

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

FULL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Full Town Council** held on **Monday 30th July, 2012** in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough** at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT	Councillor Mrs E. Fogg Councillor S.R. Dobson Councillor G. Francis Councillor B. Castle Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson Councillor N. Fogg Councillor A. Ross Councillor A. Kirk Wilson Councillor Mrs M. Rose Councillor G. Loosmore Councillor R. Pitts Councillor Mrs C. Jackson. Councillor N. Barrett-Morton	Town Mayor
ALSO PRESENT	Mr. Derek Wolfe Mrs Sue Fry Mr. G. Isaaman Mrs V. Compton Mrs E. Hendry Mr. C. Winchcombe Mr. G. Young	Town Clerk Office Manager Marlborough News Online Candidate Candidate Candidate Candidate

204/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs P. Dow and A. Spranger.

205/12 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

206/12 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor made the following statement –

This special meeting of the Town Council has been called because of Robin Notton's resignation. At that time, it was reported in the Gazette and Herald that he had alleged bullying by certain members of the Council. I wrote to him on June 11th and, subsequently emailed on the 26th to ask for chapter and verse on his accusation. None has been forthcoming. I request, therefore, that the Gazette give equal coverage to this announcement since the original report brought the good name of this council into disrepute.

207/12 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR NOTTON – Casual Vacancy

A letter of resignation had been received from Councillor Robin Notton on 22nd May. As a result, a casual vacancy existed in the Council’s membership (East Ward) which was advertised in the usual way, but there was no demand for a poll.

Wiltshire Council advised the Town Council that it was therefore authorised to co-opt a local elector to serve until the next full Council elections in May 2013. The casual vacancy was advertised on the Council’s website, as well as on local notice-boards, inviting candidates to apply in writing.

RESOLVED: that the foregoing information be received and noted.

208/12 SELECTION OF LOCAL ELECTOR

The Council was informed that four local electors had applied for the casual vacancy, namely Mrs Compton, Mrs Hendry, Mr. Winchcombe and Mr. Young. Following advice from the Mayor and Town Clerk, a process was determined for selecting one local elector to serve on Marlborough Town Council until 3rd May, 2013, as set out below:-.

- (a) Each candidate would be brought into the Council Chamber in turn, and invited to give an oral presentation not to exceed three minutes;
- (b) The Chairmen of the Council’s Committees and the most senior Councillor would each ask individual candidates one question;
- (c) Councillors were permitted to ask supplementary questions relating to each candidates presentation, questions and answers not to exceed 5 minutes per candidate;
- (d) A paper ballot (or ballots) would then be held to determine the successful candidate.

RESOLVED: that candidate Mrs Val Compton be co-opted as a member of Marlborough Town Council until the next full elections on 3rd May, 2013.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed
Chairman

Date