

Minutes of the Old Marston Parish Council Meeting held on the 6th September 2021 at the Mortimer Hall from 7:00pm.

Present:

Parish Council:

Duncan Hatfield (DH) – Chairman	Pat Hall (PH) – Vice-Chairman
Mary James (MJ)	Charlotte Vinnicombe (CV)
Skye Denno (SD)	Peter Cox (PC)
Peter Williams (PW)	Mick Cadd (MC)
Alistair Morris (AM)	Tim Cann (Clerk)

Oxford City Council: Cllr Mick Haines (MH), Cllr Mary Clarkson (M)

Members of Public: 2

21/09/01 Intention to record the proceedings of the meeting: NONE.

21/09/02 Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillor Louise Milford – vacation, Parish Councillor Mick Bates – Work commitments, Parish Councillor Alan Spence – vacation, County Councillor Mark Lygo – Prior engagement.

21/09/03 Website and social media: Nothing to report.

21/09/04 Public, County & City Councillors & Thames Valley Police participation (if any requests received)

Thames Valley Police:

- a. Nothing received.
- b. **County & City Councillor Reports:** Mick Haines read out his traffic surveys for 2019 stating that he felt it showed how much traffic was a problem before any future developments. He is also very concerned about flooding. Pond Lane floods on a regular basis whilst before it was only occasionally. Mary Clarkson had a prior meeting so was late, therefore the Clerk read out her report: As I mentioned, I'm chairing a Licensing Committee at 6pm so am unlikely to get to Mortimer Hall much before 8, given that I'm currently reliant on buses and my own two feet. Here are just a few issues I've been dealing with over the summer:
 - I have asked the County Council today why the CPZ in Elms Drive has been extended to seven days a week without consultation, when it does not address the key problem of rat running traffic, which is a completely different issue, and when the original CPZ was working well.

Signed by the Chairman.

- I attended the #LoveMarstonLoveLife event yesterday, which was a successful and well attended event by people and groups from all ages and communities across Marston.
- I intend to take up with the County Council the three recent cases of serious damage to homes by speeding vehicles in Old Marston and urge them to look at physical traffic restrictions for non-residents.

c. **Public:** No members of the public wished to speak.

21/09/05 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th July 2021. It was **RESOLVED** these are a true record.

21/09/06 Matters Arising (omitting those for which an Agenda heading follows):
No matters arising.

21/09/07 Operational Checks:

- The Clerk reported that the weekly checks on the defibrillator had been carried out with no faults found.
- The Clerk reported that the weekly checks on the play equipment had been carried out with no faults found.

21/09/08 Neighbourhood Plan:

The Clerk confirmed that he had received five responses expressing an interest in helping. After some discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk organise a meeting with the five and any Parish Councillor wishing to attend.

21/09/09 Planning:

To review the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th August 2021 where the following resolutions were made:

- 21/01802/FUL – 58 Raymund Road – **NO OBJECTION.**
- 21/01841/FUL – 4 Southcroft – **NO OBJECTION.**
- 21/01690/FUL – 21 Salford Road – **NO OBJECTION.**
- 21/02101/FUL – 9 Gordon Close – **CONCERN WITH OVERDEVELOPMENT AND ASKED IF IT COULD BE CALLED IN.**
- Neighbourhood Plan: **Recommended a working party be formed to take the Neighbourhood Plan further.**
- Oxford Local Plan 2050 – **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE CLERK WOULD REPLY THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE CPRE'S COMMENTS.**

Decisions:

21/00884/FUL – 30 Arlington Drive – **APPROVED**

21/01154/FUL – 41 Oxford Road - **APPROVED**

Signed by the Chairman.

21/01237/FUL – 14 Nicholas Avenue - **APPROVED**

21/01298/FUL – 8 Cotswold Crescent – **APPROVED**

21/00752/FUL – 2 Lewell Avenue – **REFUSED**

21/00987/FUL – 3 Cavendish Drive – **APPROVED**

21/01255/FUL – Thurston, 3 Boults Close – **REFUSED**

21/01527/FUL – 7 Rippington Drive – **APPROVED**

21/01595/VAR – 20 Raymund Road – **APPROVED**

21/01689/FUL – 29 Salford Road – **APPROVED**

21/01648/FUL – 3 Horseman Close – **REFUSED.**

Awaiting Decisions:

20/02457/DEL – Willow Barn, Oxford Road

20/03034/FUL – Hill View Farm

21/01217/FUL – Land West of Mill Lane.

Applications to be decided:

- **21/02192/FUL – 20 Raymund Road** – Change of use of dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to a House of Multiple Occupation (Use Class C4) – **CONCERN WITH NUMBER OF HMO'S ALREADY IN THE AREA.**
- **21/02269/FUL – 33 Beechey Avenue** – Change of use from dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to House of Multiple Occupation (Use Class C4) (Retrospective) – **CONCERN WITH NUMBER OF HMO'S ALREADY IN THE AREA.**
- **21/01217/FUL – Land West of Mill Lane** – Erection of 80 residential dwellings (use Class C3) formed of 13 one-bedroom apartments and 28 two-, 35 three- and 4 four-bedroom houses with associated public open space, access and landscaping (Amended plans). – **CAN ONLY SEE THE ADDITION OF ONE TREE ON REVISED PLANS! IT WAS RESOLVED TO HOLD A WORKING PARTY MEETING ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROVISION FOR BOTH MILL LANE DEVELOPMENTS AND MARSTON PADDOCK DEVELOPMENT.**
- **21/02296/FUL – 66 Oxford Road** – Demolition of existing ground floor outrigger and erection of a single storey rear extension. – **NO OBJECTION.**
- **21/02103/FUL – 38 Beechey Avenue** – Demolition of existing garage. Erection of single storey rear extension. Formation of front porch. Insertion of 1no. window to side elevation. – **NO OBJECTION.**
- **Update on former Jack Russell Development:** Work is progressing.

