

Minutes of the Old Marston Parish Council Meeting held on the 6th February 2023 at the Mortimer Hall from 7:00pm.

CONFIRMED

Present:

Parish Council:

Duncan Hatfield (DH) – Chairman	Charlotte Vinnicombe (CV)
Mary James (MJ)	Peter Cox (PC)
Peter Williams (PW)	Charlie Haynes (CH)
Mick Bates (MB)	Pat Hall (PH)
Louise Upton (LU)	Alistair Morris (AM)
Louise Milford (LM)	Skye Denno (SD)
Tim Cann (Clerk)	

Oxfordshire County Council: Mark Lygo (ML)

Members of Public: 6

23/02/01 Intention to record the proceedings of the meeting: NONE.

23/02/02 Apologies for Absence: Oxford City Councillor Mary Clarkson – Previous engagement.

23/02/03 Website and social media: DH advised the number of followers continues to grow.

23/02/04 Public, County & City Councillors & Thames Valley Police participation (if any requests received)

a. Thames Valley Police: No report received.

b. County & City Councillor Reports:

AM nothing to report.

c. Public: A resident asked about the Community Infrastructure Levy expected on the three developments in Old Marston. DH advised that only one development had actually been approved and it was difficult to estimate the CiL money that would be received for this development or any of the others if they proceed as there are several unknown factors at present. However, the parish council would take into consideration any suggestions put forward and make the final decision. Another resident asked if the parish council would support some kind of community hub in principle and consider spending any CiL money on it. DH advised that it depends on what format a community hub would take. The council could not support a community shop as there were retail outlets already serving the parish and it would not be appropriate to spend public money which would affect their business.

23/02/05 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January 2023.

It was **RESOLVED** these are a true record.

23/02/06 Matters Arising (omitting those for which an Agenda heading follows):

- **None.**

23/02/07 Operational Checks:

- The Clerk reported that the weekly checks on the defibrillator had been carried out. The battery needed replacing, which he has ordered, and should arrive in a day or two.
- The Clerk reported that the weekly checks on the play equipment had been carried out with no faults found. CH advised that the roundabout in Boults Lane Recreation Ground seemed faulty. The Clerk would check.

23/02/08 Planning:

Applications considered between meetings: NONE.

Decisions:

None.

Awaiting Decisions:

20/02457/DEL – Willow Barn, Oxford Road
21/03294/FUL – 56 Marsh Lane
21/03100/FUL – Land to rear of 1 Cromwell Close
22/00960/FUL – 21 Haynes Road
22/01801/FUL – 10 Nicholas Avenue
22/02220/FUL – 78 Oxford Road
22/02276/FUL – 39 Elms Drive
22/02540/FUL – 46 Oxford Road
22/02983/FUL – 4 Haynes Road
22/02984/FUL – 142 Oxford Road.

Applications to be decided:

- **22/03014/FUL – 3 Ewin Close** – Demolition of existing garage and erection of a single storey rear extension. – **NO OBJECTION.**
- **23/00087/FUL – 86 Arlington Drive** – Demolition of the existing house and garage. Erection of a 1 x 4-bed dwelling (Use Class C3). Provision of private amenity space and bin and cycle stores. – **ASKED TO BE CALLED IN AS CONCERN OVER IT BEING SEMI-DETACHED.**
- **23/00144/FUL – 73 Cherwell Drive** – Demolition of existing garage and single storey rear extension. Erection of a part single, part two storey side and rear extension. – **NO OBJECTION.**
- **22/03049/FUL – Land North of Bayswater Brook** – Erection of new A40 cycle and pedestrian bridge and associated pedestrian/cycle route connection works, formation of new vehicular access onto Elsfield Road and associated Elsfield Road/Woodeaton Road/Marston Interchange access and highway improvement works, formation of 2 no. new vehicular accesses onto Bayswater Road and associated highway improvement works on Bayswater Road, formation of 2 no. new Public Transport crossing bridges over the Bayswater Brook with associated bus route connection works, including a Public Transport-only access onto the A40, formation of 5 no. pedestrian/cycle bridges over the Bayswater Brook and associated pedestrian/cycle route connection works, flood alleviation measures along sections of the Bayswater Brook and

landscape and infrastructure works (associated with the proposed residential and commercial development at Land North of Bayswater Brook solely within South Oxfordshire District Council). – **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT PW WOULD LIAISE WITH THE COUNTY AND CITY COUNCILLORS.**

