

## MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

### FULL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Full Town Council** held on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2011** in the **Court Room, Town Hall, Marlborough** at 7.00 pm.

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<b>PRESENT</b>	Councillor A. Ross Councillor S.R. Dobson Councillor G. Francis Councillor B. Castle Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson Councillor N. Fogg Councillor Mrs P. Dow Councillor A. Kirk Wilson Councillor Mrs E. Fogg Councillor R. Notton Councillor Mrs M. Rose Councillor G. Loosmore Councillor R. Pitts Councillor M. Houlden	Town Mayor
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Mr. Liam Costello Mrs Sue Fry Sgt. Ben Braine PCSO Mark Braithwaite Mr. N. Kerton Mr. G. Adams Revd. T. Seago	Town Clerk Office Manager Wiltshire Constabulary Wiltshire Constabulary Wiltshire Gazette Advisor

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**Mr. N. Kerton** – on a point of order, not a question, can you tell me how many days notice is required under the Local Government Act for a council meeting and more importantly when did the notice of agendas for this meeting go up on the Town Hall ?

**Town Clerk** – replied that 3 clear days are required.

**The Mayor** – ask for a show of hands as to whether they wished to proceed with this meeting.

**For** :- Councillors A. Ross, G. Francis, B. Castle, N. Fogg, Mrs P. Dow, A. Kirk Wilson, Mrs E. Fogg, R. Notton, Mrs M. Rose, R. Pitts and M. Houlden

**Against** :- Councillors S. Dobson and Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson.,

It was agreed that the meeting proceed.

### PRAYERS

Revd T. Seago opened the meeting with prayers.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**Mr. N. Kerton** – we keep hearing odd references to this council's vision 2015 but the public has never been told anything about it. Perhaps it will be like the scheme for the front of the Town Hall which made just four lines in the latest edition of the Greyhound whereas the Mayor's trip to the USA filled the entire front page. Can you let me have in writing please a full explanation of what 2015 is about, how much do you expect to spend on achieving it and where will the money be coming from?

**The Mayor** – thanked Mr. Kerton for his question

## **CRIME AND DISORDER**

**PCSO Mark Braithwaite** gave the following update –

Several burglaries have taken place in Marlborough and the surrounding Villages over the Christmas period.

Anti Social Behaviour has reduced since the report given at the last Council meeting as one of the main offenders knows that he will be dealt with soon.

On Saturday night there was a report of people fighting in Cardigan Road, six officers attended, it turned out to be high jinks and words of advice were given.

There have been two fires in toilets around the Town.

There is a need for more grit bins in Marlborough, there have been a spate of accidents recently caused by icy roads and pot holes.

All of the pubs and clubs in the area are being checked on a regular basis with regards to anti social behaviour, drugs and underage drinking.

**Councillor S. Dobson** – was one of the fires at the Chantry Lane toilets?

**Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson** – what time was the fire and have there been any other problems?

**PCSO M. Braithwaite** – there was a fire at Chantry Lane toilets and there have been some anti social problems. It is very dark in this area could there be more lights erected?

**Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson** – reported that she had been talking to Marlborough College regarding the provision of CCTV and was hopeful that they would work alongside the Council with possible funding.

**PCSO Mark Braithwaite** – Marlborough is a very soft target without CCTV.

**Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson** – could CCTV be put on the next F & P agenda for discussion?

**Councillor R. Pitts** - agreed.

**Councillor Mrs M. Rose** – would safety barriers on the steep hills into Marlborough help regarding the accidents that had occurred.

**PCSO Mark Braithwaite** – yes these would help.

**Councillor Mrs M. Rose** – could the Town Council write to Wiltshire Council regarding this?

**Councillor G. Francis** – when the cars park on either side of St. Martin's it reduces this road to one-way, vehicles are also parking on Poulton Hill do the police have any jurisdiction over this?

**Sgt. Ben Braine** – replied that if vehicles are causing an obstruction they can be served with a fixed penalty or the vehicles can be removed.

He also reported he understood that the College would not engage with the Town regarding CCTV.

**Councillor G. Loosmore arrived at 7.20 pm.**

## **TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS TO AND FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCILLORS AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

**Councillor R. Notton** – over the Christmas period and during the bad weather all of the bins were emptied on time. Could Wiltshire Councillors pass on our thanks to the refuse collectors for all their hard work?

**Councillor Mrs P. Dow** – could a letter be sent from the Town Council expressing our thanks. This was agreed by all.

**Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson** – could the installation of lighting be addressed in Chantry Lane?

**Councillor N. Fogg** – replied that he understood that this was a private road and not the responsibility of Wiltshire Council.

**Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson** – could this item be placed on a Property agenda for discussion and also give consideration to closing these toilets at night.

**Councillor M. Houlden** – who should be approached for permission to attach a defibrillator to the wall of the Library, there would be a need for a power supply to keep the cabinet at a certain temperature, this would cost approximately £7 to £10 per year to run.

**Councillor N. Fogg** – agreed to take this forward.

### **373/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors' A. Spranger and Mrs C. Jackson

### **374/10 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **375/10 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor wished everyone a Happy New Year.

The Mayor welcomed Councillor N. Fogg back following his recent operation.

The Mayor thanked Councillors for the courteous way in which they have conducted themselves during meetings.

