

# Minutes of the Old Marston Parish Council Meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at the Mortimer Hall from 7:00pm.

## CONFIRMED

### Present:

#### Parish Council:

Duncan Hatfield – Chairman

Kevin Jones

Alistair Morris

Martin Smith

Charlotte Vinnicombe

Charlie Haynes.

Mick Bates

Skye Denno

In attendance: Tim Cann

Members of Public: 6

**25/01/01 Intention to record the proceedings of the meeting:** Charlie Haynes stated that he may be recording the meeting to put on YouTube. It was pointed out that he needed to state whether he was or not as people need to give their consent.

**25/01/02 Apologies for Absence:** Parish Councillors Pat Hall, Louise Upton and Mary James due to serious ill health, Mark Lygo due to clash of meetings, city councillors Mary Clarkson and Kate Robinson due to clash of meetings.

**25/01/03 Website and social media:**

- Duncan Hatfield informed the meeting that the website is always being updated and he is currently working on making navigating the site easier.

**25/01/04 Public, County & City Councillors & Thames Valley Police participation (if any requests received)**

a. **Thames Valley Police:** No Report received.

b. **County & City Councillor Reports:** No Reports received.

c. **Public:**

- A resident asked for an update on the meeting with Marston Saints FC. It was confirmed that a meeting had not yet been possible. Martin Smith will liaise with the chair of Marston Saints FC to arrange a meeting.
- A resident asked about the lack of streetlights in Butts Lane and the grass verges in Butts Lane needed bollards or something to stop parking.

**25/01/05 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024.**

It was RESOLVED these are a true record.

**25/01/06 Operational Checks:**

- Weekly operational checks on the defibrillator have been carried out.
- Weekly operational checks on the play equipment have been carried out.

**25/01/07 Planning:**

**Applications considered between meetings:** NONE.

### Decisions:

24/02519/FUL – 4 Mortimer Drive - APPROVED

24/02392/FUL – 53 Arlington Drive - WITHDRAWN

### Awaiting Decisions:

20/02457/DEL – Willow Barn, Oxford Road

22/03049/FUL – Land North of Bayswater Brook

24/01274/VAR – Land to the West of Mill Lane

24/02162/FUL – 65 Oxford Road  
P22/S4618 – Land North of Bayswater Brook  
24/02514/CEU – 44 Arlington Drive  
24/02343/FUL – 7 Beechey Avenue  
24/02695/VAR – Colthorne Farm

**Applications to be decided:**

- **24/02162/FUL – 65 Oxford Road** – Demolition of existing rear garden store. Erection of a 1.5 storey rear extension and a single storey glazed link extension to connect the existing dwelling with the new extension. Insertion of 2no. windows to rear elevation and alterations to right of way. (Amended Plans and Description) – **OBJECTION: THE RIGHT OF WAY RUNS ALONG THE BACK OF THE DWELLINGS SO SEVERAL PROPERTIES AFFECTED.**
- **24/02908/FUL – 17 Salford Road** – Change of use of dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to a House in Multiple Occupation (Use Class C4). Provision of bin and cycle storage. – **OBJECTION: PARISH COUNCIL ASKED THE CLERK TO QUERY THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED AND UNREGISTERED HMO'S ALREADY IN THE STREET.**

**Applications considered between meetings:** NONE.

**Decisions:**

24/02212/FUL – 44 Arlington Drive – **WITHDRAWN**  
24/02197/FUL – 27 Horseman Close – **APPROVED**

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**25/01/08 Finance**

a. Following Payments to be approved:

The following accounts to be paid:	£ Incl. VAT
Clerk's Pay Including Expenses, Pension, etc. – December 2024	
The Red Lion (Chairman's Christmas Buffet)	254.20
SLCC (Clerk's Annual Membership)	284.00
43 <sup>rd</sup> Scout Group (Annual Grant)	500.00
CPFAA (Annual Grant)	350.00
FOSNS (Annual Grant)	300.00
Society of St Nicks Bell Ringers (Annual Grant)	500.00
Meadowbrook College (Annual Grant)	500.00

St Nicks Junior Choir (Annual Grant)	350.00
Marston Times (Annual Grant)	500.00
St Nicks Messy Church (Annual Grant)	350.00
Pulse (Annual Grant)	350.00
St Nicks Baby & Toddlers Group (Annual Grant)	350.00
Mortimer Hall Pre-School (Annual Grant)	500.00
Mortimer Hall Village Hall (Annual Grant)	500.00
Old Marston Charities Trust (Annual Grant)	500.00
OXS RAD (Annual Grant)	500.00
St Nicholas Church (CCTV – Annual Grant)	500.00
St Nicholas Primary School (Garden Club – Annual Grant)	500.00
OMMLAA (Annual Grant)	500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£10,364.85</b>
<b>Petty Cash Expenditure:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>	<b>NONE</b>

#### 25/01/09 Clerk's Report:

- CPFAA Members Grant: The clerk informed the council that he had taken advise from the OALC who advised making the organisation aware that any users of the equipment must be competent.

#### 25/01/10 Reports from Members:

- **Mortimer Hall Committee:** Duncan Hatfield advised that the chair of the hall committee has experience of sound proofing and is obtaining options and prices for the next council meeting. The hall committee also talked about the problems with parking outside the hall on the Oxford Road.

#### 25/01/11 Plus, anything of an urgent nature which has come to the Clerk's attention since the agenda was set.

NONE.

#### 25/01/12 Information sharing (including correspondence)

- OALC Newsletter
- Elsfield Road cemetery water has been turned off during the Winter.
- Correspondence
- OxClean is on the 7<sup>th</sup> March
- Charlotte Vinnicombe advised that there were still complaints about the water flowing from a ground cover outside Colthorn Farm. It runs down the Oxford Road and when freezing becomes very dangerous.

It is believed to be a natural spring. It was agreed that grit boxes would be investigated and residents to spread when needed.

**25/01/13 Date of next meeting:** - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 at 19:00 in the Mortimer Hall.

**CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**25/01/14 Closed Session** – To resolve, under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act), that the public and media be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

PUBLIC LEFT THE MEETING: 19:38

**25/01/15 2025/26 Draft Budget**

Martin Smith spoke about OXFEST and the breakdown of events and costings which was circulated with the agenda. It was RESOLVED to allocate £3,000.

Mick Bates proposed a separate budget item for Mill Lane Allotments Project with £20,000. It was RESOLVED to create a separate item and budget £20,000

The Clerk to contact OMMLAA committee for any tenders already received so he can collate.

Charlie Haynes stated that Total Pest Control rarely visit the Boults Lane Recreation Ground.

**25/01/16 Review Precept Options:**

It was RESOLVED to increase the precept by 3%.

**MEETING CLOSED: 20:05**

**Signed.....Chairman**

**Date.....**

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