

Minutes of Old Marston Parish Council Meeting 3rd March 2015 at 7:30pm.

Present:

Parish Council

Charlie Haynes (CH) - Chairman	Duncan Hatfield (DH) – Vice-Chairman
Patricia Hall (PH)	Michael Cadd (MC)
Angie Tiwari (AT)	Michael O’Keefe (MO)
John Batey (JB)	Barrie Lewis (BL)
Peter Williams (PW)	Peter Cox (PC)
Tony Greenfield (TG)	Nils Bartleet (NB)
Tim Cann (Clerk)	

City Council

Cllr Mick Haines (MH)

Members of the Public : 6

CH asked if anyone intended to record the proceedings of the meeting. TG to record.

CH asked Councillors to declare any prejudicial interests.

NB declared an interest in the planning application for 39 Salford Road in that he lived next door although he had no financial interest other than locality.

15/03/01 Apologies for Absence:

ACTIONS

City Cllr Mary Clarkson

County Cllr Mark Lygo

15/03/02 Minutes of the last meeting held on 3rd February were approved. All agreed.

15/03/03 Requests from members of the public to speak : None.

15/03/04 Matters Arising (omitting those for which an agenda heading follows)

AT asked if there had been any news of the benches. TC advised that, as requested, he had forward the details to M, MH and ML. TC informed the Council of the reply from the OALC, regarding the Oxfordshire Play Association request for a grant of £300, was that s.137 could be used. JB proposed £100 MC seconded. All in favour.

15/03/05 Planning

Applications to be decided

15/00329/FUL – 28 Nicholas Avenue – The Council felt that it was overdevelopment of the site and was not in keeping with surrounding properties.

15/00330/FUL – 6 Southcroft – No Objections

15/00541/FUL – 36 Beechey Avenue – No objection. Although there was some concern, with so many bathrooms and the general interior layout, whether this would remain a family dwelling. The Parish Council has for some years had a policy of keeping family dwellings for family occupancy.

Signed by the Chairman.

15/00574/FUL – 39 Salford Road - There was some concern as it appears local residents do not seem to have been notified, no yellow poster had been seen displayed. However, the Council still have the concern that this is an overdevelopment of the site.

Applications considered between meetings:- NONE

Decisions:

14/03386/FUL – 46 Marsh Lane – APPROVED

Awaiting Decisions:

14/03496/FUL – Colthorn Farm

15/00067/FUL – 13 Elms Drive

15/00210/FUL – Land adjacent 147 Oxford Road

14/02934/VAR – 2 Mortimer Drive

MC said about lorries on path and keeping road free from rubble and construction outside Colthorn Farm. TC

15/03/06 Boults Lane Development Project

CH advised that nothing had been received from Carolyn Place, the facilitator/Fundraiser.

TG expressed concerns that a great deal of money had already been spent with nothing tangible to see, seeming to of gone on for a number of years and asked for a breakdown of the total amounts spent today. CH said that it had been about 8 active years but we needed to wait for Carolyn report before making any decision. TC

15/03/07 Recreation Ground

- a. CH advised that he had spoken to Sylvia, Roy Jones's sister, that we would draft wording for the plaque and then show them to comment. TG advised that he had spoken to Katherine Jones, Roy's wife, who asked for his involvement with the village and Mortimer Hall to be included.
- b. TG reported that Mortimer Hall Recreation ground was still flooding and very soggy around the picnic table, the report done by Total Turf Solutions said that something could be done however it would cost, verti-draining £600 in 2009 and sanding. CH suggested that a copy of the report is sent to all Councillors and discussed at the next meeting. All Agreed. TC
- c. TC explained that there was a height difference from the field and the mains drainage so when the drainage was renewed throughout the field in 2009 a water pump was installed to pump the water into the mains, this had now broke and needed to be replaced as a matter of urgency.
- d. CH reminded the Council that the Parish Council owned Boults Lane recreation ground, Mortimer Hall recreation ground and maintained the small paddock on the right hand side of the entrance to the Victoria Arms. TC advised the Council that the maintenance contract on these sites was up for renewal. He had sent a schedule of work to the Oxford City Council,

Signed by the Chairman.

BGG and advertised on the noticeboards, it had also been posted on our website. However, we had only received the one tender. It had increased by approximately 2% and was the current contractor who had provided a very good service. NB proposed we accept tender TG seconded. All agreed.

