

Minutes of Old Marston Parish Council Meeting 6th March 2007

Present:-

Charlie Haynes, Chairman (CH)
 Wally Cox (WC)
 Gill Cox (GC)
 Angie Tiwari (AT)
 John McGinn (JMcG)
 Michael Cadd (MC)
 Peter Cox (PC)
 Duncan Hatfield (DH)

Cllr Mary Clarkson
 Cllr Caroline van-Zyl
 LeRoy Garner, Clerk (LG)
 Mrs K Stratford, Minutes Secretary (KS)

1	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Mr Hugh Deam, Mr N Bartleet and Dr Graham Swift (GS).</p> <p>The Council wishes Mr Bartleet well.</p> <p>The Chairman requested that Councillors declare any personal interests at any point on the agenda.</p>	ACTION
2	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting - Amendments</p> <p>None.</p> <p>The Chairman is authorised to sign off minutes.</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes</p> <p>1 – The meeting of Parish Council representatives with City Councillors deferred as no mutually convenient date has been agreed. The City Council will re-arrange.</p>	
4	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Letter of Resignation from John Batey</p> <p>LG to write to JB to thank him for his previous contribution. He will be sorely missed.</p> <p>The resignation leaves a vacancy. PC requested to declare a casual vacancy was declared, available to be filled by co-option at the next meeting if any Councillors know of anyone who may wish to stand.</p>	LG
5	<p>Planning</p> <p><u>Application determined between meetings</u> Boults Lane Recreation Ground – Storage container for Marston</p>	

6	<p style="text-align: center;">Saints F.C. – no comment</p> <p><u>Other Applications</u></p> <p><u>34 Mill Lane</u> and garage at rear Early in 2005 a revised plan for a garage fronting Cumberledge Close was submitted and built but not, apparently, as a garage. In November 2006 an application was made “ Retention of exiting bungalow. Conversion of existing dwelling into 2 flats” This was refused. No consent appears to have been granted for the building to be converted into a bungalow. The current application “ Single storey art studio/workshop building at the rear of garden” This application is for use of the building, built with consent as a garage, built as a bungalow for a studio. There is strong objection to the commercial use of this building since it creates a business atmosphere and visitor’s vehicles in a quiet close of old person’s flats. It is noted that the internal design is more easily interpreted as a bungalow than a studio. It was applied for originally as a garage and must be kept as such. If an application is made to convert the house 34 Mill Lane into flats the double garage will be needed one for each flat <u>1 and 3 Nicholas Avenue</u> - Side/rear extension to No.1. Rear extension of No.3. Conversion of extended building into 8 flats including roof space. Strong objections to this replication of totally overlarge buildings, inappropriate in every respect to a post-war estate of largely semi-detached houses. Yet again the loss of two family houses that are in such short supply. The car spaces are inadequate, some in line, 6 six bathrooms and 4 kitchens are shown on the plan stated to be for 8 flats and it appears that if a ground floor flat catches fire and smoke gets to the stairs there is no escape from the upper floors. On the grounds of over development and the above this application must be refused.</p> <p><u>86 Oxford Road</u> – extension – refusal appealed</p> <p><u>Decisions</u></p> <p>20 Horseman Close – extension – refused</p>	ACTION
	<p>Boults Lane Development Project</p> <p>Before JB resigned he provide a revised draft of finances (distributed prior to the meeting). Shows £1,389 excess. Does the PC want to take the excess and release it’s grant or share with the club. CH: Proposed because Marston Saints have had extra expenditure on pitch hire they are offered £1,000. WC: Seconded. All agreed.</p>	
	<p>Meeting on 7/3/07 with Mr Lewis (Total Turf) and Mr Law (White Horse Construction). Work to be started when ground conditions permit.</p>	LG
	<p>Strip of land under hedge adjoining allotments, very overgrown. LG has inspected, harbours litter. Price quoted of £250 to restore, cut back, clean and seed. Will save Mr Ward from chopping it down every two years. All agreed.</p>	LG

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	<p>LG has sent the Football Foundation information requested on number of teams, etc.</p> <p>The Club was given consent to provide a new gate opposite the pavilion. It was agreed to provide kissing gates on the public footpath at the access from Marsh Lane and at the boundary of the recreation ground.</p>	
7	<p>Recreation Grounds Next football meeting to be held on 19/3. Confirmed LG will be in attendance.</p>	LG
8	<p>Burial Ground</p> <p>LG has previously circulated notes to consider altering present conditions. All agreed, with the addition to point 4 "...anything in excess of 2m² will be charged".</p> <p>Noted an event with the Loveridge grave. Plots too small for vaults, but the PC had agreed on 3 plots to provide 2 vaults for the Loveridge family. However, when the second one came to be utilized, the water table was too high. The family requested a concrete coffin. LG confirmed with the Department for the Environment who agreed so this has gone ahead. This event is unlikely to reoccur as no other spaces are big enough.</p>	LG
9	<p>A seat has been requested under the tree. Agreed as can not bury immediately under the tree due to the root system. LG to get costings for a base.</p> <p>Highways</p> <p>Received County notice of A40 northern by-pass de-restriction notice. 30mph speed limit on roundabout.</p>	LG
10	<p>North East Area Committee</p> <p>MC reported No planning to report, other than garages at the bottom of Stockleys Road. Plans to redevelop unused garages for affordable housing. Area Committee raised the issue of access for bridleway required both during development and thereafter. The developer had not taken this into account, nor the fact that the site floods.</p>	
11	<p>Parish Council Bulletin</p> <p>GC reported this was at the printers and awaiting collection. The bulletin was 4 pages long and contains a "useful contacts" sheet. Distribution would be harder as the scouts were unable to help. Councillors to contact GC who will work out suitable routes for everybody. Distribution to begin at end of this week.</p>	GC All

ACTION**12 Finance**

It was agreed to apply the National Association of Local Councils' recommendation that the salary of the Clerk be increased by 2.95%, cost of living award, for 2006/7 backdated to last April.
The following accounts were paid

		£
Mortimer Hall Committee	Use of Hall January – March	18.00
MP Security	Pavilion Alarm maintenance	72.62
L.M. Garner	Salary and petty cash	1,617.02
Oxford City Council	Mowing recreation ground etc.	2,761.40
Land Registry	Registration fee re. Mortimer Hall Lease	40.00
L.M. Garner	Cost of living review re. 2005/6	177.10

13 Any Other Business

DH: Website. Name to be “Old Marston/PC.gov.uk”. There will be 5 mail box addresses included in the price. Agreed 1 each for Chairman, Clerk, DH and the Vice Chair (when appointed). DH will need copies of the minutes from last May to be provided electronically in order to upload. LG to provide.

Spoken to Alan Jones and he has said he will provide a logo.

MC noted the Headington website is very nice. Suggests DH speaks to Stephanie Jenkins.

LG**14 Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday, 3rd April at 7:30pm – Agenda to be agreed.