

## Minutes of Old Marston Parish Council Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2007

**Present:-**

Charlie Haynes, Chairman (CH)  
 Wally Cox, Vice Chairman (WC)  
 Duncan Hatfield (DH)  
 Michael Cadd (MC)  
 Nils Bartleet (NB)  
 Roy Jones (RJ)  
 Michael Cadd (MC)  
 Gill Cox (GC)  
 Angie Tiwari (AT)  
 Peter Cox (PC)  
 Graham Swift (GS)

Cllr Mary Clarkson  
 Mr LeRoy Garner, Clerk (LG)  
 Mrs K Stratford, Minutes Secretary (KS)

1	<p><b>Requests from Members of the Public to Speak</b></p> <p>The Chairman reported he had received no requests.</p>	ACTION
2	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Mr Nils Bartleet, Mr John McGinn, Mr Hugh Dream, Cllr Caroline van-Zyl, Cllr Altaf Khan</p> <p>The Chairman requested that Councillors declare any personal interests at any point on the agenda.</p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b></p> <p>The minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2007 were confirmed with the amendment that Mr Hugh Dream had been omitted from the attendee list (<i>sincere apology from the minutes secretary for the oversight</i>) and signed.</p> <p>The Chairman was authorised to sign off minutes.</p>	LG
4	<p><b>Matters Arising from Minutes</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
5	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Oxfordshire Association for Local Councils – inviting nominations for Oxfordshire Partnership Executive Committee – no nominations.</p> <p>Members Code of Conduct – The Clerk to discuss separately with individual Parish Council members.</p> <p>Freedom of Information – Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils are holding a symposium on FOI on 13/11 at Stratfield Brake in Kidlington. £20 per person + VAT.</p>	ACTION

	<p>Risk Assessment symposium on 13/11 at Stratfield Brake in Kidlington. £20 per person + VAT.</p> <p>Request from Thames Water regarding water courses in Old Marston (the Clerk has replied).</p> <p>The Clerk has written to Oxford Association of Local Councils regarding the City's License to copy OS maps requesting more information. If a response has not been received by the next meeting, DH will arrange to buy a license for £55 per year.</p> <p>Nomination on Standards Committee to fill the role previously held by John Batey. Fred Moggeridge from Littlemore Parish Council has taken the role.</p>	
6	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>Meeting of development control users panel (6 monthly meeting) due to take place on 9/11. The Clerk to attend. He will raise the issue that again a major consultation took place during August – when none of the Parish Councils meet. This is the third time this has happened. No other issues to raise.</p> <p><b>Application determined between meetings</b> None</p> <p><b>Other Applications</b></p> <p><u>15 Gordon Close</u> – conservatory – no objections <u>3 Cotswold Crescent</u> – virtually identical submission – objections on the same grounds as previous application.</p> <p><b>Decisions</b> <u>2 Ponds Lane</u> – erection of side extensions, extension to garage – refused. <u>1 – 3 Nicholson Avenue</u> – gone to appeal <u>Bricklayers Arms</u> – porch – approved. 3-13 Cavendish Road – refused.</p>	LG
7	<p><b>Boults Lane Development Project</b></p> <p>Awaiting comment from Marston Saints to move the Sports Pavilion forward. Will hold a meeting once they are ready.</p> <p>Discussed the state of the trees behind the pavilion at Boults Lane. Not clear where the boundary is – i.e. who owns. Some of the overhanging branches appear to endanger the pavilion. As the trees are in a conservation area, we need permission to cut the overhanging branches. The Clerk to contact Kevin Caldicott and ask him to authorise as a matter of urgency in order to ensure the property is not damaged.</p>	CH  LG
8	<p><b>Recreation Grounds</b></p> <p>The top blew off a poplar tree in School Lane. This has been made safe and the tree man, Mr Acreman is coming to clean up and chop down the tree. The Clerk has written to Chris Leyland and asked him if we can cut down all the old trees as the Council believes</p>	LG ACTION



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### Finance Accounts

Total income £52,219.38. City Council precept paid in full. Expenses £33,218.05. Expect an overspend this year, but this was budgeted for.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Paid at meeting

		£
Lycro	Stationery	43.84
Allianz Insurance	Increased Fidelity bond	287.31
Thames Water	Burial ground supply	9.65
L.M. Garner	Salary and expenses	1957.48
Total Pest Control	Moles control	564.00

The Chairman requested expenditure over last 3 years.

LG

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### Allotments

AGM next month.

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### Web Site

The website has had it's busiest month yet, with nearly 12,000 visits.

DH requested that if anyone had pictures or old articles about the village to pass on to him for inclusion on the website.

The delivery date for the Clerk's computer has been delayed. To chase and, if necessary, purchase from an alternative supplier.

DH

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### Any Other Business

Noted need to do a risk assessment on the Clerk's study. CH to speak to the National Association of Local Governors to confirm what needs to be done and then the to be carried out. The issue would be the fire proof cabinet – could send some of the older Parish paperwork to the Oxford Archives.

CH

6 Cavendish Drive – problems reported with noise and anti-social behaviour. Noted the Parish Council has no powers, but recommend individuals contact Environmental Health and CANNACT both at Oxford City Council. Noted there had been arrests made.

Need to appoint a member to serve on the Old Marston Charities Trust. CH to continue in the role. Need to propose dates.

CH

Reminder to move forward with the sub-committee to talk about play equipment. GC, RJ and DH to sit, along with residents. Will work to involve school, pre-school and other interested groups. LG noted he could provide catalogues.

GC/RJ/  
DH

17	<p>Voluntary and community groups should apply now for Parish Grants. Write to Clerk for an application form.</p> <p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at 7:30pm. Agenda to be agreed.</p>	
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