

Minutes of Old Marston Parish Council Meeting 5th January 2016 at 7:30pm.

Present:

Parish Council

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

City Council

Cllr Mary Clarkson (M)	Cllr Mick Haines (MH)
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County Council

Members of the Public : 16

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

CH asked Councillors to declare any prejudicial interests. None

16/01/01 Apologies for Absence:

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Nils Bartleet	Tony Greenfield	County Cllr Mark Lygo
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16/01/02 Minutes of the meeting held on 1st December: Approved

16/01/03 Matters Arising (omitting those for which an agenda heading follows). None.

16/01/04 Requests from members of the public to speak :

Sarah Brookes-Taylor – spoke on the planning application for 19 Arlington Drive. Her father lives next door and asks for reassurance that the rear of the development comes up to the boundary and not ON the boundary. Although it is within the City Council Plan they feel it is overdevelopment of the site and overlooks 21 Haynes Road.

Lucy Murfett- spoke on the Parish Council’s recommendation of restrictive parking on the service road running alongside Oxford Road. She asked if the 2 hour restriction could be reconsidered as, she said, it would cause severe problems for approximately 30 residents who have no alternative parking.

Simon Porteous – spoke on the Parish Council’s recommendation of restrictive parking on the service road running alongside Oxford Road. He said he had lived there since 2004 and seen commuter traffic gradually increase over the years. The 2 hour restriction was not practical for those residents who either work from home, worked night shifts or had no alternative but to have their car’s on the road during the day. The situation had been made even worse since the Oxfordshire County Council had introduced CPZ in the Croft Road area.

16/01/05 Planning

Applications to be decided :

15/03410/FUL – 19 Arlington Drive – Demolition of garage. Erection of a two

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storey side extension to create 1 x 1 bed dwelling house. (Use class C3) Provision of private amenity space, car parking and bin cycle store. – **Overdevelopment, not much amenity & car space, would like assurance over building “up to” rather than on the boundary. Asked if M could call in.**

15/03575/FUL – 26 Nicholas Avenue – Erection of part single, part two storey rear extension. Alternation and insertion of windows to side elevation. Formation of 1No. dormer window to front roof slope and 1no. dormer window to rear roof slope in association with loft conversion. Conversion of garage to gym. Alternations to front vehicle parking. – **Overdevelopment, lack of parking and amenity space, local residents felt already being used as HMO. Asked M to call in.**

15/03601/FUL – 45 Rippington Drive – Erection of a single, part two storey rear extension and erection of front porch. - **NO OBJECTION.**

Applications considered between meetings:- NONE

Decisions:

15/03209/FUL – 1 Harlow Way – WITHDRAWN

15/01663/FUL – 41 Oxford Road - APPROVED.

Awaiting Decisions:

15/03132/FUL – 6 & 7 Cromwell Close

15/02373/FUL – The Victoria Arms Public House

15/02282/OUT – The Jack Russell Public House

15/02476/FUL – Oxford City FC

16/01/06 Recreation Ground

- a. As Tony Greenfield, Chairman of the Recreation Committee, was unable to attend, the Committee’s report was deferred to the February meeting.
- b. The Clerk informed the meeting that he had been unable to get a third quote for the tree survey. However the two received were for £385 + VAT and £700 +VAT. CH proposed quotation for £385+VAT. JB seconded. All agreed.
- c. The Clerk informed the meeting that a request had been received from Geoff Hale asking if Churches Together in Marston could use the Mortimer Hall recreation ground on Sunday 22nd May 2016 for a Churches Together in Marston public celebration. He gave assurance that it would not affect the normal use of the play equipment and that they had all the relevant public liability insurances. JB proposed allowing the use. MC seconded. All agreed.

16/01/07 Assets of Community Value

JB advised that they had looked at a number of areas; Mill Lane Allotments, the Victoria Arms and the surrounding fields, the Red Lion, Court Place Farm Allotments and the land used by OXSRAD and Oxford City FC. He saw the most vulnerable from this was the Red Lion, as this was the only one not on Local Authority or Oxford Preservation Trust land. CH suggested looking at Court Place Farm Allotments as, although owned by the Oxford City Council, it was not used as much as it could be.

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16/01/08 Neighbourhood Plan

PW advised that it was still very much a feasibility study for the whole Parish and at a very early stage. A lot of the land around was unsuitable for building due to flooding. However, one thing becoming very clear is the Bradlands area; Mill Lane, Park Way, Lodge Close etc. were isolated in that there was no bus service or shops. At some point the Council will need to approach a bus company to see what is possible to address this situation.

16/01/09 Boults Lane Development Project

CH reported that he feels the project is now in a position to move things forward, so a Pavilion Committee meeting would be called shortly.

16/01/10 The Paddock Lease.

