

**Minutes of Old Marston Parish Council Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7:30pm.**

**Present:**

**Parish Council**

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

**City Council**

<b>Cllr Mick Haines (MH)</b>	<b>Cllr Mary Clarkson (M)</b>
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**County Council**

**Cllr Mark Lygo (ML)**

**Members of the Public : 6**

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

**CH asked Councillors to declare any prejudicial interests.** None

**15/07/01 Apologies for Absence:** Parish Councillor Tony Greenfield

**ACTION**

**15/07/02 Minutes of the meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> May & 2<sup>nd</sup> June.**

NB pointed out that in the July minutes of Information Sharing he mentioned about the road surface of Cherwell Drive, not overhanging vegetation. CH asked, once amended, was the Council happy for him to sign as a true and correct record – all agreed.

**15/07/03 Matters Arising (omitting those for which an agenda heading follows).**

None.

**15/07/04 Requests from members of the public to speak : One.**

CH made the Council aware that, with their agreement, he would propose to revoke standing orders to allow for the discussion of the “Access to Headington Transport Proposals” as this has only come to the Clerk’s attention in the last few days. All agreed.

Mr Darrel Ross requested to speak regarding the Access to Headington Transport Proposals. He informed the Council that he had been a resident of Cherwell Drive for a number of years and was very concerned especially with the Cherwell Drive changes which he sees are the most controversial. He had spoken to 50 residents, most new nothing of these proposals, and 45 did not support them. None of the shops were aware. There are a large number of elderly people with carers who would have problems parking if the parking bays were removed. Many children cross Cherwell Drive with difficulty now if widened they would no doubt be at greater risk. He strongly urged the Council to take action on these proposals.

Signed by the Chairman.

### **15/07/05 Access to Headington Transport Proposals.**

CH thanked Mr Ross.

After an open and frank discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would write a strongly worded letter to the Oxfordshire County Council Chief Executive expressing the Parish Council's amazement at the total disregard and disrespectful manner in which these proposals had been handled and its objections to their contents.

Standing Orders were resumed.

### **15/07/06 Boults Lane Development Project.**

CH stated that plans had been received very late which will need to be reviewed by the Pavilion Committee.

JB asked if any financial information had been provided from Marston Saints.

The Clerk confirmed that no financial information had been received.

### **15/07/07 Planning**

#### **Applications to be decided**

15/01663/FUL – 41 Oxford Road – Internal alterations to ceilings, chimney breasts, decorations, windows and door replacements. – NO COMMENT

15/01673/FUL – 7 Cromwell Close – Erection of outbuilding – NO COMMENT

15/01815/FUL – 5 Boults Lane – Erection of single storey side extension. – NO OBJECTION

15/01862/FUL – 17A Oxford Road – Erection of part single, part two storey rear extension. Insertion of door with roof over to south elevation. Replacement of door with window. – NO OBJECTION

**Applications considered between meetings:- NONE**

#### **Decisions:**

15/01068/FUL – Oxford City FC, Court Place Farm - WITHDRAWN

15/00329/FUL – 28 Nicholas Avenue – WITHDRAWN

15/00918/FUL \_ Land to the rear of 48 Oxford Road – REFUSED

15/00783/FUL – 4 Boults Close – WITHDRAWN

15/01199/FUL – 60 Oxford Road – APPROVED

15/01214/FUL – 66 Arlington Drive – APPROVED

14/03496/FUL – Colthorn Farm – APPROVED

15/01226/FUL – 2 Mortimer Drive – REFUSED

#### **Awaiting Decisions:**

15/00210/FUL – Land adjacent 147 Oxford Road

15/01221/FUL – 19 Arlington Drive

### **15/07/08 Recreation Ground**

- a. The Clerk confirmed that the plaque had been ordered. It was agreed the ceremony would be on the 15<sup>th</sup> August at 11am, Clerk to ask MH to invite Roy's family, etc. It was thought there would be 20 – 30 people present. JB proposed 20 people at £5 per head - £100. PH seconded. Aall agreed.

Signed by the Chairman.

- b. CH advised that the Clerk was still awaiting recommendations from Whitehorse.

