

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the **Amenities and Open Spaces Committee** held on the 28th July, 2014 in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough**, at 8.50 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 J. Cook Councillor A. Light	Chairman Town Mayor
ALSO PRESENT	Mrs S. Parker Mrs S. Fry Mr. R. Beale Mrs. S. Pryor Mr. N. Goodwin Councillor A. Ross Councillor M. Hall Councillor N. Barrett-Morton	Town Clerk Office Manager Grounds and Estates Manager The Adviser Marlborough News Online Observing Observing Observing

149/14 APOLOGIES
An apology for absence was received from Councillor L. Farrell.

150/14 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST
There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

151/14 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Chairman thanked the outside staff and the Town Clerk for all their hard work in making the Civil War Re-enactment such a great success.

Complaints had been received regarding a number of uncultivated allotments on the Stonebridge Meadow site. When the invoices are issued in September a copy of condition 3. of the allotment agreement would be enclosed with each one.

152/14 MINUTES
RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 9th June, 2014 be approved and signed as a correct record.

153/14 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
It was agreed that the contents of the Town Clerk's report be noted.
The following observations were made –
Mill Wheel – Councillor Castle reported that a possible site for the Mill Wheel had been identified. It was agreed that this be discussed at the next meeting.

River Og. Project Work – due to time constraints ARK had carried out fencing work at Tin Pit. The site had still to be cleared before the public could access the river. Responsibilities for the area remained unclear.

154/14

GROUNDS AND ESTATES MANAGER'S REPORT

It was agreed that GEM's report be noted

The following observations were made –

- Following the erection of signs, dog fouling had decreased in the Churchyard but was still a problem at the Recreation Ground in Salisbury Road.
- If the budget allowed, flower planters should be placed on the New Road railings next year.
- Two members of the outside staff had successfully passed their chainsaw course.
- Calne Town Council had recently taken the issue of dog fouling enforcement in-house. The Town Clerk was asked to liaise with Calne Town Council for more information.

153/14

STONEBRIDGE MEADOW

Councillors noted the Town Clerk's update report and the Management Committee minutes of the meeting held on the 9th July.

Discussion centred on the

- The need for a structured document between ARK and the Town Council clearly setting out responsibilities
- A meeting to be arranged with ARK prior to the next meeting of this committee so that this document can be formalised.

154/14

COOPER'S MEADOW

The Grounds and Estate Managers report was noted. Discussion centred on the options put forward around the drafting of a Management Plan.

A named vote was requested –

For – Councillors Dobson, Hannaford-Dobson and Light

Against – Councillors Castle, Lam, Cook and Loosmore.

RESOLVED: by 3 votes for with 4 against that the Management Plan for Cooper's Meadow be written with Option 2 as the focus – 'To manage for amenity use first and conservation second and to include some input from ARK and to allow grazing'

This proposal was lost.

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Management Plan for Cooper's Meadow be written with Option 2 as the focus – 'To manage for amenity use first and conservation second, to include some input from ARK especially with regard to the river and its bank and to allow grazing.'

Councillor Mrs M. Rose left the meeting at 9.40pm prior to the vote being taken.

155/14

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.

(iii) Management of Old Cemetery

RESOLVED: that the establishment of a 'Friends of the Old Cemetery' group be investigated through advertising in the local press and media.

156/14

MARLBOROUGH IN BLOOM

The content of the Town Clerk's report was noted. The Chairman on behalf of the Council thanked the Town Clerk, the Grounds and Estates Manager and the Grounds Team for their hard work towards Marlborough's entry into South West in Bloom. The results would be known on 18th September.

157/14

TELEPHONE BOXES

The Town Clerk's report was noted.

RESOLVED: i) that the Council's appreciation be passed on to Manton residents for keeping their phone box so well maintained and congratulate them on their innovative approach for its future use.

ii) that the logistics of moving the phone box in London Road be investigated and a decision on its future use be deferred until the next meeting of this committee.

The meeting closed at 10.02 pm

Signed
Chairman

Date