Minutes of Old Marston Parish Council Meeting 4th November 2014 at 7:30pm.

Present:

Parish Council

Charlie Haynes (CH) - Chairman Duncan Hatfield (DH) - Vice-Chairman

Patricia Hall (PH)
Angie Tiwari (AT)
John Batey (JB)
Tony Greenfield (TG)
Peter Cox (PC)

Michael Cadd (MC)
Michael O'Keefe (MO)
Barrie Lewis (BL)
Peter Williams (PW)
Tim Cann (Clerk)

City Council

Cllr Mick Haines (MH) Cllr Mary Clarkson (M)

Members of the Public: 5

CH asked if anyone intended to record the proceedings of the meeting. None.

14/11/01 Apologies for Absence:

ACTIONS

Nils Bartleet

14/11/02 Minutes of the last meeting held on 7th October were approved after changing AJ to AT on page 7. All agreed.

14/11/03 Requests from members of the public to speak:

None.

14/11/04 Matters Arising (omitting those for which an agenda heading follows)

None.

14/11/05 Planning

Applications to be decided

14/02874/FUL –146 Oxford Road – Erection of single storey rear extension – **NO OBJECTIONS**

14/02934/VAR – 2 Mortimer Drive – Variation of conditions 7 (removal of garage) and 9 (details excluded submit revised plans) of planning permission 10/03257/FUL (Two storey side and rear extension) to allow retention of the garage building until the works are complete.

- NO OBJECTION

Applications considered between meetings:-

14/02684/FUL – 72 Oxford Road – Erection of part single, part two storey rear extension. – **NO OBJECTIONS.**

Decisions:

14/02457/FUL - 39 Salford Road - WITHDRAWN

Signed by the Chairman.

Awaiting Decisions:

14/02188/FUL - 29 Marsh Lane

14/02448/FUL - 19 Cavendish Drive

14/02593/FUL - 19 Salford Road

14/02722/FUL - 9 Oxford Road

14/02750/FUL - 13 Elms Drive

14/11/07 County & City Council Reports

MH advised the meeting that he had met with David Tole regarding parking and David Tole had assured MH that the survey would be sent out in the next two weeks, he also handed in a petition with 1003 signatures regarding the parking issues. He also talked with David about the Tesco's development and it was agreed that the trees outside the old pub would now be kept but trimmed. The island crossing towards Crotch Crescent would also be staying.

M advised the meeting that she had a copy of the survey done in Cowley and perhaps that could be used. She is trying to get information on any 106/cli money. M has also been talking with the media regarding the parking issues and arranging for trees to be cut back along the Back Lane. With regard to the dog attacks, M reported that the owners are now forbidden to keep dogs at the property in Fairfax Avenue.

14/11/08 Boults Lane Development Project

CH advised the Council that the fundraiser is awaiting information and dates from Marston Saints FC for further meeting.

14/11/09 Recreation Ground

MH advised that the tree has been ordered would now be planted in Croft Road recreation ground.

14/11/10 Finance

a. Bank balance as at 29/10/2014 –
 Current account £12,654.86
 Newbury Building Society Account £200,000.00

Business Reserve account £18,729.21 Petty Cash balance £2.99

The following accounts to be paid:

	£ Incl. VAT	
NALC (Local Councils Explained Book)	55.99	
Clerk's Pay Including Expenses – October 2014.		
BGG (Ground Maintenance September 2014)	240.00	
Collins Debden (Chairman's 2015 Diary)	19.99	
SLCC Membership (Society of Local Council Clerks)	147.00	

Signed by the Chairman.

Charlie Haynes (Phone/Internet Usage October 2014)	20.00	
Petty Cash (Float)	200.00	
Petty Cash Expenditure :		
Tim Cann (Mileage for Openness training)	16.81	
Charlie Haynes (Mileage for Chairmanship training)	16.81	
INCOME :-		
Memorial Mrs Emsden	250.00	

b. Finance Committee recommendations for 2015-16 budget

The Clerk went through each line of the budget, document F14/10/A attached.

AT asked how often is the pest control used?

CH answered as and when needed.

JB asked do we pay for each visit?

CH answered no, it is a year contract for as many times needed.

PW Proposed the budget is accepted. Seconded MO. All in favour.

14/11/11 Grants Policy

CH informed the Council that for many years the Council had given grants to local organisations and charities, known as the "Christmas Grants" because they tended to be given out in December. The policy was:

Old Marston Parish Council consider each year grant applications from charities or organisations who are based in the Parish of Old Marston or who's work they undertake is for the benefit of parishioners of Old Marston. The amount given is at the Parish Council's discretion, however, the current maximum is £300

All agreed this was the current policy.

14/11/12 Highways

The parking survey was discussed in the respective city councillor's reports.

14/11/13 Openness Regulations Briefing

CH advised the meeting that this training session was attended by himself, PC and the Clerk and was found to be very informative. She is willing to run the same session for the Council at a cost of £300 plus travelling expenses. TG informed the meeting that the same lady ran the Roles & Responsibilities training which he attended and he found her very good.

MC proposed that we invite Liz Howlett to run the Openness Regulations Briefing. DH seconded. All in favour. Tuesday evenings would be favourable.

14/11/14 Burial Ground.

CH advised that Mrs R. Cox had decided to stop maintaining the cemetery. The Clerk, PC and CH will write a schedule of work which will be advertised and sent to interested contractors asking them to contact the Clerk.

14/11/15 Media Policy

It was agreed that it would be better to wait until after the openness training.

14/11/16 Website, Facebook, Twitter & Streetlife

DH informed the meeting that he was revamping the website. Twitter was becoming more popular and if anyone had any local news or picture's to send them to him to put on the website.

14/11/17 Information Sharing (including correspondence)

Email from Healthwatch newsletter. Letter to OMMLAA transferring ownership of container to them ORCC's Annual Review Clerk's & Council's Direct

CH advised that we had received the second half of year's precept.

CH advised that he felt it fitting that there is something within the parish in memory of TC Roy Jones. He suggested that it goes on the next agenda to have a plaque on the new bench.

AT said that there were benches being installed in various places in New Marston and asked why there were not any being installed in Old Marston.

M replied that the City Council were proposing to place's benches in Old Marston.

AG advised that the gate leading into the play area of Mortimer Hall recreation ground did not shut properly and therefore dogs could wander in.

CH replied that it was on the ROSPA report, not of a high "must do" priority. However it was on the list of things that needed doing.

AT advised that there are a lot of fallen leaves throughout the parish that had not been collected causing possible slip hazard. She agreed to call the Council to make them aware.

PH asked if there was any movement on getting waste bin installed at the end of Marston Ferry Road.

M replied that she would chase this up.

PC advised that there were a number of cycles being locked onto the railings of the Mortimer Hall recreation ground and just left.

Signed by the Chairman.

PH advised that there was a dip in the road by the bus stop on Cherwell Drive.

M replied that she had reported it but would chase up.

CH advised that after the December meeting there would be an informal gathering at the Red Lion as a thank you to all Parish, City and County Councillors for the work undertaken by them throughout the year.

Meeting closed 8:25pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd December 2014, 7:30pm at Mortimer Hall.