**15/07/09 Finance**

- a. Bank balance as at 30/06/2015 –
  - Current Account £14,734.98
  - Newbury Building Society Account £241,315.07
  - Business Reserve Account £18,735.39
  - Petty Cash balance £42.83

The following accounts to be paid:

	£ Incl. VAT
BGG Garden & Tree Care Ltd (Recreation & Cemetery – May)	607.20
OALC (Training JB)	78.00
Staples (Stationery & Ink)	106.19
SLCC (Cemetery Training – Clerk)	150.00
Total Pest Control (Moles Cemetery)	390.00
Kamalara ( Boulds Lane Vert-Draining Etc)	6355.45
Charlie Haynes (Phone/BB Service June 2015)	20.00
Clerk’s Pay including expenses, pension & Tax/NI- June 2015	
Thames Water (Cemetery)	8.88
<b>Petty Cash Expenditure:-</b>	
MRH Retail Cherwell (Petrol for Cemetery)	21.45
David Hook (Replace manhole cover Boulds Lane)	150.00
<b>INCOME :-</b>	
Mr Cox (1 x burial 1 x pre purchase)	2700.00
Mr Hopkins (1 x burial plot)	1350.00

NB proposed payments be accepted and authorised. JB seconded. All agreed.

- b. The Clerk explained the queries with the external auditor and that we are still awaiting result.
- c. The Clerk went through the expenditure v income analysis for the first quarter.

**15/07/10 Media Policy**

After some discussion JB proposed Media Policy C be adopted. NB seconded.  
All in favour.

Signed by the Chairman.

### **15/07/11 Skip Outside Mortimer Hall**

PH stated that when doing OXCLEAN a number of items appeared plus many items from around the Parish could go into a skip. The Clerk advised that the Mortimer Hall Management Committee had said they have had problems with people using their bin as a public rubbish bin. To have a skip would firstly encourage unwanted dumping and take up valuable parking spaces. JB proposed putting something in the Marston Times about what to do with rubbish. PH seconded. All agreed. **TC**

### **15/07/12 Community Asset Register**

The Clerk reminded the Council that he had sent out all the information on Community Asset Registers with the July agendas. It will be on the September agenda so can all think about what they feel could be on the Community Asset Register. It was agreed that the Clerk would send out information on Community Asset Registers again. **TC**

### **15/07/13 Neighbourhood Plan**

PW informed the Council that he felt all the new thinking was for local people to be involved in local development, that the Council should at least look at the possibilities of a Neighbourhood plan. This was not looking 2 years ahead but 20 years. ML advised that he had been involved with the Headington plan and warned that, although he was not in any way suggesting not to proceed, but to be fully aware of the amount of work involved. The Clerk suggested that he arranges a separate meeting with someone from the City Council to talk to the Parish Council on both Community Asset Registers and Neighbourhood Plans. PW proposed agreeing. JB seconded. All in favour. **TC**

### **15/07/14 Fireworks**

CH asked if anyone had any thoughts on a venue. MC stated that there was really only one, the Red Lion. CH asked whether it should go ahead. PH replied of course JB definitely. BL proposed that the Red Lion should not have the firework display. No seconder. PH proposed the Red Lion. MC seconded. 11 For 1 Against. PC proposed that the Council fund the fireworks but any bonfire and safety railing should be down to the Red Lion. NB seconded. All in favour. **TC**

### **15/07/15 Parish Fete**

DH informed the Council that he and the Clerk had met with the landlady of the Victoria Arms and they plan to have an event, possibly similar to the Fete ran there a couple of years ago, on the August Bank Holiday weekend. DH proposed giving £250 from the firework budget to support the event. MC seconded. All in favour. **TC**

### **15/07/16 Highways**

CH reported that nothing had been received from either David Tole or the Chief Executive. If nothing by the September meeting the Council will need to look at what further actions to take.

**15/07/17 Website, Facebook, Twitter & Streetlife**

DH informed the Council that there are now over 500 followers on Twitter and should anyone have any local information to pass to him to be included.

**15/07/18 Information Sharing (including correspondence)**

NB advised that there had been a transport meeting and that £6.25 million would be cut from the public transport budget. This obviously puts the subsidised bus fare system in danger of being cut.

Letter to Mr Hosier & Ms Brooke-Taylor regarding their speaking at meeting

Email from Geoff Hale regarding improvement work to memorial garden & Reply

Letter to Chief Executive Oxfordshire County Council re questionnaire

Letter to Mr Evans regarding questionnaire

Letter to Mrs Bone regarding granddaughter's burial plot

Rural Services Network Weekly News Letters, Digests etc.

Email from Oxon County Council re Change of Bus Services

Email from Louise Bond re installing a footbridge across ring road at Mill Lane.

Meeting closed: 21:38

**Date of Next Meeting:** Parish Council meeting Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 in Mortimer Hall at 7:30pm.

Signed by the Chairman.