

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities and Open Spaces Committee** held on the 8th September, 2011 in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 6.00pm**

PRESENT	Councillor R. Pitts Councillor B. Castle Councillor A. Spranger Councillor Mrs C. Jackson	Chairman
ALSO PRESENT	Mr. Liam Costello Mr. Mark Heelis	Town Clerk Environment Agency

206/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Kirk Wilson, Mrs E. Fogg, and Mrs M. Rose

207/11 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

208/11 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bowls club had made councillors most welcome at the event the previous Saturday and demonstrated what a wonderful community resource the club is.

The Chairman attended SALTEX exhibition the previous day, along with members of staff, which he found very useful. He would be discussing some proposals from the visit at the next AOS committee meeting.

The Transition Town meeting is taking place in the Town Hall on Monday. The meeting takes place at 7:30pm.

There has been some vandalism at the Salisbury Road Recreation Ground on the disabled play area, and the zip wire is out of action at the moment due to maintenance problems.

209/11 MINUTES

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th June, 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

210/11 MARLBOROUGH FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

Mark Heelis of the Environment Agency gave a report to the Committee on the background and history behind the need for the proposed Flood Alleviation Scheme for Kennet Place. He reported that Wiltshire Council have also agreed to the

partnership approach, and that it was hoped that the agreement would be ready for consideration by the partners shortly. Once the agreement was signed, this would unlock additional funds to allow further preparatory work to take place.

Mark Heelis then answered members questions on the following areas

- Upstream fish migration, which is currently limited on the River Kennet to Marlborough by the sluice gates at the Town Mill and Coopers Meadow. There is the possibility of installing fish ladders to alleviate this issue.
- The horse trough in Coopers Meadow and the possibility of installing a hydrologic pumping system to feed the trough.
- The Egress of spring waters into the River Kennet at Kennet Place and the impact these could have on any proposed structure
- Cost of the works, and contract penalties for project overrun.
- The effects of the operation of the sluice gates upstream of Marlborough
- Surface water runoff flooding
- River based energy generating schemes

The Chairman thanked Mark Heelis for attending and giving members of the committee the opportunity to question him.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm