

**Minutes of Old Marston Parish Council Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7:30pm.**

**Present:**

**Parish Council**

**John Batey (JB) – Chairman**

**Patricia Hall (PH)**

**Barrie Lewis (BL)**

**Peter Williams (PW)**

**Nils Bartleet (NB)**

**City Council**

**Cllr Mick Haines (MH)**

**Duncan Hatfield (DH) – Vice-Chairman**

**Michael Cadd (MC)**

**Angie Tiwari (AT)**

**Michael O’Keefe(MO)**

**Tim Cann (Clerk)**

**Mary Clarkson (M)**

**County Council**

**Cllr Mark Lygo (ML)**

**Members of the Public: 8**

**17/03/01** No Councillors declared any prejudicial interests and no one intended to record the proceedings of the meeting.

**17/03/02 Apologies for Absence:**

**Charlie Haynes – On Holiday**

**Peter Cox – Unwell**

**ACTION**

**Tony Greenfield – Unwell.**

**17/03/03**

**a. Public Participation:** Tony Baker spoke about the Jack Russell planning application being approved. He said that it was unfortunate that the Parish Council had not objected at the outline planning stage as after this had been approved there was little anyone could do. He felt the Council had been misled at the time but hopefully everyone had learnt valuable lessons.

**b. County & City Councillors Reports:**

County Councillor Mark Lygo: Stated that under planning law it was difficult to refuse the Jack Russell application as the Planning Committee could only go by planning facts.

City Councillor Mary Clarkson: Stated that when outline planning was given to the Jack Russell to an extent you could not then go back. Outline was for 16 flats which was approved, so difficult to then try and change it.

City Councillor Mick Haines: Advised that Aspire, the charity who are providing a bus service to Bradlands going to the shops in Headington, contract is up for renewal and the cost has increased from £5 per person to £30 per person.

**17/03/04 Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017.** It was RESOLVED these are a true record.

**17/03/05 Matters Arising (omitting those for which an agenda heading follows):** None.

**17/03/06 Planning Applications to be decided:**

17/00266/FUL – 10 Dents Close – Erection of a first floor rear extension. – NO OBJECTION

17/00281/FUL – 21 Haynes Road – Erection of a two storey side and a single storey rear

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extension. – NO OBJECTION

17/00352/FUL – 16 Fairfax Avenue – Erection of a part single, part two storey rear extension and erection of a single storey front extension. – NO OBJECTION

17/00282/FUL – 7 Raymund Road – Erection of a part single, part two storey rear extension and single storey front porch extension. Insertion of 2No. additional windows to side elevation. Formation of 1No. dormer window to rear roof slope and insertion of 2No. front roof lights in association with loft conversion. – NO OBJECTION

17/00355/FUL – 4 Cavendish Drive – Change of use from dwelling house (Use Class C3) to a large house of Multiple Occupation (*Sui Generis*). Erection of a single storey rear extension and insertion of 1No. window to rear elevation. – CONCERN OVER ADDITIONAL PARKING, LOSS OF A FAMILY HOME AND ASKED TO BE CALLED IN

17/00234/FUL – 55 Rippington Drive – Erection of a porch to the front elevation. – NO OBJECTION

17/00393/FUL – Marston Vicarage – Demolition of existing Vicarage. Erection of 1 x 4-bed dwelling house with alterations to existing detached garage. – NO OBJECTION

17/00489/FUL – 4 Rimmer Close – Erection of single storey extension to North elevation. Replacement of glazing with brickwork and slate roof to existing side extension. Provision of new windows and doors to South West elevation. Replacement windows. – NO OBJECTION

**Applications considered between meetings:** None.

**Decisions:**

16/03003/FUL & 16/03004/LBC – 17 Mill Lane – APPROVED

16/01905/FUL – Land adjacent 56 Marsh Lane – WITHDRAWN

16/03008/CT3 – Sports Hall Recreation Ground, Court Place Farm, Marsh Lane - APPROVED 17/00003/FUL – 46 Arlington Drive – APPROVED

