

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3 May 2005
at the Mortimer Hall**

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Mrs. M.C. Stone Vice-chairman
Mesdames Cox and Tiwari
Messrs Batey, Cann, Cox, Holmes and Swift
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance
City Councillor Mrs. C. vanZyl.

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Decision

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The Council's insurance included a provision that an age bar removed the Clerk from cover for Personal Accident. It was decided to have the cover extended.
The promised City Council Grant towards the dog fence, the safety surface at Boult's Lane and improvements to Back Lane totalling £10,379 had been received.

Clerk's Salary

The Clerk withdrew for this item. It was decided to increase the Clerk's salary by 3% from 1 April 2005, in line with the recommendation of the National Association of Local Councils.

Marston Saints Football Club

The Chairman reported on the recent meeting of the Marston Saints Sub-committee the Clerk's draft of the proposed Licence was accepted as a basis. The Club suggesting that a 25-year period would be appropriate considering the input likely to be needed from the Club.

The waterlogged condition of the pitch making it unplayable was considered Mr. Mitchell, from the F.A., suggested approaching the Sports Turf Research Institute for a soil and drainage survey. The Clerk had obtained a quote by phone of £1,200. It was decided, proposed by Dr. Swift seconded by Mr. Holmes to accept the quotation subject to a 50% grant being made from the Football Foundation, as indicated by Mr. Mitchell, together with a further grant of 50% towards the work required

The Club reported that it had checked the dimensions of the Marsh Lane land and found that it could accommodate a pitch and it would contact the owners in due course.

Next meeting 24 May 2005

Recreation Ground

The Clerk would investigate metal plaques for the two seats at Boult's Lane
Mrs. vanZyl would investigate the request for dog bins at School Lane and Boult's Lane

Highways

The Chairman reported that a hastily arranged meeting had been held with a Highway Engineer, Consultants, Mr. Cowell for OMRA and the Clerk to explore the Traffic Calming to be implemented, probably next year. For the Parish it was made clear that road humps would not be acceptable neither would the engineers agree a 20 mph speed limit. They were receptive to the suggestion of an entrance gate at Elsfield Road, pinch points rather than chicanes, speed check signs and they thought designated parking could be used a traffic calming measure. Number plate recognition cameras would be used to track traffic flows, speeds and numbers. It was hoped that a further meeting could be held in due course to consider draft proposals. It was decided that Mr. Batey should join the team and that the OPT Branch should be invited to appoint a representative

Mr. Batey drew attention to the City Council fence that was now in a deplorable state. Repair, on cost grounds was denied in 2003. The Clerk was asked to write again.

Burial Ground

As the City council had taken on the maintenance the mower bought in 1993 and strimmer bought in 2000 were surplus to requirements. Offers of £5 and £20 respectively had been received. Subject to the equipment working it was decided to accept the offers.

Date of Next Meeting

7 June 2005

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