

Minutes of Old Marston Parish Council Meeting 6th January 2015 at 7:30pm.

Present:

Parish Council

Charlie Haynes (CH) - Chairman	Duncan Hatfield (DH) – Vice-Chairman
Patricia Hall (PH)	Michael Cadd (MC)
Angie Tiwari (AT)	Michael O’Keefe (MO)
John Batey (JB)	Barrie Lewis (BL)
Peter Williams (PW)	Peter Cox (PC)
Nils Bartleet (NB)	Tim Cann (Clerk)

City Council

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

Members of the Public : 3

CH asked if anyone intended to record the proceedings of the meeting. None.

15/01/01 Apologies for Absence:

ACTIONS

Tony Greenfield

15/01/02 Minutes of the last meeting held on 2nd December were approved. All agreed.

15/01/03 Requests from members of the public to speak : None.

15/01/04 Matters Arising (omitting those for which an agenda heading follows)

The Clerk advised that the City Council had looked at the trees on the corner of Salford Road and Cavendish Drive and reported that they were both structurally sound and not interfering with any overhead cables. They had been placed on their list for periodic review.

The Clerk also advised that he had met with Roy Jones’s sister with regards setting up a meeting between her and CH. She felt that there was no need for a meeting as, as far as she was concerned, things had been resolved.

MC asked M regarding 2 Mortimer Drive saying that work had stopped. M replied that she would take it up with the Enforcement Officer.

15/01/05 Planning

Applications to be decided

14/03386/FUL – 46 Marsh Lane – Conversion, extension and alteration to garage to form 1 – bed annexe. Erection of single storey extension. – NO OBJECTIONS

Applications considered between meetings:- NONE

Signed by the Chairman.

Decisions:

- 14/02188/FUL – 29 Marsh Lane – APPROVED
- 14/02593/FUL – 19 Salford Road – APPROVED
- 14/02722/FUL – 9 Oxford Road – APPROVED (in part)
- 14/02750/FUL – 13 Elms Drive – APPROVED
- 14/02874/FUL – 146 Oxford Road – APPROVED
- 14/02684/FUL – 72 Oxford Road – APPROVED
- 14/03071/FUL – 67 Arlington Drive - APPROVED

Awaiting Decisions:

- 14/02448/FUL – 19 Cavendish Drive
- 14/02934/VAR – 2 Mortimer Drive
- 14/03152/FUL – 6 Windsor Crescent

15/01/06 Boulds Lane Development Project

CH advised that the fundraiser had met with Marston Saints FC, JB and the Clerk attended. However as it was only last night it was too soon to expect a report. CH suggested inviting the fundraiser to the February full Council meeting.

15/01/07 Recreation Ground

CH asked everyone to give some consideration to what should be on the plaque with Roy Jones’s tree. He then asked MH to liaise with the Clerk with regard to a meeting where the tree is to be located. All with be notified so that they can attend if they wish. **ALL**

15/01/08 Finance

- a. Bank balance as at 30/12/2014 –
 - Current Account £36,388.41
 - Newbury Building Society Account £201,315.07
 - Business Reserve Account £18,730.00
 - Petty Cash balance £179.00

The following accounts to be paid:

	£ Incl. VAT
Thames Water (Cemetery Water)	11.46
Richard James (Interim Audit)	234.00
Mortimer Hall Pre School (Christmas Grant)	300.00
Marston Church Properties (Christmas Grant)	300.00
St Nicholas School Garden Club (Christmas Grant)	300.00
Old Marston Village Hall (Mortimer Hall) (Christmas Grant)	300.00
St John Ambulance Unit (Christmas Grant)	300.00

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OMMLAA (Christmas Grant)	100.00
St Nicholas Society of Bell Ringers (Christmas Grant)	300.00
St Nicholas Church Marston Wives Group (Christmas Grant)	150.00
Marston Times (Christmas Grant)	300.00
Old Marston Over 50's Group (Christmas Grant)	300.00
OXS RAD (Christmas Grant)	300.00
43 rd Scout Group (Christmas Grant)	300.00
FOSN (Christmas Grant)	300.00
The Red Lion (Christmas Buffet)	196.60
Dennis Ward (Bonfire & Safety Barriers for Fireworks)	200.00
Dennis Ward (Removal of Round-a-bout)	685.00
Lyreco (Stationery)	6.32
Total Pest Control (Quarterly Charge)	390.00
Diane Malley (2 nd half year Payroll Services)	29.00
Duncan Hatfield (Website Software)	49.99
Clerk's Pay Including Expenses & Pension – December 2014 and HMRC 3 rd Quarter Tax/NI	
Charlie Haynes (Phone/BB Service December 2014)	20.00
BGG (Litter Picking/Grass Cutting November 2014)	240.00
Petty Cash Expenditure:- NONE	
INCOME :- NONE	

JB stated that he was not comfortable about public funds being used on the Christmas buffet.

