Minutes of Old Marston Parish Council Meeting 12th June 2007

Present:-

Charlie Haynes, Chairman (CH)
Gill Cox (GC)
Angie Tiwari (AT)
Michael Cadd (MC)
Peter Cox (PC)
Duncan Hatfield (DH)
Hugh Deam (HD)
Roy Jones (RJ).

Cllr Mary Clarkson Mrs K Stratford, Minutes Secretary (KS)

| 1 | Apologies for Absence | ACTION |
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| | Mr Wally Cox, Vice Chairman, Mr John McGinn, Dr Graham Swift, Mr Nils Bartleet, Cllr Caroline van-Zyl, Cllr Altaf Khan and Mr LeRoy Garner, Clerk. | |
| | The Chairman requested that Councillors declare any personal interests at any point on the agenda. | |
| 2 | Minutes of Last Meeting | |
| | The minutes of the Meeting held on 1 May 2007 were confirmed and signed. | |
| | The Chairman is authorised to sign off minutes | |
| 3 | Matters Arising from Minutes | |
| | None | |
| 4 | Correspondence | |
| | The request from St Nicholas School that would like to have the old noticeboard was agreed. | |
| | Oxford City Council had arranged training courses for Councillors in the application of the new Code of Conduct Council applicable to all Councillors in carrying out their duties. Details were circulated; Members were requested to make their own arrangements. Travel costs will be reimbursed on submissionof tickets etc. | All |
| | RoSPA will inspect play areas in July. | СН |
| | The Chairman and the Vice Chairman attended City and Parish Council's joint meeting. The City Council agreed to make this an annual meeting. Details have been posted on the website. | |

ACTION

Ordnance Survey Maps – the Clerk has received a letter from Ordnance Survey indicating that its maps held by the City Council may be used for Parish purposes without paying the usual licence fee. The City Council agreed to follow it up and report back.

5 Planning

The Government had requested local authorities to identify land tht could possibly be made available for development in their areas. The City Council had published the information on the web. Sites in the Parish are:

Dwellings in Mill Lane,

Court Place Farm Allotments,

The Fair Field (new football pitch)

And the Harlow Centre.

Articles have been written in the Bulletin (thanks to Gill) and on the website (thanks to Duncan).

Persons wishing to register their views should contact Laura Goddard, Principal Planning Officer, Oxford City Council.

Applications determined between meetings

No comment was made to:

16 Cavendish Drive – new conservatory.

17 Church Lane – conversion of a garage into living accommodation.

7 St Nicholas Park, 2 applications – remove existing shed and build a garage

<u>1 Cavendish Drive</u> - conversion to 4 x 1 bedroom flats, demolition of existing extension, erection of side and rear extension – objection – loss of family home, dangerous car parking and over development. (MC has called it in and spoken to the neighbours)

Decisions

27 Nicholas Avenue – Extension to provide a new dwelling - Refused

53 Oxford Road – Conversion back to two dwellings - Approved

112 Oxford Road – garage demolished and erection of single storey dwelling and parking – Refused.

69 Cherwell Drive – MC has spoken to planning enforcement and told the neighbours to keep records. An event has been advertised there for the August bank holiday, so this should provide evidence.

6 Boults Lane Development Project

No meetings been held. Amended plans sent to Vic Brown. Copy of

| | new plan shortly. | | | ACTION |
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| 7 | Recreation Grounds Work nearly finished. May need pipe. Work all in hand. Barry Parsons GC queried detail of sub | and CH in touch with Tota | l Turf. | |
| | Arrangements are in hand for no of new pavilion determined. We To go onto the agenda for next n | ew equipment to be planne (REN has agreed to support | d when site | LG |
| 8 | Burial Ground | | | |
| | Department of Constitutional Amemorial safety. Did an inspection and laid flat. PC commented do PC and CH to inspect. MC suggistion who will perhaps meet on site (To Quote for seat awaited. PC using LG's mower which is well.) | PC/CH CH LG | | |
| 9 | Highways | | | |
| | Broken manhole cover at 24 Ox Highway Surveyor. | LG | | |
| 10 | North East Area Committee | | | |
| | Not represented. No agenda iter | | | |
| 11 | Parish Council Bulletin | | | |
| | Next one due. Deliveries as before. | | | All |
| 12 | Finance The Local Auditor had signed Report that was approved for sub | СН | | |
| | The following account was paid: | | | |
| | Mr Hook | Moving glass and repair of fire doors, etc | £ 740.00 | |
| 13 | Allotments | | | |
| | Nothing to report. They look nice | | | |
| 14 | Any Other Business | | | |

| | Website Review to go on as standard agenda item. | ACTION LG |
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| | Website extremely successful – bringing the Parish Council to a whole new audience. We got 298 hits in April, 533 in May and 314 so far in June. | |
| | Marston Times – an error appeared in the previous edition. To be corrected in next edition. | LG |
| | Councillors to arrange with Legal and Democratic Services the day and time the wish to attend Code of Conduct training. Please keep receipts to expenses | All |
| | HD to talk to GC re layout of bulletin. | |
| 15 | Date of Next Meeting | |
| | Tuesday, 3 rd July at 7:30pm. Agenda to be agreed. | |