

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Old Marston Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5 October 2004
at the Mortimer Hall**

Members Present

Mr. C.W. Haynes Chairman
Mesdames Cox and Nurse
Messrs Bartleet, Cann, Cox, Holmes, McGinn and Swift
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner in attendance
City Councillor Mrs. M. Clarkson

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. C. Stone, Mrs. A. Tiwari, Mr. J. Batey and Mr. P. Cox and Councillor Mrs. C. vanZyl

Minutes

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

Matters Arising

to separate meeting re new case also was noted
The Clerk's draft Contractor's Conditions was amended and approved
Since the Allotment Association had written to the person concerned, about the incursion across the allotments, the Clerk had not written

North East Area Committee

Representative to report there were no matters

Correspondence

An opportunity to comment on the guiding principles available to the City Council in granting Licences under the 2003 Act was received. It was decided to recommend that applications should only be granted on undertakings from the applicants that unauthorised advertisements would not be used.

Planning

Decision

The following were reported:
69 Horseman Close - extension - approved
R/o 1/3 Nicholas Avenue - 2 flats - approved on appeal
17 Beechey Avenue - extension - appeal submitted

Other Matters

The Clerk would attend a meeting of the Development Control Users Group to try to stem the growing number of conversions of houses into flats being approved

Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment
In discussions with the Local Auditor it was agreed that £200 had already been paid in respect of 2003/04. The cheque drawn last month had been cancelled.

		£
Land Registry	Fee re. Boults Lane Land	40.00
D.S. Manson	Balance of Audit Fee	40.00
Thames Water	Burial Ground Water 2003/04	20.20

The Clerk was authorised, by the Council, to correct the accounts submitted to the National Auditor substituting £19,975 for £19,967 as determined by him

Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that he had written to the City Council to enquire the outcome of the claim on the City Council Capital Fund for contributions to the Back Lane footpath and the safety surfaces to the Boults Lane swings

He had also discussed with the City Disablement Officer the ramp required to the entrance to the Mortimer Site amusements. She had agreed that an eight-foot long ramp would be acceptable for each one foot of height gain

The Clerk had inspected the amusements on 30 September 2004 and found no matters of concern

The Clerk had written to Marston Saints drawing attention to the need for portable goal posts to be securely fixed at all times.

Marston Saints Football Club

Mr. Holmes had resigned as Chairman of the Club but would remain as a coach. Unfortunately the Club was two qualified coaches short of the required one for each team and could not now get the Charter needed before the Club would be eligible for grant for the new pavilion. He said that the all weather surface at St. Nicholas School proposed for community and school use could not be used for Club matches for which grass was required according to F.A. rules. He was still confident that the Club would get its Charter and be able to support a new pavilion in due course. In the meantime no further action could be taken. He would report further at the next meeting

Attention was drawn to the fact that the existing building had a limited life expectancy

Highways

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr & Mrs. Brown to thank them for their work to the verge in Elsfield Road that they were unable to continue. He had written to the Highway Maintenance Manager to ask the City Council to assume its responsibility and mow the verge. Mrs. Clarkson said that it would now be more appropriate to write to Mr. S. Hatton, Assistant Highway Manager.

The Chairman would raise, at the forthcoming meeting of HAMATS, reasons why the Pelican crossing at Marsh Lane had been delayed, why there was now a large gap in the No.14 bus service and why Old Marston was charged by the bus company at the upper rate as in Kidlington rather than the lower rate as Blackbird Leys.

The condition of the dropped road surface at Fane Road would be reported.

Burial Ground

The Clerk was asked to proceed with the tendering process for future maintenance allowing for four cuts each season, with a price for additional cuts.

Other Matter

It was decided to write to Mrs. Undy to thank her for her many years service as our Librarian and to wish her well in her retirement.

Date of Next Meeting

2 November 2004

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