CH referred to Arnold-Baker on Local Council Administration by Paul Clayden and asked if the Clerk could copy the relevant page to the councillors.

NB stated that he can understand what JB is saying, however Council can remunerate for attending.

DH asked if the Clerk can clarify the situation with OALC.

TC

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- b. The Clerk read through the Internal Audit report saying that the Internal Auditor was satisfied with the way things are going although he did point out the reserve being very high.
CH stated that this had been earmarked for the new pavilion.
- c. The Clerk went through the precept recommendations from the Finance Committee and the sheet prepared by Adrian Wood, from the City Council.
JB proposed that the Parish Council asks for 1.84% increase. NB seconded.
All agreed.

15/01/09 Highways

a. Parking Survey

CH thanked ML, MH and M for all their work in getting us to this position, in fact many other people have pushed for movement and thanks to all of them also. He then read out David Tole's email, giving 3 options:

- Do Nothing
- A resident's parking scheme (with permits) operating (say) Monday – Friday 10am – 4pm
- A combination of yellow lines on corners/across driveways etc. plus parking bays limited to 2 hours parking (Mon-Fri 10-4) as done a few years ago at the ends of Rippington Drive etc. Under this option there would be no permits.

David asked any funding that the Parish Council could offer towards a scheme would assist greatly. He expected to have the survey out before the end of January.

ML stated that in David Tole's defence there is now only one staff when there were ten.

NB stated that Oxford Road was not a resident problem but a highway.

b. Benches in Old Marston

AT stated that many other areas in Oxford have new benches and asked why Old Marston hadn't.

CH suggested that she compiled a list of where she felt benches were needed and brought to the next meeting.

15/01/10 Burial Ground

CH read through the tenders received.

PH proposed BGG. MC seconded. All agreed.

MC asked whether this was just the cemetery.

CH confirmed that the 'L' shaped land at the back would still be maintained by PC and himself.

15/01/11 Parish Council Surgery

CH read out Chris Crane's letter, from the Mortimer Hall Management Committee.

NB stated that the biggest problem was with the toilets being outside in the reception area and therefore any children in the building are at potential risk which understandably needs to be addressed.

CH agreed and said we need a list of school holiday dates so that we can arrange

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surgery dates in the holidays.
Agreed we would not enter Hall until 7pm.
Agreed that we need a list of attendees for safety reasons.

15/01/12 Website, Facebook, Twitter & Streetlife

DH took Councillors & Clerk's pictures for the website profiles. DH stated that the updating of the website continues.

PW asked about the profiles and DH advised that only half had responded. It was agreed that those remaining would have the old profile reinstated.

15/01/13 Information Sharing (including correspondence)

Letter from OMMLAA thanking Council for donating the container to the Allotment Association.

Email from Stephen Axtell regarding traffic signage leading into village

Email from Mary Clarkson regarding no CIL money received for Old Marston

Email from Mary Clarkson regarding 2 Mortimer Drive Planning Application

Email from Liz Howlett regarding possible dates for Openness Seminar

Email from Janet Duhan regarding latest on Friends of Old Marston Library

Email from Tony Greenfield regarding Epetition on parking & traffic issues

Email from James Lawrie regarding leaves in parish & clerk's reply

Email from Alan Spence regarding parking in Old Marston & clerks reply

Email from Karen Holiday, 43rd Scouts regarding 2015 fete on 20th September

Email from High Sheriff regarding annual award nominations for people who have "made outstanding contributions to the communities in which they live and work"

Email from John Batey regarding parking on double yellow lines in Raymund Road and Horseman Close

Letter from The Red Lion thanking the Council for paying for the fireworks

Email from Theresa Bentley regarding graffiti in bus shelters & signs

Email from Mary Clarkson regarding trees in Cannons Field to be removed

County & City Councillors Report

M advised that she was working with the local scout groups to plant bulbs.

DH advised that Saturday 7th March was the OXCLEAN

MC asked if the Planning Committee could visit site so as to get a better idea of application.

JB agreed.

CH felt this would be difficult as you would need physical plans to look at onsite which we no longer get.

Meeting closed: 20:33

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd February 2015, 7:30pm at Mortimer Hall.

Signed by the Chairman.