

Minutes of the Old Marston Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th February 2021 via Zoom from 7:00pm.

Present:

Parish Council: Duncan Hatfield (DH) – Chairman
Pat Hall (PH) – Vice-Chairman Mary James (MJ)
Charlotte Vinnicombe (CV) Louise Milford (LM)
Peter Cox (PC) Alistair Morris (AM)
Peter Williams (PW) Mick Bates (MB)
Tim Cann (Clerk)

Oxford City Council: Cllr Mary Clarkson (M)

Oxfordshire County Council: Cllr Mark Lygo

Members of Public: 1

21/02/01 Intention to record the proceedings of the meeting: NONE.

21/02/02 Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillor Mick Cadd – Self Isolating. Parish Councillor Alan Spence – Prior Engagement. City Councillor Mick Haines – Unwell.

21/02/03 Website and social media: DH informed the Council that interest was increasing on FaceBook and Twitter.

21/02/04 Public, County & City Councillors & Thames Valley Police participation (if any requests received)

a. Thames Valley Police:

PCSO Frazer Chapman gave a verbal report; offenders of antisocial behaviour in the Oxford Road have been met which seemed to stop the incidences, however it has now restarted in a different area of the Parish. Reports of a dirt bike activity in Croft Road Recreation Ground is being investigated. Parking issues seem to have improved and several vehicles have been clamped due to lack of tax. Otherwise, Marston relatively quiet during lockdown.

b. County & City Councillor Reports: ML advised that the CPZ for Old Marston south of the Marston Ferry Road is scheduled to go live soon. Consultation for the remainder of the Parish should be early Summer. He has been liaising with CV, as chair of the Residents Association, and the Clerk with the developments in Mill Lane. Mark stated that he sees no problem with either Mary or himself representing the Parish Council, however, due to their offices within the County and City Council, they both need to be careful what

Signed by the Chairman.

they say beforehand. **M** advised the Council that the County Council had recommended refusal of the Hill View Farm development due to transport concerns, yet still not willing to consider opening ring road. **M** did not call in 69 Arlington Drive as asked for at last meeting as the County Council have concerns and have recommended refusal. Issues with CPZ around Horseman Close area so first six months will be as whole area Monday to Friday but will be monitored. Flooding is also a major concern in New Marston especially. Thames Water have been spoken to and the Environment Agency are also monitoring. **PW** asked if onus was on the developers to find solutions to the Hill View Farm development. **M** replied that it was. County Council may offer suggestions but cost of solutions would be met by the developers.

c. Public: None.

GalifordTry Report on Swan School & Meadowbrook: “Meadowbrook College, new college complete.

Old Meadowbrook, demolition complete, foundations, concrete slab and tarmac removal in progress, complete by end of the week, works commence to new Muga pitch week commencing 8th Feb completion date 22nd April,

Swan School, final sectional handover (north and east blocks) are 22nd February, snagging works to complete.”

21/02/05 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th January 2021. It was **RESOLVED** these are a true record.

21/02/06 Matters Arising (omitting those for which an agenda heading follows):
NONE.

21/02/07 Operational Checks:

- The Clerk reported that the weekly checks on the defibrillator had been carried out with no faults found.
- The Clerk reported that the weekly checks on the play equipment had been carried out with no faults found.

21/02/08 Planning:

Applications considered between meetings: - NONE.

Decisions:

20/02792/FUL – 58 Raymund Road – **REFUSED**

20/02854/FUL – 8 Southcroft – **APPROVED**

20/02840/FUL – 34 Raymund Road - **APPROVED**

Awaiting Decisions:

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20/02457/DEL – Willow Barn, Oxford Road

20/03034/FUL – Hill View Farm

20/02976/FUL – 69 Arlington Drive

20/03275/FUL – 33 Elms Drive

Applications to be decided:

20/03257/FUL – 4 Cannons Field – Demolition of existing rear conservatory, conversion of garage into habitable space, partial removal of rear porch canopy, alterations to front porch, alterations to fenestration and installation of external cladding. – **NO OBJECTIONS.**

21/00092/FUL – 29 Arlington Drive – Demolition of existing detached garage, erection of two-storey side extension and erection of a front porch. – **NO OBJECTIONS.**

21/00103/FUL – 25 Lewell Avenue – Demolition of existing single storey rear extension. Erection of single storey rear extension. Alteration of 1no. window to side elevation. Formation of external wall insulation. – **NO OBJECTIONS.**

21/00161/FUL – 9 Gordon Close – Demolition of existing conservatory, garage and shed. Erection of a part single, part two storey and rear extension. – **NO OBJECTIONS.**

21/00006/FUL – Thurston, 3 Boults Close – Insertion of photovoltaic plates to roof and charging port. – **NO OBJECTIONS.**

21/00185/FUL – 7 Rippington Drive - Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of a single storey rear extension. – **CALL IN IF APPROPRIATE.**

- **Update on Hill View Farm:** CV expressed concern about the future of Back Lane, it was vaguely mentioned so her concern was it being ruined in being upgraded. M advised that there were plans to upgrade the track between the Victoria Arms and the Marston Ferry Road but not Back Lane. Back Lane is a bridle way so would need lighting if upgraded which would probably not be looked on favourably. If the Victoria Arms track was upgraded there would need to be some precautionary work done where it joins the Marston Ferry Road. The Clerk is researching who owns Back Lane.
- **Update on former Jack Russell Development:** Work is progressing.

