Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3 January 2006 at the Mortimer Hall

Members Present

Mr. C.W. Haynes Chairman

Mrs. M.C. Stone Vice-chairman

Mesdames Cox, Nurse, and Tiwari

Messrs Batey, Cann, Holmes and McGinn

The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance

City Councillor Mrs. M. Clarkson and Mrs. C. vanZyl.

Mr. D. Manson, Local Auditor attended.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 December 2005 were approved subject to amendment of the paragraph "Minutes" to:

Draft Minutes to be considered by Chairman and Vice-chairman and amended as required.

Approved draft sent to Councillors prior to P.C. Meeting and inserted in the Minute Book Members, on receipt, to notify Chairman or Clerk of any inaccuracies for discussion at the Council Meeting

The Minutes will then be approved subject to any approved amendments that will be recorded in the Minutes of the confirming Meeting

The Minutes as finally approved will then be placed on the Notice Boards.

Parish Elections

Contrary to the Clerk's records Mrs. Cox said that this year was election year for both City and Parish.

Northeast Area Committee

No items

Correspondence

The City Council's Draft Leisure Strategy Consultation was received. The Clerk would emphasise the need for support to Parish Council's sport and community facilities, financed by or dependant upon Parish Councils that in other areas of the City were supported or provided entirely by the City Council

Planning

Applications

No comment was made to:

4 Haynes Road – extensions

2 Oxford Road- rebuilding of outbuilding

148 Oxford Road – bungalows adj. 1 Rippington Drive - approved

Developer's proposal for the development of part of the Mill Lane Allotment Site was considered. Members were reminded that planning consent was earlier granted for the development of the Mill Lane allotments. Dr. Swift said that Mr. H. Allen contended that the Clerk had not secured the approval of the sale. The Clerk confirmed that he had and would check the documentation. The Council asked that the relevant documentation should be produced at the next Meeting for scrutiny

The Chairman and Mr. Batey would inspect the site together with Dr. Swift and Mr. Agent in due course. Dr. Swift would give details of changes in the lettings since the Agreement was signed

Footnote. planning consent was granted on 8 January 1997 subject to agreement on the contribution towards social housing (subsequently agreed at £300,000) and a traffic



calming scheme. At a later meeting of the City Council the consent was revoked. That action was believed to have been taken unlawfully but this Council took no further action.

The Clerk would ascertain whether development of the detached parts of the Mortimer Field could be released from the Trust under which it was conveyed to the Council for recreation.

Footnote, it is effectively land locked since a developer has recently been refused permission for building opposite because of there being no access permitted from School Lane

Accounts

The following Accounts were passed for payment:

		£
Thames Water	Burial Ground supply	40.10
J. Batey	Expenses	14.37

Cheques were also drawn for the S.137 Grants agreed at the last meeting. The Clerk was asked to give details of receipts each month to supplement the list of payments made.

Precept

A request for support from the Village Hall Management Committee for help to finance repairs required was received. It was agreed to allocate £10,000 and provide £15,000 towards the cost of the drainage scheme for the Boults Lane Recreation Ground. It was decided to increase the precept by £15,000 to £48,600 for 2006/7. The Precept was signed

Recreation Ground

The use agreement between the Council and Marston Saints Football Club in respect of the proposed new pavilion was agreed and signed.

The Clerk said that the Council could, almost certainly, grant a lease of the site to the Club but the Club had indicated that it did not have the resources necessary. There was also the possibility of the Council losing control of a building it did not own. No further action was proposed.

It was decided to accept the quotation from B&M Engineers to repair the roundabout ironwork for the sum of £950. A further quote for painting for £20 was also accepted.

The Court Place Farm Allotments Association had refused consent for the spoil removed from the Boults Lane ditch to be spread on vacant allotments. It was accepted that it could be spread on the low areas off Elsfield Road. It would increase the cost of the work.

Highways

A display of the Traffic Calming scheme favoured in the public consultation would be presented, probably on 27 & 28 January

Bus Service

Mrs. Nurse had seen the details of proposed changes to local bus services and gave details of them

Other Items

The Chairman was re-appointed to the Mortimer Hall Management Committee for a further year

Date of Future Meetings

Council Meeting 7 February 2006. Due to it being election year the Annual Parish Council meeting must be held within 14 days of the election. Because of the work to be done before the meeting it will be held on 16 May 2006. The Annual Parish Meeting will precede the Council meeting.



