

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OLD MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL AT 7.30p.m.

ON TUESDAY 4th JULY 1995.

Present were Mr A T Jones Chairman  
Mr C W Haynes Vice-chairman

Mesdames Cox, Deam, Nurse, Sanders and Tiwari  
Messrs Bartleet and Devonport

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Stone, Mr Drinkwater  
and Mr Phipps.

The Clerk Mr L M Garner was in attendance.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the 6th June 1995 were confirmed  
and signed.

Police Liason

P.C. Alan Spence introduced Sgt. Price who was co-ordinating  
community policing in Old Marston. The Chairman welcomed them to  
the meeting which discussed local crime generally. The Chairman  
invited them to attend a future meeting as they wished. They left  
following the discussion.

Correspondence

The following were noted:

Oxford City Council- Members' information number 24

Old Marston Residents' Association- Copy of correspondence  
re maintenance of verges and highways.

Oxford City Council- Announcing distribution of City Council  
Minutes to the Parish Council.

Oxfordshire Rural Community Council- Notification of Best-Kept  
Village Competition prize of £200 to be  
spent at the Parish's discretion.

Consideration adjourned to next meeting.

Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils- Bi-monthly circular  
Recommendation on Clerks' salary  
adjourned to next meeting.

National Blood Service- Statement of current position re-  
partial closure of the Oxford Centre.

Oxford City Council - Notice of establishment of a Committee  
to consider Agenda 21

Planning

Decisions

The following were reported:

55, Arlington Drive- Extension- Approved

7, Elsfield Road Demolition of glazed passage- Approved

1, Beechey Avenue- Bungalow- Approved

9, Southcroft Dormer windows Etc. - Approved

Land at Marston Ferry Road- Erection of greenhouse etc. Refused

23, Fairfax Avenue- Rear extension- Considered lawful

Other items

The advertisement sign at 87, Cherwell Drive had been removed.

The Chief Planning Officer, Oxfordshire County Council noted  
the Parish Council's comments to the Draft Structure Plan, now being  
prepared but said that the City Council had the final say on  
commercial development in the City. He was awaiting a

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traffic survey from the Hospital Trust. The Clerk was asked to write to the Trust to explain the Parish Council's policy.

The Clerk reported that he had attended the Transport Meeting on 12th June, led by Dr B.Mawhinney which he had been unable to address at Question time. He had, however, spoken personally to the Minister to comment on the situation where jobs and houses were being provided many miles apart exacerbating the commuting traffic problem.

#### Accounts

The Accounts for 1994/5, previously circulated, were accepted. The following accounts were passed for payment:

R.M.Pest contol- Moles	£35.00
Oxford City Council- Recreation Ground maintenance	£242.45
St.Nicholas First School- Grant towards landscaping (S.137)	£250.00
W.J.Cooper- Cemetery Maintenance	£299.00

#### Highways

The Chairman reported that he was meeting the Oxfordshire Probation Service representative with Mrs Nurse, to progress pain the Marston Ferry Road sub-way mural.

Mr Bartleet outlined the progress being made towards kerbing and highway maintenance in the Parish. He reported on the meeting had attended with County and City Officials concerning traffic calming and arrangements in the Marston Ferry Road/Cherwell Drive area. The most likely outcome would be traffic islands to protect stationary right turning traffic into either side of Oxford Road. He said that the traffic camera had slowed traffic, on average, of one mile per hour. It was possible that the camera site could be relocated on one of the islands and arranged to point in either direction.

The Clerk said that he would enquire as to the sweeping schedule for the sub-way and to write to the City Cycling Officer for safety improvements in the sub-way.

The Clerk was asked to write to the City Council to ask that a disabled road marking be placed outside 66 Oxford Road.

The Clerk was asked to draw the Head of Engineering's attention to overhanging foliage in Cherwell Drive and Elms Drive and to the missing bollard at the entry to the sub-way near St.Nicholas School. The footpath at the Salford Road shops also needed attention.

#### Allotments

The Clerk reported that he had not proceeded with the out-lieu Planning application because he considered that it would be preferable to discuss the proposal with District Councillors and Local organisations before the application was submitted. The Parish Council agreed and the Clerk was asked to arrange the consultation.

#### Recreation Ground

The Clerk had obtained a sample of the material causing the drain serving the Scout hut and Football Pavilion to block. It proved to be cement or mortar. He had made enquiries and it would not be possible to clear this, the alternative being to rel the drain. The Clerk was asked to investigate the problem further and to obtain costings.

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Other Matters

The Clerk was asked to express the Council's concern at the proposed Rectory Road facility for the handicapped and the elderly and to enquire what alternative facilities will be available.

Mrs Sanders reported that she had met Mr Metcalf , concerning the provision of facilities for young people, but little progress had been made. The Croft Road pavilion was not suitable for this use

Alvin T. Jones

5 September 95