

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the **Recreation and Amenities Committee** held on **Monday 27th March, 2006**
in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 8.05 p.m.**

PRESENT	Councillor Mrs P. Dow Councillor B. Castle Councillor M. Cooper Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson Councillor M. Curtis Councillor R. Allen Councillor P. Cossey Councillor M. Gray	Chairman
ALSO PRESENT	Councillor S.R. Dobson Councillor G. Francis Councillor N. Fogg Mrs Pam Dobson Mrs Sue Fry Mr. L. Cowen	Observing Observing Observing Town Clerk Office Manager Wiltshire Gazette and Herald
	Plus 10 members of the public	

NOTICE OF MEETING – Public Notice of the meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12, paragraph 10 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

510/05 **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D. Parker

511/05 **DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST**

There were no Declaration(s) of Interest.

512/05 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(a) The Chairman thanked the Council Staff for all their hard work in arranging the Civic Memorial Service.

(b) Councillors were ask to inform the office as soon as possible with their date preferences for the meetings at the Business Park and the Golf Club.

(c) The Town Clerk reported that an issue has been raised concerning the Town Hall Toilets and that this would be put on the next agenda of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

(d) The Golf Club have written a letter informing the Council that they have to replace all their sewerage pipes and have asked permission to replace those that run across the Common. The Committee asked the Town Clerk to progress this and report back to the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

513/05

APPLICATION VILLAGE GREEN STATUS – ELCOT LANE PLAYING FIELD.

The Committee received an application made by Ms. J. Evans for Registration of Land at Elcot Lane Playing Field for Village Green Status.

Following a discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor M.P. Cooper, seconded by Councillor R. Allen and –

RECOMMENDED: by 4 votes for, with 2 against and 2 abstentions that as the Council are the land owners we note the application but take no further action.

514/05

ELCOT LANE PAVILION

The Town Clerk reported that she had still not received to date a reply to the two letters that had been previously sent to the Trustees regarding the condition of this building. The Town Clerk presented members of the Committee with photographs which clearly showed how the condition of the building has deteriorated during the past 6 months.

Following discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson, seconded by Councillor M. Curtis -

RECOMMENDED: unanimously that the Town Clerk investigate the conditions in the lease and then take forward to the next stage of action.

515/05

TREE – COOPERS MEADOW

The Committee received a request to plant a tree in Coopers Meadow.

Following a discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor M. Curtis, seconded by Councillor M. Gray and –

RECOMMENDED: by 4 votes for with 3 against that the Town Clerk contact the Tree Officer at Kennet District Council seeking his advice as regards the species of tree that could be planted in this area and should the planting go ahead then permission would have to be sought from Kennet District Council.

516/05

PRIORY GARDENS

The Committee received a request to use the Priory Gardens for a Wedding Reception.

Following a discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson,
seconded by Councillor P. Cossey and –

RECOMMENDED: by 5 votes for with 1 abstention that the use of the Priory Gardens be refused as a venue for a Wedding Reception because of possible disruption to nearby residents, the gardens are for public use so they cannot be closed to the general public, the Town Council have no licence for the sale of alcohol at the Priory Gardens and Crime and Disorder would have to be addressed.

517/05

CEMETERY (copy attached)

- (a) Exclusive Right of Burial
- (b) Memorial and Inscriptions.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm