

## MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

### AMENITIES AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the **Amenities and Open Spaces Committee** held on the 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough**, at 7.50 pm.

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<b>PRESENT</b>	Councillor G. Loosmore Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson Councillor S. Dobson Councillor B. Castle Councillor Mrs M. Rose Councillor B. Lam Councillor J. Cook Councillor A. Light	Chairman Town Mayor
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Mrs S. Parker Mrs S. Fry Mr. R. Beale  Mrs. S. Pryor Councillor M. Hall Councillor A. Ross Councillor N. Barrett-Morton Councillor A. Kirk Wilson	Town Clerk Office Manager Grounds and Estates Manager The Adviser Observing Observing Observing Observing

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- 322/14 APOLOGIES**  
An apology for absence was received from Councillor L. Farrell.
- 323/14 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST**  
There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.
- 324/14 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
The Chairman stated that as the agenda was reasonably short, he hoped that things could move forward quite quickly and efficiently.
- 325/14 MINUTES**  
**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 be approved and signed as a correct record.
- 326/14 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**  
The Town Clerk's report.
- 327/14 COOPER'S MEADOW**  
Following discussion it was –
- RESOLVED:** by 5 votes for with 2 against (Cllr. B. Castle voting against) and 1 abstention that the amendments to the Cooper's Meadow Management Plan be

agreed and that references to grazing rights are withdrawn so bringing it in line with the restrictions set out in the original lease and that the plan then be recommended to Full Town Council for adoption.

**328/14 STONEBRIDGE MEADOW**

Councillor Mrs M. Rose gave a short verbal report. She asked for volunteers to assist in the planting of approximately 1,000 bulbs on November 28<sup>th</sup> between 10am and 12 noon at the meadow.

**329/14 CEMETERY**

**(i) Grants of Exclusive Rights of Burial and Notices of Internment**

**RESOLVED:** that the contents of the report on Grants of Exclusive Rights of Burial be received and noted

**(ii) Memorials and Inscriptions**

**RESOLVED:** that the contents of the report on Memorials and Inscriptions be received and noted.

Richard Beale reported that the hedges around the cemetery would be cut within the next few weeks.

**330/14 FRIENDS OF THE OLD CEMETERY**

Councillor M. Rose gave a short verbal report.

It was agreed that –

- Terms of reference were required for this group
- It should be called the 'Friends of the Old Victorian Cemetery
- A contact database should be compiled of all those interested in joining the group

Councillor Rose reported that Kim Wakeham will be giving a talk on the Old Cemetery.

**331/14 VILLAGE GREEN AT ELCOT LANE**

Councillor Castle stated that he felt that it important that members of the Village Green Committee at Elcot Lane were contacted to discuss the following –

- Provision of an additional football pitch or improvements to the one already there.
- Trees to be planted on the eastern side of the allotments to nullify the stark appearance of the fence.
- The erection of a memorial stone on Elcot Lane Playing Field marking it as a Village Green.

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Clerk contacts members of the Village Green Committee to arrange a meeting. A representative from the Football Club and the Allotments Association be invited to the meeting.

**332/14 A & OS COMMITTEE – Budget 2015/2016**

Members considered the budget requirements for 2015/2016.

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the A & OS budget for 2015/2016 be recommended

to the F & P Committee subject to the following amendment –

4120 – 210 Street Furniture – Increase from £2,000 to £3,000

**333/14**

**TELEPHONE BOX – London Road**

Councillor Cook gave a short verbal report on this item. He explained that if the Council supports the idea of turning our London Road phone box into a solarbox and re-siting it somewhere in the High Street then he will investigate funding and sponsorship further.

**RESOLVED:** by 7 votes for with 1 abstention that members agree in principle to this proposal and that when additional information has been obtained it is reported to a future meeting of this committee.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed ..... Date .....  
Chairman