

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council  
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 1997  
at the Mortimer Hall**

**Members Present**

Mr A T Jones (Chairman)  
Mr C W Haynes (Vice-chairman)

Mesdames Cowell, Deam, Nurse, Stone & Tiwari  
Messrs Bartleet, Carrington, Drinkwater & Phipps

The Clerk Mr L M Garner was in attendance.  
Eight members of the public were also present.

**Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Mrs Cox

**Election of Chairman and Vice-chairman**

Mr A T Jones and Mr C W Haynes were respectively proposed and seconded for the offices of Chairman and Vice-chairman. There being no other nominations their appointment was confirmed to serve until the Annual Parish Meeting 1998.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 1997 were confirmed and signed.

**Correspondence**

The following items were noted;  
Oxfordshire County Council- Programmed Highway works  
Spise- Planning circular  
Thames Valley Police- Information on boundaries  
Oxford City Council- Members' Information sheets containing information on conservation of hedgerows and changes to Magistrates discretion re destruction of dangerous dogs  
Oxfordshire County Council- Annual report

**Planning**

**Applications**

The following applications were considered;  
27, Mortimer Drive- Conversion to two flats- No comment  
Cedar Cottage, Church Lane- Conversion to two dwellings- No comment

**Decisions**

The following were reported;  
23, Fairfax Avenue- Extension- Approved  
13, Cavendish Drive- Extension- Approved  
34, Oxford Road- Business use of farm building- Approved  
Croft Road Recreation Ground- Sports area- Approved

**Other Matters**

Attention was drawn to the changes in the signs at the Red Lion. Whilst there was no objection to the changes it was decided to write to the Planning Authority since it was considered that an application should have been made.

**Mill Lane Site**

The Chairman reported that the Parish Meeting had recommended that the land should be retained and used for allotments for the Parish. The Clerk said that nine potential new

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allotment holders had been identified. After discussion it was decided to complete the planning process and the following resolution was passed;-

1. That allotments be provided on the Mill Lane land for those known to require one.
2. That, subject to competitive quotations being obtained, the small triangle be cleared of rubble etc..
3. That discussions be entered into with the Mill Lane Old Marston Allotments Association with the intention of forming a Management Agreement.
4. After final requirements have been ascertained plots be marked and let.
5. That action on the sale of the Mill Lane site be suspended to see how the allotment take-up and management progresses.
6. That a sign be erected on the land.

A sub-committee comprising the Chairman, Vice-chairman, Mr Bartleet and Clerk were appointed to discuss matters with the Allotment Association.

#### Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment;

Oxford City Council-Clearing drain	£54.50
Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils-Members Handbook -	£51.60
Cornhill Insurance- Insurances	£355.56
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd- Amusement spares	£112.80
Oxford City Council- Burial Ground rates	£34.00

The accounts for 1996/7 were presented and signed by the Chairman. Photocopies of the accounts for the year had been circulated together with summarised accounts in accordance with the new Rules. It was decided that the new format should be circulated in future.

#### Recreation Ground

The annual survey by Wicksteed was received. The Chairman and Clerk would investigate.

A quotation in the sum of £548.88 plus VAT was received from B & M Engineers for providing welded seats to the carousel. It was decided that this should be accepted.

The Chairman and Clerk would investigate Mr Barton's request for tree pruning.

It was decided to replace the broken gate in Boults Lane with a galvanised one, to replace two broken rails and provide a stile to give easy access by the Scouts. The quotation would be subject to the Chairman's approval.

#### Highways

The faulty gulley in Salford Road had been cleaned but it was possible that tree roots were causing an obstruction. Should the area still flood the City Council would carry out remedial work.

#### Burial Ground

A letter was received from Mrs Goodchild requesting that one of the two plots, purchased by her husband and herself, should be transferred to a family friend. Mr Goodchild having been cremated. It was noted that the family friend, Mary H. Pryce had no connections with the Parish and her interment would not normally be permitted. It was decided that an exception would be made on this occasion.

*Ann E. Jones*

*3 June 1991*

Minutes of a Meeting of Representatives of The Old  
Marston Parish Council (PC) and the Mill Lane Old  
Marston Allotments Association (AA), held at the  
Mortimer Hall on Monday 19 May 1997 at 7.30 pm.

Present for the PC were Mr. C.W. Haynes in the Chair, Mr. B. Carrington, the  
Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner.

For the AA Dr. G.R. Swift, Chairman, Miss. C. Westwood, Secretary and Messrs  
Agent and King.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. N. Bartleet PC

The Chairman, welcoming the AA representatives, stated that the PC had agreed  
to provide allotments on the main Mill Lane Site for Old Marston residents.  
A list of 12 new applicants was agreed. It was the intention to allocate one  
plot per applicant, based on existing sizes, with the possibility of second  
plots being reviewed after the first season. The purpose of the allotments  
remains the production of food. Other uses would not be permitted, although  
flowers for home use would be acceptable. Hardwood trees would not be permitted.  
The AA accepted on site management and agreed to arrange the allocation of plots  
which would be recorded by Mr. Carrington. Two possible layouts were presented  
based on the southern boundary or the SE corner. A further option could be  
based on the northern boundary. The AA would indicate its preference.

It was agreed to ask the PC to permit the erection of sheds of approved design  
construction and site. Apart from a reasonably constructed compost enclosure  
no other heaps or structures would be permitted.

Water supply would be by the provision of dip tanks, the charge for water being  
included in the rent, subject to review for the year 1998/9.

The PC being recommended to have the remaining area flailed twice each season,  
the AA overseeing the mowing of paths and trimming of the inside of any hedge  
within the allocated area.

The Clerk read terms of a draft agreement which were accepted. On signing  
the agreement tenants would be allowed into occupation on payment of £10.50  
being the rent to 30 September 1998. Thereafter £14 per year payable on 1 October.  
Renewal of the gates would be considered by the PC.

Mr. Carrington agreed to provide posters and signs.