- **Update on Land West of Mill Lane and HILL VIEW FARM:** No further information received. – **Dennis Ward advised that the judge of the judicial review could not come to a decision, so further time needed.**

23/02/09 Finance: Bank balance as at 30/01/2023 –

Unity Trust Bank Account £12,294.31 (including CiL Money £25,354.60)

Newbury Building Society A/c £82,636.07

Skipton Building Society A/c £10,036.09

Petty Cash £100.70

The following accounts to be paid:	£ (Incl. VAT)
Clerk's Pay Including Expenses, Pension, etc. – January 2023	
JDP Solutions (Walking Leaflet Printing)	72.00
BGG (Litter picking November & December)	168.00
GDT Fire Alarms Ltd (Annual Service & New Battery)	496.80
BestHost (Domain Renewal)	98.00
TOTAL	£2,853.73
Petty Cash Expenditure:	(NO EXPENDITURE)
INCOME:	
Mr D. Ward (Mill Lane Paddock Annual Rent)	500.00
Mortimer Hall (Annual Rent)	0.05
Newbury Building Society (Annual Interest)	685.28
TOTAL	£1,185.33

- It was **RESOLVED** to accept these accounts.
- Newbury Building Society increased its interest rate from 2.65% to 3.00% from the 1st February 2023.

23/02/10 Report on local activities and facilities for people of a certain age.

- After some discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will contact the city council to clarify the residential status of Bradlands. SD informed the council that the city council and AgeUK stopped activities and services due to lack of interest. PW and SD will contact a resident called Reg who organises coffee mornings for residents.

23/02/11 Pavilion, Recreation Grounds, Allotments & Cemetery:

- **Love Marston, Love Life 2023:** It was **RESOLVED** to allow Love Marston, Love Life to use the Mortimer Hall Recreation Ground for their event on Sunday 21st May 2023.

23/02/12 Coronation Event(s):

- The Clerk advised the council that the Red Lion and Victoria Arms were planning Family Fun Days for Saturday 6th May. It was **RESOLVED** to review again in March when, hopefully, they will have more details.
- LM advised that seven residents had formed a committee to organise a community lunch on Sunday 7th May. It was **RESOLVED** that the parish

council get involved and permitted the use of the Mortimer Hall Recreation Ground.

23/02/13 Governance & Administration:

- Training Opportunities: The Clerk made the council aware of the training opportunities available from the OALC; anyone interested to contact the Clerk.
- Festival of Volunteers: CV informed the Council about the festival. The Clerk said that he had contacted the Oxford Civic Society to see if they had any plans; they will be announcing more in March.

DH requested that under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. The Clerk also left the meeting.

23/02/14 Staffing & Standards Committee:

The Council reviewed the minutes of the Staffing & Standards Committee meeting held on the 30th January 2023 and **RESOLVED** the following:

- To move the Clerk up a grade to SP27
- To increase the home working allowance to £1,000 per year.

23/02/15 Plus anything of an urgent nature which has come to the Clerk's attention since the agenda was set:

- NONE.

23/02/16 Information Sharing:

- OALC Newsletter: Already sent.
- Correspondence.
- OXCLEAN 4th March 10am at Mortimer Hall.

23/02/17 Date of next meeting:

Monday 6th March 2023 at 7pm in the Mortimer Hall.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:26pm

Signed: Chairman

Date:

Please note: Minutes become CONFIRMED following resolution at the following Full Council Meeting.