16/03045/FUL 20 Salford Road – APPROVED

16/03060/FUL – 62 Cherwell Drive – APPROVED

16/03074/FUL & 16/03075/LBD – 10 Elsfield Road – APPROVED

16/03267/FUL – 15 Arlington Drive - APPROVED

**Awaiting Decisions:**

16/03116/FUL – Victoria Arms, Mill Lane

16/03108/RES – Jack Russell, 21 Salford Road

17/00080/FUL – 44 Mortimer Drive

16/03274/FUL – Colthorn Farm

17/00063/FUL – 1 Mortimer Drive

17/00095/FUL – 17 Raymund Road

17/00021/VAR – 38 Oxford Road

17/00125/FUL – 7 Elsfield Road

17/00165/FUL – 19 Arlington Drive

**17/03/07 Recreation Grounds & Cemetery**

- a. As TG has been unwell the Clerk confirmed that the weekly safety checks had been done and that no problems had been found. JB wished both TG and PC a speedy recovery.
- b. Praise in the Park: It was RESOLVED to allow this event on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in the Mortimer Hall Recreation Ground.
- c. It was RESOLVED to accept Louise June Greenwood's memorial.

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**17/03/08 Boults Lane Development :** JB explained to the Council that there had been a number of setbacks, the pump draining the field had failed, resulting in the foundation pits filling with water and the sides collapsing so the pump was replaced. A faulty switch in the pump chamber meant the pump kept cutting out so had to be replaced, and a matted clump of tree root blocking the pipe taking the water away meant the pipe had to be rodded. All was now working, the field had drained considerably, however, due to the marshy structure of the soil additional work was needed which would be discussed under urgent matters.

**17/03/09 Finance**

- a. Bank balance as at 06/03/2017 –  
 Current Account £45,985.53 (including £6,057.73 CIL money) Petty Cash £114.99  
 Business Reserve Account £3,745.51 Newbury Building Society Account £206,961.14

| <b>The following accounts to be paid:</b>                          | <b>£ Incl. VAT</b> |
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| Clerk's Pay Including Expenses, Pension, etc. – February 2017      |                    |
| Get-on-Line Ltd (Website domain renewal)                           | 306.00             |
| Mortimer Hall (s.137 Grant)  | 300.00             |
| Mortimer Hall Pre-School (s.137 Grant)                             | 300.00             |
| 43 <sup>rd</sup> Scout Group (s.137 Grant)                         | 300.00             |
| BGG (Litter Picking for January 2017)                              | 61.80              |
| Ai Design (re-drawing of pavilion plans)                           | 750.00             |
| Oxford City Council (Purchase of Modular Building)                 | 20,000.00          |
| BT (Clerk's Council phone)   | 91.49              |
| Total Pest Control (Quarterly Contract Charge)                     | 390.00             |
| BGG (Litter Picking for February 2017)                             | 61.80              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>£24,342.80</b>  |
| <b>Petty Cash Expenditure:-</b>                                    |                    |
| MRH Retail (Petrol for Cemetery)                                   | 19.99              |
| Oxford Bus Company (Clerk's travel to County meeting)              | 3.50               |
| Oxford City Bus Company (Clerk's travel for half marathon meeting) | 3.50               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>£26.99</b>      |

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| <b>INCOME:-</b>                           |                  |
| BT Wayleave                               | 8.82             |
| HMRC (VAT Return 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter) | 1102.58          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                              | <b>£1,111.40</b> |

NB proposed accepting accounts to be paid. DH seconded. It was RESOLVED to accept payment of accounts.

- b.** Pay Role Revised Fee Review: The Clerk explained Diane Malley who provides the Council with all the financial data to pay the Clerk including tax, NI etc., had reviewed her charges and for the April 2017 to March 2018 period the fee would be £81. It was RESOLVED to continue with Diane Malley for 2017-18.

### **17/03/10 Unitary Council Update:**

JB asked views:

M supported the one council theory, however the City is very different to other areas of the County (and in fact other Counties) and should be kept separate but with a larger boundary.

