

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2 November 2004
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr. C.W. Haynes Chairman
Mrs. M.C. Stone Vice-chairman
Mesdames Cox, Nurse, and Tiwari
Messrs Bartleet, Batey, Cann, Cox, Holmes and McGinn
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Gamer in attendance
City Councillors Mrs. M. Clarkson and Mrs. C. van Zyl.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 October 2004 were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising

The Clerk would remind Mrs. Christofoli that a reply was awaited to the letter enquiring about grants

North East Area Committee

There were no matters to report

Correspondence

An invitation to a Bus Service Consultative Meeting was received. Mr. Bartleet agreed to attend
The Chairman's apology for being unable to attend the AGM of OMMLAA would be given

Planning

Applications

The following were considered:

4 Mill Lane - erection of nine dwellings - strong objections
Copies of letters from the occupiers of 13 and 17 Mill Lane to the Planning Office were also received and endorsed. The Planning Officer to be asked to incorporate them into the Parish Council objections. The Parish Council strongly supports the questioning of the accuracy of the levels on the sections on the plans that should be checked. The additional access from Mill Lane must be refused because of the dangers of vehicles reversing on to the "S" bend, additionally there is a danger, should that access be permitted, it could become a major entrance to the site in view of the alleged dispute over access rights at the present entrance.

The Back Lane hedge must be preserved. The layout is unacceptable as the backs of the houses face Mill Lane, the kitchens of all but one face Mill Lane, the inevitable result being that the dustbins etc. will be the aspect to the public and unacceptable. There is no on-street parking not already taken up by the cottages so 14 parking spaces for 9 dwellings and visitor's parking will be inadequate and probably taken up by two car families. Who will resolve the likely disputes over who can use the 5 spaces? Where will delivery vans park? A yellow line on that side of the road will be ignored and is not necessary. On the basis of the statement made, when the Oxford Road shop requested parking control outside the shop, the County Council said that as the site was remote from other control areas no resources would be available for enforcement. What is most likely is that the delivery vehicles will erode the verge and footpath.

Chlorine

The site is placed in such a way that, at most, only two additional houses should be permitted.

14 Salford Road - conversion into three flats - strong objection. This represents the loss of yet another family home to accommodation aimed largely at single person households. The long-term loss of pupils at St. Nicholas' School is detrimental financially and educationally to the interests of other children in the area because fewer pupils equals loss of money and teachers and integrated classes across age ranges.

It is understood that car parking arrangements must be detailed in an application. No such information accompanied the plans sent here. There is currently one space in the rear garden but this will probably be lost if the extension is permitted leaving no provision for the likely three plus cars for three flats and a minimum one for visitors. Reliance is probably placed on privately owned land at the rear for which no maintenance arrangements exist. This site is becoming full on occasions leaving effectively no spaces to serve the proposed change that should be refused. Strong objections.

Decisions

The following were reported:

- 26 Mortimer Drive - porch and rear extension - approved
- R/o 2 Mortimer Drive - new house - refused

Other Matters

The Clerk to write to enquire into the position re. 49 Oxford Road dormer window having no planning consent.

Another attempt would be made to get a copy of the Building Regulations applicable to conversions into flats

Accounts

The following account was passed for payment:	£
HLB AV Audit Audit re. 2003/04	293.75

The audit having been approved with a request that the authority for a payment of a one off or unusual nature should be stated.

Recreation Ground

Marston Saints F. C. was given permission to put sand on the pitch.

The Clerk would seek a further quotation from a contractor, relating to the Basketball pitch, since the quotation preceded the formal request and was different from the tender document.

It was decided to place hoops between swings, on safety grounds, when tenders were prepared for that type of work in due course.

Highways

The Court Place Allotment Association's statement regarding the provisions in its new lease affecting the footpath application was noted.

A reply was received from the City Highways Technical Officer offering a key to the Back Lane gate and would be accepted

The puddles at the Elms Drive/Cherwell Drive tactile crossing had not been dealt with.

A report on the recent meeting of HAMATS has given one glimmer of hope that the metalled footpath in Marsh Lane between Horseman Close and Elmsfield Road had been entered in this year's programme.

Attention then turned to current traffic problems and the increase forecast as a result of the JR11 extension. These were unlikely to be addressed by the proposals for works financed out of the Developer's contributions that were being used in accordance with advice from HAMATS. These are currently used for minor road alterations, for

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subsidising new and amended bus services, including Park and Ride, to serve the Hospital with the aim of encouraging staff and patients not to use their cars and for the introduction of Resident's Parking Zones. There was extreme concern that HAMATS funding and proposals would not prevent this area being overwhelmed by traffic that was already causing severe congestion at peak times. It was therefore decided to refer the matter to the Member of Parliament and to invite him to view the situation on the ground and to advise a suitable course of action.

A letter was received from the City Council Highways Technical Officer stating that there was no undertaking that the kerbing in Oxford Road should be done. The Clerk would investigate and write appropriately.

The Clerk would write to Community Services to ascertain what progress to the mural was planned.

Attention of the City Council to be drawn to overhanging growth in Cherwell Drive near the Oxford Road junction.

Burial Ground

A draft of the specification for the maintenance contract, commencing on 1 January 2005 was approved

Other Matters

The Chairman was appointed to serve on the OXSRAD Committee for a further year. A letter of welcome to be sent to Mrs. S. Weynberg on her appointment as Librarian

Date of Next Meeting

7 December 2004

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