CH asked if all were happy with the proposed lease that had been circulated with the agenda. JB asked about either party having to give 6 months termination notice. JB proposed lease be signed. PC seconded. All agreed.

16/01/11 Finance

a. Bank balance as at 21/12/2015 –	
Current Account £25,170.75	Business Reserve Account £18,740.15
Newbury Building Society Account £244,045.21	Petty Cash balance £83.84

The following accounts to be paid:

	£ Incl. VAT
Diane Malley (Payroll Services 2 nd Half Year Charge)	29.00
Red Lion (Christmas Buffet)	201.10
Clerk's Pay including expenses, pension, NI, Tax, etc. – December 2015	
Charlie Haynes (Phone/BB Service December 2015)	20.00
BGG (Grass cutting & Litter Picking November 2015)	241.80
OMMLAA (s.137 grant)	100.00
St John Ambulance (s.137 grant)	300.00
Over 50's Club (s.137 grant)	300.00
Marston Times (s.137 grant)	300.00
OXS RAD (s.137 grant)	300.00
St Nicholas Church Junior Choir (s.137 grant)	300.00
Marston Church Properties Ltd (s.137 grant)	300.00

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Anthony Stiff Associates (interim payment 4)	1358.57
Oxford 43 rd Scout Group (s.137 grant)	300.00
FOSNS (s.137 grant)	300.00
Petty Cash	150.00
TOTAL	5,914.19
Petty Cash Expenditure:-	
Oxford Bus Company (Clerk's fare to and from Town for various meetings)	13.30
TOTAL	13.30
INCOME :-	
Mrs A. Richardson (Plot pre-purchase)	1385.00
Reeves Memorial (Mr Cox headstone)	250.00
TOTAL	1,635.00

- b.** JB went through the Finance Committee minutes recommending grants of £300 to 43rd Scout Group and FOSNS. JB proposed Finance Committee minutes accepted. MC seconded. All in favour.
- c.** Precept. JB talked though the spreadsheet. CH proposed Option 4. DH seconded. 2 votes for. JB proposed Option 3. PH seconded. All in favour.
- d.** Due to interim report being received after the agendas had gone out this was deferred to the February meeting. The Clerk pointed out that the Financial Regulations state the Risk Management Report needed reviewing annually. JB proposed this is looked by the Finance Committee. PH Seconded. All agreed.

16/01/12 Committees

- a.** CH asked if anyone had any comments on the suggestions which had been sent out with the agenda. JB proposed acceptance of document. DH seconded. All agreed. CH asked for an additional member for the Cemetery Committee. MC offered. All agreed.
- b.** JB stated that he felt the Standing Orders needed amending to include the election of Vice-Chairmen.
- c.** CH proposed that it was important to have non council members on a committee for the invaluable knowledge they have. However, they should not have voting rights. JB seconded. All agreed.

16/01/13 Highways

CH suggested that due to the additional information the members of the public attending had given, he felt the Council revisited the recommendation for the service road. JB stated it was a choice of Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) or 2

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hours so a no win situation as someone is always going to disagree with what is decided. PW confirmed Oxford Road decision of double yellow lines not up for discussion. All agreed. CH proposed that the Council recommend the service road is made a CPZ. Seconded PC. For 8. Against 1. Abstained 1.

16/01/14 Transport

As NB not able to attend meeting this was deferred until the February meeting.

16/01/15 Website, Facebook, Twitter & Streetlife

DH informed the meeting that there were now nearly 700 followers on Twitter and reminded everyone OXCLEAN would be on Saturday 5th March 2016.

16/01/16 Information Sharing (including correspondence)

JB mentioned the OALC subscriptions would be remaining the same and that CIL money was 15% but would increase to 25% if we had a Neighbourhood Plan.

AT advised that the bus stop at the end of Mortimer Drive gets flooded, and many drains are blocked with leaves.

PH advised that workmen had been in Cherwell Drive and asked if the Clerk had been informed. He had not. However CH advised that he had been contacted and they are possibly looking to revise the Headington/Northway traffic plan.

AT asked if BENCHES could be put on the February agenda.

M advised that she was getting bollards put on the cycle track along the Marston Ferry Link Road to stop travellers returning and that the street cleaners would be going out over the next week or so and this should resolve the blocked drains and minor flooding issues.

Rural Services Network – Digests, Bulletins etc.

Letter from Mr Allen re potentially dangerous gas main in Boults Lane

Letter from Tim Stevenson, Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire on Queen's 90th Birthday

Letter from The Red Lion thanking Council for paying for the fireworks for the Community event.

OALC Update for members – December 2015

Meeting Closed 21.35

Date of Next Meeting: Parish Council meeting Tuesday 2nd February 2016 in Mortimer Hall at 7:30pm.

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