The Mayor suggested that a meeting with all interested organisations and clubs be held to discuss arrangements for celebrating the Royal Wedding. One suggestion is to hold an Ox Roast on the Recreation Ground.

Item 12 on the agenda will be moved to the end of the meeting and item 13 will remain in part 2 due to the nature of the business to be discussed.

**376/10 MINUTES**

Proposed by Councillor A. Kirk Wilson, seconded by Councillor G. Loosmore and –

**RESOLVED:** by 12 votes for with 2 abstentions to receive, approve and sign as a true record the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2010.

**377/10 COUNCIL BUDGET FOR 2011/2012**

**Councillor S. Dobson** – Mr. Mayor, on a point of order, I do not believe that this Council can vote at this meeting on the recommended precept before us for the coming financial year.

Our Standing Orders under 54.2 clearly state that :-

‘Any Committee desiring to incur expenditure shall give the Town Clerk a written estimate of the expenditure recommended for the coming year no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> November’

Our most recent Standing Orders which were agreed at the last Full Council meeting under 19(b) clearly state :-

‘Any Committee desiring to incur expenditure shall give the Proper Officer a written estimate of the expenditure recommended for the coming year no later than December’

Sadly I have no record of the Property Committee of which I am a member voting on a desired estimate of expenditure for 2011/2012 and no record of the Committee giving the Chairman of the Committee delegated powers to act on our behalf.

Therefore the Property Committee must meet and discuss desired expenditure before this Council can vote on the proposed budget and precept.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting from 7.43 pm to 7.47 pm to take advice from the Town Clerk and Chairmen concerned.

Following a discussion it was agreed that this item be postponed and that a Property meeting be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> January followed by a Full Town Council meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> January.

**378/10 WILTSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY**

The Council considered a consultation document on Local Policing. It was agreed unanimously that Councillors should fill in their own consultation document and send back should they wish.

**379/10 SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS**

**November 2010**

It was agreed that the Schedule of Accounts for July, 2010 be received and signed by the Chairman.

**December 2010.**

It was agreed that the Schedule of Accounts for December, 2010 be received and signed by the Chairman.

**380/10 TOWN COUNCIL BALANCES**

It was agreed that the Town Council Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 be received and signed by the Chairman.

**381/10 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS' ATTENDING OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS.**

- a) Community First: First News – Winter 2010
- b) CPRE Wiltshire: Branch Newsletter – November, 2010.
- c) North Wessex Downs AONB: e-bulletin – November, 2010.
- d) Marlborough River Partnership: Minutes of meeting 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2010.

Councillor R. Pitts reported that the date of the MAVCAP meeting has been changed from the 19<sup>th</sup> January to the 26<sup>th</sup> January.

**382/10 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME**

**Councillor S. Dobson** – In view of the current economic climate we find ourselves in, will the Finance and Policy Committee ensure that the Full Council is kept informed on a monthly basis how our actual income and expenditure on each individual heading compares to that forecast in our budget? Thereby allowing all Councillors who have corporate responsibilities for public money the opportunity to monitor the Town's finances and decide on any changes that may be required.

**The Mayor** – replied that Standing Order 18(b) states that the information will be provided on a quarterly basis.

**Councillor S. Dobson** – requested that the F & P Committee discuss the possibility of this information be provided at Full Town Council meetings which is every 6 weeks.

The Chairman of F & P agreed to take this to Committee.

**383/10 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION – copies available in office**

- a) Letter of thanks from Marlborough and District Athletics for grant.
- b) Letter of thanks from Help the Heroes for donation
- c) Letter of thanks from St Johns Ambulance for grant
- d) Letter of thanks from Phoenix Brass Band for grant
- e) Letter of thanks from St Peters School for grant
- f) Letter of thanks from Greatwood for grant
- g) Letter of thanks from Home Start for grant
- h) Letter of thanks from Relate for grant
- i) Letter of thanks from Age UK Wiltshire for grant

**Councillor S. Dobson** stated that in the interest of the public he felt that agenda items 14 and 16 should not be held under part 2 regulations.

**The Mayor** replied that due to the fact that management and financial implications were to be discussed then these 2 items would remain under part 2 regulations.

**Councillor S. Dobson** requested that a named vote be taken regarding this matter.

**Agenda Items 14 and 16 to remain in part 2 :-**

**For :-** Cllrs A. Ross, G. Francis, B. Castle, N. Fogg, Mrs P. Dow, A. Kirk Wilson, Mrs E. Fogg, G. Loosmore, and R. Pitts.

**Against :-** Cllrs S. Dobson, Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson, R. Notton and Mrs M. Rose

**Abstention: -** Cllr. M. Houlden

Mr. N. Kerton requested that a statement be given to the press when available.

**384/10 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, if it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

**385/10 STONEBRIDGE MEADOW**

The Council considered matters relating to the purchase of Stonebridge Meadows.

**386/10 CIVIC AWARD**

The Council considered a recommendation from the Finance and Policy Committee

**387/10 TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE**

The Council considered correspondence related to Marlborough Tourist Information Centre.

**388/10 SEALING OF DOCUMENTS**

Proposed by Councillor S.R. Dobson, seconded by Councillor G. Francis and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Common Seal of Marlborough Town Council be affixed to all documents necessary to give effect to the decisions of the meetings of this Council.

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The meeting closed at 8.56 pm