

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the **Amenities and Open Spaces Committee** held on the 9th June, 2014 in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough**, at 7.40 pm.

PRESENT	Councillor G. Loosmore Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson Councillor S. Dobson Councillor B. Castle Councillor Mrs M. Rose Councillor B. Lam Councillor L. Farrell Councillor A. Light	Chairman Town Mayor
ALSO PRESENT	Mrs S. Parker Mrs S. Fry Mr. R. Beale Councillor A. Ross Mrs. S. Pryor Mr. G. Isaaman Plus 1 member of the public	Town Clerk Office Manager Grounds and Estates Manager Observing The Adviser Marlborough News Online

57/14 APOLOGIES
An apology for absence was received from Councillor J. Cook

58/14 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST
There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

59/14 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Chairman reported that work at the River Og had been completed by ARK.

60/14 MINUTES
RESOLVED: by 7 votes for with 1 abstention that the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 24th March, 2014 be approved and signed as a correct record.

A copy of the final proofs for the Stonebridge Meadow interpretation boards be sent to Councillor S. Dobson.

61/14 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
It was agreed that that the contents of the Town Clerk's report be noted.
The following points were raised –

- **Telephone Boxes** – A request was made for the Grounds Team to clean and weed around the telephone box in front of the Jubilee Centre. Further investigation to be carried out regarding its ownership and also the status of those boxes already in the ownership of the Town Council. This item to be placed on the next agenda of this committee.
- **Cooper's Meadow** - This item to be placed on the next agenda of this committee.

62/14

GROUNDS AND ESTATES MANAGER'S REPORT

It was agreed that GEM's report be noted. Main points discussed included:

- Erection of a graffiti wall possibly at the Salisbury Road Recreation Ground
- That the 'Welcome to Marlborough' signs be put back in place
- A letter to be sent to Aster regarding the possible replacement of the fence at Priory Gardens due to its poor state
- A request that Councillor Ross passes on contact details for the trustees of the Boxing Club so that they can be contacted regarding the litter and general upkeep of the area around the Club.
- Letters are sent to the purchasers of those graves that have been dug and turned into gardens requesting that they maintain them otherwise they will be returned to lawns graves
- Councillor Castle reported that the Plume of Feathers Garden is being worked.

The following resolutions were made-

RESOLVED: unanimously that a Clearing Saw be purchased, quotations to be sought prior to purchase in line with Financial Regulations.

RESOLVED: unanimously that a new set of adult sized football posts be purchased for the Recreation Ground at Salisbury Road in line with Financial Regulations.

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STONEBRIDGE MEADOW

Councillors noted the Stonebridge Meadow Committee minutes of the meeting held on the 16th May.

An event to help inform the public about work at Stonebridge Meadow was to be held on 21st June in the Town Hall between 10am – 1pm.

A number of amendments were agreed for inclusion in the draft consultation document. The consultation would run for 6 weeks.

A provisional date of the 10th July had been suggested for a meeting between Marlborough Town Football Club, ARK and Marlborough Town Council to discuss a proposal to extend pitches from the Elcot Lane site into part of the adjacent scrub area of the meadow.

RESOLVED: That it be delegated to the Town Clerk with the Chairman to incorporate amendments into the Stonebridge Meadow consultation document which should be passed onto ARK so that the consultation can start. If there are further issues around wording then another draft should be submitted to Full Council.

64/14

MARLBOROUGH COMMON

Members noted the report from the Town Clerk and the minutes of the Common Users Group.

Proposals for the trim trail were discussed and the following points agreed –

- That clarification be sought from Wiltshire Council as to accepted locations for the equipment (particularly with regard to siting it cross a road)

- That the selected pieces of equipment to be taken back to the CUG for their approval.

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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.

(iii) Community Clear-Up Day

Members noted the date of the next Community Clear-Up day – 15th June. This would be widely advertised

(iv) Student Request

It was agreed that the request received from a mature student who is working towards a Masters Degree be agreed. This would involve further work around records of the Old Cemetery

65/14

USE OF OPEN SPACES

The content of the Town Clerk’s report was noted.

Food and Drink Festival 2015 – Following a successful first event in May, the organisers would like to return in 2015. The proposed dates were 16th/17th May 2015. The CUG had already given its support for a Food and Drink Festival 2015.

RESOLVED: that the Food and Drink Festival 2015 be granted the use of The Common on the 16th/17th May, subject to the usual conditions.

The update on the Civil War Re-enactment on 26/27 July was noted.

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PLANTING OF FRUIT TREES ON OPEN SPACES

Members noted the report on the planting of fruit trees.

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MARLBOROUGH IN BLOOM

The report from Councillor Mrs M. Rose was noted. The Community Co-ordinator for Marlborough and the Parish Steward had offered their assistance by working with the Town Council and the Marlborough in Bloom Committee towards judging day on Tuesday, 8th July.

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ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

The Minutes of the Allotment Association were noted

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SMOKEFREE PLAY PARKS

It was agreed that further investigation and cost implications be sought before any decision was made before joining this campaign.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed
Chairman

Date