15/03/08 Finance

a. Bank balance as at 23/02/2015 –	
Current Account £33,484.57	Business Reserve Account £18,732.34
Newbury Building Society Account £201,315.07	Petty Cash balance £125.07

The following accounts to be paid:

	£ Incl. VAT
AuthSMTP (Renewal of Email account)	20.00
Lyreco (Chairman's Ink)	28.49
Charlie Haynes (Phone/BB Service February 2015)	20.00
Clerk's Pay Including Expenses & Pension – February 2015	
SLCC (Clerk's Training)	150.00
BGG (Litter Picking & Grass Cutting June 2014)	420.00
Thames Water (Cemetery Water)	9.25
Computer Assistance (Computer Repair)	38.00
BT (Clerk's Telephone)	84.24
Andrew Job Plumbing & Heating Ltd (Boults Lane Pump)	591.54
Petty Cash Expenditure:-	
Clerk's travelling expenses to training course	31.20
INCOME :-	
HMRC (VAT Return Oct – Dec 2014)	405.15
Scout Rent (2015)	5.00
Oxfordshire County Council Grant (Tree from Mark Lygo)	150.00

Signed by the Chairman.

15/03/09 Draft Standing Orders

JB proposed the following amendments:

Section 4, Part d. iv - after 'terms of office' to insert '**and number**'... of members etc.
after 'an election shall' to insert '**if necessary**'... take place etc.

After last line above, to **add** 'The Chair and Vice-chair of council are not ex-officio members of committees/sub committees, nor can they assume positions of chair/vice-chair respectively on attendance at such committees but they can be nominated for such.'

The whole paragraph should now read-

iv. shall, subject to standing orders 4b and c above, appoint and determine the terms of office and number of members of such a committee. Such appointments shall be made by nomination. Once all nominations have been proposed and seconded an election shall, if necessary, take place. The Chair and Vice-chair of council are not ex-officio members of committees/sub committees, nor can they assume positions of chair/vice-chair respectively on attendance at such committees but they can be nominated for such.

NB seconded. All in favour.

15/03/10 Highways

a. Parking Survey

CH advised that as of today nothing had been received from David Tole. TG advised that he also continues to pursue with nothing from David Tole although he had heard from various County Councillors. JB stated that the leader of the County Councillor should be taking this up with David Tole as it is a total shambles. NB reminded the Council that at the public meeting David Tole stated that he would come back with two solutions; one for Oxford Road and the second for parking generally.

NB proposed that the clerk writes to the Chief Executive and head of Highways asking for a response. Seconded PH all agreed. **TC**

BL asked for road condition, as tarmac dislodged by road sweeper, to be on next agenda. **TC**

b. Underpass

CH informed the meeting that a new pump had been installed, thanks to City Councillors Mick Haines and Mary Clarkson, which should last for many years to come.

15/03/11 Website, Facebook, Twitter & Streetlife

a. DH informed the Council that there are now almost 400 followers on Streetlife.

JB asked what sort of things was appearing on Twitter and DH replied local information, news, events, links to the Council agenda's and minutes.

TG said he had started a conversation regarding the A34 and the hamburger roundabout which seemed to generate a lot of interest.

Signed by the Chairman.

15/03/12 Information Sharing (including correspondence)

County & City Councillors Reports

MH had done another traffic survey and reported on Friday 27th February between 7:30am until 9am 588 cars & vans, 100 pushbikes, 4 Motorbikes, 2 large lorries and 1 bus.

DH confirmed this year's OXCLEAN will take place this Saturday (7th) from 10am until 11:30am at the Mortimer Hall.

BL asked if pushbikes locked to lamp posts could be put on the next agenda.

TC

Rural Services Network Digest – 9 February

Email from Lorraine Freeman re S106 money from New Barton Development

Email from Mary Clarkson re Direct Services Standards Streetscene Nov 2014

Rural Services Network Seminar on Health & Wellbeing

Rural Services Network Vulnerability Service

Email from Marie Power re Headington Hill Park Friends

Email from Mathilde Floris re Mill Lane – A40 Pedestrian crossing/bridleway

Email from Clerk requesting presents of anyone from TVP

Rural Services Network – Digest 16 February

Rural Services Network – Rural Broadband

Tony Greenfield email re agenda items and my reply.

Email from Rachel Crouch re activities/Youth Club in Marston

Email from Tony Greenfield and my reply

Meeting closed: 21:30

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 7th April 2015, 7:30pm at Mortimer Hall.

Signed by the Chairman.