### MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

### **FULL TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Full Town Council held on Monday, 27th March 2006 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 7.00 p.m.

#### **PRESENT**

Councillor B. Castle

Town Mayor

Councillor S. R. Dobson

Councillor M. P. Cooper

Councillor W. B. Cavill

Councillor G. Francis

Councillor Mrs. E. M. Hannaford-Dobson

Councillor Mrs. P. A. Dow

Councillor N. J. Fogg

Councillor M. Gray

Councillor Mrs. C. V. Jackson

Councillor M. C. Curtis

Councillor R. J. Allen

Councillor P. B. Cossey

Councillor A. R. Ross

Mrs Pam Dobson Town Clerk
Mrs. S. Fry Office Manager

Mr L. Cowen Wiltshire Gazette & Herald

8 Member of the public.

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

## 500/05 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D. L. Parker

# 501/05 **DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST**

None

#### 502/05 OPTIONS FOR COMMITTEES

Members had previously been circulated with proposals from the Policy Review Committee for a Committee system with limited delegated powers. Councillor Dobson presented the proposals and suggested amendments to the numbers of members for each Committee. Councillor Francis raised a point of order that the agenda did not state that the matter would be considered debated and a decision made this evening. Councillor Dobson pointed out that when presenting the Minutes of the Policy Review Committee at the last Full Council meeting he had explained that due to recent circumstances and the shortage of time before selection of committees it would be necessary to discuss the proposals. It was agreed that the following comments raised be considered by the Policy Review and a recommendation made to the Full Council on 24<sup>th</sup> April

The position of the Mayor if not in attendance

The role of the Deputy Mayor on Committees

Whether it will be mandatory for Councillors to sit on another Committee besides Planning

If political balance on committees needs to be maintained to apply for Quality Council status

The number and frequency of Committees

The quorum for the committees

That Property Committee terms of reference to include all assets and buildings

To give further consideration to the numbers for each Committee

Councillors were asked to submit any further comments to the Town Clerk in writing not later than Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2006.

# 503/05 SCHEDULE FOR MEETINGS

Members had previously been circulated with proposals from the Policy Review Committee for a timetable for meetings based upon the proposed Committee system. The Town Clerk suggested one amendment to move the meetings from 7<sup>th</sup> August back to 31<sup>st</sup> July, this would give a three week break which she understood was traditional.

RESOLVED: That the proposals be received and noted proposed by Councillor Francis, seconded Councillor Mrs. Hannaford-Dobson, agreed unanimously.

The Meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.