

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd March 1999
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr A T Jones (Chairman)
Mr C W Haynes (Vice-chairman)
Mesdames Cowell (late arrival), Cox, Deam, Nurse & Tiwari
Messrs Drinkwater & Phipps
The Clerk Mr L M Garner was in attendance

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Stone, Mr Bartleet & Mr Batey, also from the City Councillors, Mr Critchley & Mr Yeoward

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd February 1999 were confirmed and signed.

Correspondence

The following were noted:-

- The Samaritans- request for financial assistance
- Winged Fellowship- request for financial assistance
- Oxfordshire County Council- details of proposed 30mph scheme for Elsfield
- The Oxford Bus Company- unsatisfactory reply to complaint re. scheduling of buses from Cherwell Drive. The Clerk to write.
- Oxford Bus Company- revised schedules of Village service 13C. Afternoon service discontinued between 1335 & 1635 during school holidays. This was not acceptable, Clerk to write.

City Council Meeting with Parish Representatives

The Chairman had attended the meeting which had established useful contacts with Members from the City and adjoining Parishes.
Park and Ride sites were discussed and there was a general agreement that the City Council should support sites further away from the City.
The unsatisfactory bus terminus at Gloucester Green was mentioned. The City Council was looking at alternatives.
Lottery Grants were available to parish councils for Millennium events. The City would investigate and report in due course.

Planning

Applications

The following were considered;

- 94a, Cherwell Drive- Extension- No comment
- 80, Cherwell Drive- Extension- No comment

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment;

	£
Allsports Trophies	25.00
Oxford City Council	326.58
L M Garner	241.25
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The Clerk reported that the Auditor requested the keeping of a register of the Councils assets. There was no problem doing this since they comprised only an 18" rotary mower and a strimmer kept by the Burial Ground maintenance man. Since the value of these would be less than any excess on an insurance policy it was decided not to accept the Auditor's recommendation that they should be insured.

Recreation Ground

Mr. Haynes said that he would now be involved in the Marston Saints application for Lottery funding.

Mr Phipps said that he had asked the City staff, employed to mark the pitch, to access the site from Boults Lane rather than from Horseman Close. They agreed also cleared up the mess they had made.

Highways

It was reported that the entry area at the Boults Lane end of the footpath to Horseman Close had been resurfaced. Mr Haynes reminded Members that this was not the worst area which was further along the path and this should also be resurfaced. It was decided not to raise this with the City Council until the question of adoption had been determined.

On behalf of Mr. Bartleet it was reported that pressure continued to be applied to have the City F.C.'s floodlights directed away from Elsfield Road.

Mr. Baker had responded to the Clerk's request and had granted consent for the Council to enter his land for the purpose of removing the dead elms from the western boundary of the Burial Ground. In conversation it appeared that a width of only one meter was proposed between the fences Mr. Baker intended to erect either side of the footpath to the allotments. This appeared to be inadequate and the Clerk's offer to discuss this with the County Footpaths Officer was adopted.

Mr Castle from the City Engineers Department joined the meeting and said that the City Council had found sufficient money to provide for the cleaning and provision of basecoat to the walls and that he was negotiating with an artist to paint a mural. The artist did not attend the meeting arranged with him and Mrs Nurse and the Clerk. Details of his proposal were therefore not available. Until arranging the meeting he had not been aware of the Parish Council's efforts nor financial provision towards a mural. Mr Castle was hopeful that any funds remaining after the current work had been accounted for might be available towards the mural costs. The Council decided to proceed with the selection of an artist.

Oxford Radcliffe Hospital Traffic Arrangements

As instructed at the last meeting the Clerk had arranged a meeting with Mr D. Edwards the Hospital Transport Strategy Officer. He was accompanied by Mr Bartleet and Mrs Nurse. The Transport Officer had previously not been aware of the Parish Council's interest in traffic arrangements being made for the assimilation of the medical facilities on the Radcliffe Infirmary site into the Headington site.

As a result of the change the transport and parking arrangements were being reviewed. At present some 2,400 cars parked on the site although there were only 1,980 marked spaces. More rigorous enforcement of controls was planned in respect of revised parking arrangements for 2,530 cars. This was encouraging to the Parish because it was likely that there would be very little additional staff traffic to the site. This was being managed and a review had commenced under which staff living up to one and one and a half miles from the site, having reasonable access to public transport and no occupational reason for ready access to a car, would be denied a car park permit. Efforts were being made to extend the 13c bus route through to the railway station which will enable those with access to the rail

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service to leave their cars at home. Such policies would be extended in the future permitting visitors and outpatients to have reasonable facilities. Another possibility was the extension of the bus service into Northway estate via Saxon Way through the Hospital site. The Parish representatives welcomed these approaches because they should result in little change to local traffic flows although the proposals would be accompanied with residents only parking schemes in local estates. The Transport Officer did not favour the Marsh Lane park and ride but considered that the Kidlington and Thornhill park and ride should serve the Hospital. The Parish representatives suggested that the park and ride bus service should run between these two park and ride sites via the Radcliffe, the other Hospitals and the Brookes University. The Transport Officer undertook to consider this proposal which he thought worthwhile. He also accepted the suggestion that a ticket from the park and ride machine should be valid on the bus service between the two park and rides for the day of issue. This would have the additional advantage of enabling patients requiring appointments at more than one Hospital to travel easily between them.

One of the important outcomes of the meeting was the fact that the Parish Council's interest and input into the problems was welcomed. The situation previously was a lack of appreciation of the Parish Council's standing in these matters. There was a general undertaking that the Parish Council should be kept informed.

Burial Ground

The Chairman said that he had discussed with the Clerk the hourly rate to be paid to him for the work required to complete the work to extend the Burial Ground. The Chairman recommended £25 per hour which was accepted.

Millennium Celebrations

The Chairman, in receiving Mr. Batey's apologies, had also received his suggestions for these which he would pass to the Vicar.

Other Matters

The Parish Meeting could not be held on 13 April 1999 because of a prior booking of the Hall. It was decided that the Meeting should be held on 20 April 1999.

Mum T. Jones