- **Update on Back Lane petition- IT WAS RESOLVED THAT CV WOULD SUBMIT THE PETITION ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.**

21/09/10 Finance: Bank balance as at 30/07/2021 –

Current A/c £52,529.41 (including CIL £38,920.76) Business Reserve A/c £3,760.37

Unity Trust A/c. £30,148.21

Petty Cash £179.74

Skipton Building Society A/c £5,036.09 Newbury Building Society A/c £86,475.82

The following accounts to be paid:	£ Incl. VAT
Clerk's Pay Including Expenses, Pension, etc. – July & August 2021	
Dave Hook (Repair to MH Play Equipment)	150.00
BGG (Grass Cutting & Litter Picking June)	636.00
Newey & Eyre (Electrical Parts for Pavilion)	275.47
Total Pest Control (Quarterly Charge)	177.60
Microsoft (Windows Annual Fee)	79.99
Edmead Electrical (Work on Pavilion)	560.00
MP Security (Annual Service Charge)	135.04
GDT Fire Alarm Ltd (Annual Service Charge)	432.00
Glasdon UK Ltd (Cemetery Seat)	1,219.45
MPB (BL Car Park Resurfacing)	13,500.00
BT (Office Telephone)	123.15
Came & Co (Annual Insurance Policy)	3,101.99
TOTAL	£24,013.75
Petty Cash Expenditure:	(No expenditure)
INCOME:	
Wayleave	26.46
TOTAL	£26.46

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There was concern with the surfacing of the Boults Lane carpark. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would speak to the contractors to get reassurances of its durability and whether further measures were needed.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept these accounts.

To review the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 8th July 2021 where the following resolutions were made:

- To close all accounts with the NATWEST and transfer all funds to the Unity Trust Account. Once this has been completed Council could then transfer funds into interest bearing account(s). – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the resolution.

21/09/11 Insurance Renewal:

The Council is in the last year of a long term (3 year) agreement with Came & Co. It was **RESOLVED** to renew the policy at a cost of £3,101.99. The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th June were reviewed and the following recommendations decided:

21/09/12 Pavilion, Recreation Grounds & Cemetery:

- It was **RESOLVED** to replace the litter bins in the play area with covered bins.
- It was **RESOLVED** to replace the broken round-a-bout with an Inclusive Orbit similar to that already installed in the Boults Lane Play Area and this to come out of currently held CiL money.
- It was **RESOLVED** to accept the tender for cutting hedges at £1,512.00.
- It was **RESOLVED** to accept the request for an ashes plot at the parishioners rate.

21/09/13 Elsfield Road Lights:

It was **RESOLVED** not to accept the proposal of a sectioned-off part of the road. It was also **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would contact the County Council asking that they investigate installing streetlights at its expense as the Highways Authority.

21/09/14 Governance & Administration:

It was **RESOLVED** to allow advertising in the Newsletter for free to start.

21/09/15 Alternative Transport:

Alistair Morris proposed that the Parish Council seriously consider buying an electric vehicle for councillor/community use. After some discussion it was **RESOLVED** that this would be looked at by the Environment Committee.

21/09/16 Street Verges:

AM proposed the Parish Council should congratulate the City Council on its initiative. PH disagreed. AM proposed the Parish Council states that it

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supports in principle the initiative. PH disagreed. It was RESOLVED that Parish Council is divided over the initiative.

21/09/17 Accidents within the Parish:

There have been three serious accidents where properties have been badly damaged. MJ stated that there needs to be surveillance. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk contact the County Council asking for suggestions on safety.

21/09/18 Items of an urgent nature which have come to the Clerk's attention since the Agenda was set:

- No items of an urgent nature had been brought to the Clerk's attention.

21/09/19 Information sharing (including correspondence)

Rural Services Network Digest etc,

- OALC Newsletter
- Peter Cox, as chair of the PRG&C committee, and the Clerk met with the Tree Officer from the City Council regarding the tree work recommended from the Tree Survey. He felt that approximately 80% of the work was not necessary. The Clerk will therefore resubmit a revised schedule of work.
- MH advised that he still had a petition live, asking for a multistorey carpark at the John Radcliffe Hospital.
- MH has also paid for out of his allowance the refurbishment of benches outside the hairdressers on the Marston Road and on the corner triangle outside where the old Friar pub used to be.
- AM advised that the Head of St Nicholas School had contacted him regarding having the scarecrows in the Orchard Triangle. DH asked if they could give the Clerk official notification of this.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 4th October 2021 at 7pm in the Mortimer Hall.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:55pm

Signed by the Chairman.