ML supported M views stating that something needs changing as the County Council are failing in some areas

PW hoped that a unitary council's infrastructure, such as housing etc., would be more joined up

ML agreed but wondered if a unitary council would support Oxford City

NB stated that the County used to carry out 10 year strategy plans but since they stopped doing these they had become far less useful. Although everything was not as clear cut, Oxford is limited with influences from two universities and BMW plus who would decide importance of places such as Banbury and Oxford.

JB felt many were sitting on the fence over unitary council, the city does not have the tax base to be separate without expanding which would cause problems, but the County seems very disjointed and cumbersome, so would a one bigger council resolve all these issues.

**17/03/11Swan School Update:** JB spoke about the various correspondence sent and received yet with, what seemed, little effect on the County Council's decision.

### **17/03/12 Marston Family Fun Day at the Victoria Arms on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**from 12 noon until 5pm.** NB stated the last event was useful in that it helped show people what the Parish Council were doing. DH offered to help man the stand. It was RESOLVED to take a stand. JB reminded the Council that there was £1,500 in the budget for events so the Clerk would write to the Victoria Arms asking if they wish to apply for a grant.

### **17/03/13 Website, Facebook, Twitter & Streetlife**

DH informed the Council that 21 volunteers attended the OXCLEAN event this year and thanked all who helped out. More people are following the Council on Twitter and Facebook which all increases the profile of the Council.

### **17/03/14 Information Sharing (including correspondence)**

Rural Services Network Digest etc,

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- Card thanking Council for the grant to the Junior Choir,
- Letter from Marston Times thanking Council for their annual grant and the Calendar donation,
- Letter from Thames Water stating that all business accounts are moving to Castle Water,
- Letter to Mr Jupp re 15 Arlington Drive and Planning Enforcements reply,
- One Oxfordshire – from County Council regarding one council,
- Copy of the report sent to the County Council cabinet regarding Swan School
- Letter from Bob Price regarding County Council’s proposals to abolish the City Council,
- Email from Bob Price replying to Parish Council’s letter regarding Oxford United/City partnership,
- OALC Newsletter February 2017
- Various Oxford Mail articles concerning Swan School

JB said about the planning training seminar run by the Oxford City Council at the recent Parish Forum meeting. PH said the planning was ok but found the Parish Forum was very interesting.

MH had done two traffic surveys:

Marsh Lane – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March between 7:30 and 9:30am

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| 1475 cars and vans, | 32 large lorries, | 26 motorbikes, |
| 23 cyclists,        | 1 bus             | 2 ambulance    |

Through the village – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March between 7:30 and 9:30am

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| 970 cars and vans, | 117 cyclists, | 2 large lorries, |
| 8 motorbikes,      | 1 bus         | 1 ambulance.     |

**17/03/15 Items of an urgent nature which come to the Clerk’s attention since the agenda was set:**

- **Bradlands Bus Service:** It was RESOLVED to pay £300 as a s.137 grant to Aspire to continue the bus service for another year. NB stated that it needs to be made more sustainable, long term.
- **Thames Valley Police, Marston & Northway:** The Clerk informed the Council that PCSO Kerry Yaxley has invited any Parish Councillor who wishes to accompany them on their patrol would be very welcome. He had gone with them on the Saturday evening, as the Chairman could not make it, and he found it very interesting.
- **Oxford Preservation Trust:** The Clerk advised the Council that Parish Councillors had been invited to the AGM on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm in the Victoria Arms. JB, NB and the Clerk to attend.
- **Children’s Birthday Party in the Mortimer Hall Recreation Ground:** The Clerk advised that a request had been received from a parent to hold her children’s Birthday party in the Recreation Ground. They had assured the Council that all rubbish would be removed and the Bouncy Castle company are happy with the arrangement. As long as it is made clear that the Council takes no responsibility for any injury or damage it was RESOLVED to allow the party to take place.
- **Mr Buckingham request for double ashes plot:** The Clerk informed the Council that he had received a request to purchase a double ashes plot and whether there would be any additional charge for the double depth. It was RESOLVED to allow an ashes plot to be purchased at double depth with no additional charge.

All members of public and media left the room. 21:20

**Meeting ended: 21:45**

**Date of Next Meeting:** Parish Council meeting Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 in the Main Hall of the Mortimer Hall at 7:30pm.

Signed by the Chairman.