>Michael Cadd (MC)</b>
<b>Angie Tiwari (AT)</b>	<b>Michael O’Keefe (MO)</b>
<b>John Batey (JB)</b>	<b>Barrie Lewis (BL)</b>
<b>Peter Williams (PW)</b>	<b>Peter Cox (PC)</b>
<b>Tony Greenfield (TG)</b>	<b>Nils Bartleet (NB)</b>
<b>Tim Cann (Clerk)</b>	
<b>Carolyn Place – Fundraiser &amp; Facilitator (CP)</b>	

**City Council**

**Cllr Mick Haines (MH)**                      **Cllr Mary Clarkson (M)**

**County Council**

**Cllr Mark Lygo (ML)**

**Members of the Public : 4**

**CH asked if anyone intended to record the proceedings of the meeting. TG to record.**

**15/02/01 Apologies for Absence:**

**ACTIONS**

**NONE**

**15/02/02 Minutes of the last meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January were approved. All agreed.**

**15/02/03 Requests from members of the public to speak : None.**

**15/02/04 Matters Arising (omitting those for which an agenda heading follows)**

The Clerk brought the Council’s attention to the extract from Paul Clayton’s Arnold-Baker on Local Council Administration which dealt with a Chairman’s allowance. He also advised that the OALC confirmed that there was not a problem if being used for a Christmas buffet.

JB stated that he felt it should be called Chairman Allowance rather than expenses.

TG agreed that he was not comfortable about attending the buffet.

NB stated that individual councillors could have expenses but in the past this was declined.

JB asked why the Finance Committee’s minutes had not been circulated to the Council.

**TC**

**15/02/05 Planning**

**Applications to be decided**

**14/03496/FUL – Colthorn Farm – No Objections**

**15/00067/FUL – 13 Elms Drive – No Objections**

Signed by the Chairman.

**15/00210/FUL – Land adjacent 147 Oxford Road – M was looking at calling this in. The Parish Council had concern over access onto main road on a bend with junction close by and site overdevelopment.**

**Applications considered between meetings:- NONE**

**Decisions:**

14/02448/FUL – 19 Cavendish Drive – APPROVED

14/03152/FUL – 6 Windsor Crescent - APPROVED

**Awaiting Decisions:**

14/02934/VAR – 2 Mortimer Drive

14/03386/FUL – 46 Marsh Lane

**15/02/06 Boults Lane Development Project**

Carolyn Place of Anthony Stiff Associates, the fundraiser & facilitator, gave the Council an update of her work to date. PW stated that he was worried that with the club running at a loss it was very unlikely any grant money would be forthcoming. CP agreed but they have a new person doing the accounts and so the club is looking forward. MC felt that all Football Foundation money was going to Oxford City FC. CP advised that the club has to show a need for the new pavilion. ML pointed out that the Falcon Rowing Club had been turned down by Sport England simply because it was just one sport, Sport England only putting money towards multisport buildings. A port-a-cabin would be going spare once the Barton building was complete. JB stated that with grants and the Club's financial situations as they are we have got to replace the current pavilion with something, it looks like the Council will have to go it alone. JB asked the cost of port-a-cabins? ML said approximately £465,000. NB stated that, with the state of the building it is not helping the club's finances and so to achieve anything we have to go smaller. CH thanked CP for the work completed so far and we are moving forward despite the fact that it is not an easy or comfortable journey.

**15/02/07 Recreation Ground**

- a. CH thanked MH for getting the tree and arranging planting. CH advised that once the Council had an idea of what was to be on the plaque he and the Clerk would ask Sylvia, Roy Jones's sister, for her opinion. TG advised that he had asked Sylvia for her thoughts. CH said there would be a commemorative ceremony for the unveiling of the plaque and a meet up in the Mortimer Hall after. All would be invited.
- b. CH advised that HRR had requested that they use the Boults Lane recreation ground for the start and finish of their race, as they did last year. All agreed OK. **TC**
- c. TG stated that the Mortimer Hall recreation ground was unusable in places due to waterlogging and the picnic table was marooned. CH advised that in 2009 the Council got Total Turf Solutions to do a feasibility study and concluded that nothing can be done to remove the water as there was nowhere for it to drain to. TG suggested making holes or something to the wall of the subway for water to be **TC**

Signed by the Chairman.



- d. The Clerk informed the Council that currently the Council write a cheque for the contributions to his pension and he also writes a personal cheque covering his contributions. The County Council pension services have asked if this can be done in future as just one payment. The Clerk proposed that each month when he deducts the tax and NI he also deducts pension contribution and pays this in one payment. All agreed.
- e. ML advised the Council that he was Chairman of the Oxfordshire Play Association, OPA, and gave a brief overview of the event for which they are requesting grant funding. CH proposed that the Clerk asks the OALC for advise if they are able to support financially an organisation outside the Parish. All agreed. TC
- f. CH confirmed that we will be receiving £62,565 which includes the discretionary £10,000 from the City Council.

### 15/02/09 Highways

#### a. **Parking Survey**

CH stated that we had not received any response from David Tole and ML confirmed that he, too, had heard nothing. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact David again.

#### b. **Public Transport Forum**

NB gave feedback on meeting he attended.

#### c. **Benches in Old Marston**

AT reported that she felt benches were needed at Mortimer Drive bus stop, Salford Road outside the shops, outside the old Post Office in the Oxford Road, Rippington Drive corner of Fairfax Avenue and opposite the Mortimer Hall by Walnut Tree House. CH reminded the Council that we had not budgeted for any benches and we could not put a bench on land that was not owned by the Parish Council. M advised that benches in Northway were paid for out of central budget and was willing to see if this was possible. Clerk to email list to MH, ML & M. TC

#### d. **Underpass flooding**

TG advised the Council that he had reported the underpass being flooded and within 2 hours they were there sucking drain out, however the leaves remained a problem. M offered to get Doug Loverage of the City Council to investigate. M

### 15/02/10 Website, Facebook, Twitter & Streetlife

- a. DH informed the Council that there are now 313 Twitter followers. He also reported that there had been a fault in accessing the emails and website but that has now been resolved. JB asked if there could be feedback on the Twitter & Facebook entries as part of the meeting. TC

- b. CH felt the profile pictures were not very flattering and asked for the pictures to be removed. TG offered to do new pictures. DH  
TG

### 15/02/11 Annual Parishioners & Council meetings

CH advised that the Annual Parishioners Meeting will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7pm and the Annual Parish Council Meeting will follow straight after.

Signed by the Chairman.

## **15/02/12 Information Sharing (including correspondence)**

### **County & City Councillors Reports**

MH advised that there was still nothing regarding the old Friar site, nothing had been heard from Tesco's whether they intended to continue with new shop or if it was one looking to be sold.

M advised that there had been various trees planted in Oxford Road, a new waste bin at the bus stop opposite OXSRAD.

DH advised OXCLEAN will be on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at the Mortimer Hall.

BL advised that people had asked if lights could be placed at the back of the old Bricklayers as very dark.

TG advised if anyone interested in visiting the recycling plant in Ardley to contact him.

Rural Services Network – Newsletter

Email from Adrian Wood re late payment of precept

Rural Services Network Newsletter 7 Jan

Email from Mark Spriggs Oxford City Council informing Mortimer Hall from April 1 they must pay their own waste collection of £700

Email from Environment Agency asking for volunteers to work one day a week on the River Thames

Rural Services Network - Bulletin

Clerks & Councils Direct

Meeting closed: 21:30

**Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015, 7:30pm at Mortimer Hall.

Signed by the Chairman.