21/02/09 Finance: Bank balance as at 05/01/2021 –

Current A/c £32,534.41 (including CIL £27,272.56) Business Reserve A/c £3,760.16.

Unity Trust A/c. £7,042.45

Newbury Building Society A/c £85,718.40

Skipton Building Society A/c £5,036.09

Petty Cash £179.74

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The following accounts to be paid:	£ Incl. VAT
Clerk's Pay Including Expenses, Pension, etc. – January 2021	
Murray Maclean (Hedging Plants for BL Rec.)	38.16
St Nicholas Church Junior Choir (s.137 Grant)	300.00
Marston Community Gardens (s.137 Grant)	300.00
St Nicholas Church Messy Church (s.137 Grant)	300.00
OXS RAD (s.137 Grant)	300.00
Mortimer Hall (s.137 Grant)	300.00
St Nicholas School Breakfast Club (s.137 Grant)	300.00
St Nicholas Nursery (s.137 Grant)	300.00
St Nicholas School Forest School (s.137 Grant)	300.00
St Nicholas Society of Bell Ringers (s.137 Grant)	90.00
43 rd Scout Group (s.137 Grant)	300.00
Court Place Farm Allotment Association (s.137 Grant)	300.00
Mortimer Hall Pre-School (s.137 Grant)	300.00
Marston Saints FC (s.137 Grant)	300.00
Edmundson Electrical (Outside Security light bulbs for Pavilion)	18.54
SLCC (Arnold-Baker 12 th Edition)	123.80
BGG (Litter Picking January 2021)	69.00
TOTAL	£5,602.09
Petty Cash Expenditure:	(No expenditure)
INCOME:	
Mortimer Hall (2021 Land Rent)	00.05
43 rd Scout Group (Land Rent)	05.00

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

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- It was **RESOLVED** to have the half year's precept in March paid into the Unity Trust Bank Account.

21/02/10 Pavilion, Recreation Grounds & Cemetery:

- It was **RESOLVED** to allow the pre-purchase of two burial plots.
- It was **RESOLVED** to allow Headington Road Runners to use Boult's Lane Recreation Ground as a start and finish on the August Bank Holiday Sunday.
- The Clerk advised the Council that the electrics were being checked in the Pavilion as the club had experienced several high bills.
- It was **RESOLVED** to leave the Boult's Lane hedge for the time being.
- It was **RESOLVED** that Mick Bates and the Clerk would meet on site to review the Mortimer Hall footpath leading into the play area.

21/02/11 Governance & Administration: DH again advised the Council that the business being discussed is becoming involved and suggested that some of the business conducted in Full Council might be better dealt with by the respective committees. After some discussion it was **RESOLVED** that there would be a section on future agendas to discuss projects it would like to achieve. This item would change each meeting. CV offered to assist the Clerk in its preparation.

21/02/12 Items of an urgent nature which have come to the Clerk's attention since the Agenda was set:

- **Land North of Bayswater Brook:** PW advised the Council that he had been attending several webinars organised around the potential Christchurch College development. Bioabundance, a Community Interest Company, had been created whose aims are to 'restore nature in Oxfordshire..'. The Clerk had sent information on this with the agenda to all Councillors. It was **RESOLVED** to join membership of Bioabundance and to donate £1,000 towards its objectives. PC requested that it be minuted that he was not in favour of the Council either joining or donating any funds.

21/02/13 Information sharing (including correspondence)

Rural Services Network Digest etc,

- AM asked about the current situation with the bench in the paddock at the rear of the Cemetery. The Clerk advised that he was still waiting for a quote for installing the bench.
- AM asked about the current situation with the trees on the Boult's Lane boundary. The Clerk advised that, as the area was within the Conservation area, planning permission was necessary. The application form had been completed and submitted.
- PC asked about the stud lights in the Elsfield Road. The Clerk advised that this was chased last week and is still with the County Council legal team.
- DH advised that OXCLEAN had been delayed until more information is available on outside and group activities.

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- MJ agreed to attend the PTR (Public Transport Representative) meeting subject to her availability.
- Can a list of outstanding items be attached with the Agenda so Council know the current situations.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 1st March 2021 at 7pm.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:53pm

Signed by the Chairman.