

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES

Minutes of a meeting of the **Finance and General Purposes Committee**, which was held on **Monday 28th February 2005** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 7.40pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs C. V. Jackson	Vice-Chairman
Councillor G. Francis	Town Mayor
Councillor Mrs H. A. Cripps	Mayor-Elect
Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford	
Councillor Mrs P. A. Dow	
Councillor N. J. Fogg	
Councillor M. Gray	
Councillor P. B. Cossey	
Councillor A. R. Ross	
Councillor B. Castle	Observed
Graham Gittins	Town Clerk
Jonathan Mansfield	Civic Secretary

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APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S. R. Dobson and Councillor D. L. Parker. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman assumed the Chair.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were no Chairman's announcements.

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MINUTES:

RECOMMENDED: That the Minutes of the meeting, which was held on Monday 17th January 2005 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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HMS MARLBOROUGH:

Proposed by Councillor N. J. Fogg, seconded by Councillor Mrs P. A. Dow and –

RECOMMENDED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the HMS Marlborough Working Party, which was held on Tuesday 22nd February 2005, be received.

530/04 ACCESS TO No. 3 KINGSBURY STREET:

The Committee considered a request from a potential buyer of No. 4 Kingsbury Street who is requesting a right of way through the access alley at No. 3 Kingsbury Street.

The Committee were informed that there is a fire escape from the flat at 4 Kingsbury Street at the rear of the alley and also that the alley has been used in the past for deliveries to the shop at No. 4.

Following debate on the depreciation of the value of the flats at No. 3 Kingsbury Street and the necessary legal position it was –

Proposed by Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford, seconded by Councillor N. J. Fogg and –

RECOMMENDED: Unanimously, to reject this application and state that there is no right of way for deliveries along this alley, which can be used solely for the purpose of emergency escape.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would clarify the situation with the Town Council's Solicitors and request that they write to the applicant.

531/04 COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS:

The Committee were asked to consider providing funding for a Community Support Officer (referred back from Full Town Council, Minutes No. 466/04).

Proposed by Councillor G. Francis, seconded by Councillor Mrs P. A. Dow and –

RECOMMENDED: By 7 votes to 0 votes with 1 abstention, that while Marlborough Town Council supports the notion and applauds the initiative of having a Community Support Officer, this Council is not in a position to assist financially.

532/04 BUDGETS MONTH 10:

The Town Clerk said that the budget report up to 31st January 2005 showed a projected deficit of approximately £25,000.00. He said that this would be reduced by £7,500.00 net to £17,500.00 deficit when the Town Hall rate reduction was entered in February 2005 accounts. A reduced, projected income of £6,000.00 for the Town Hall; £3,000.00 for the Cemetery and £1,000.00 for open spaces accounts for £10,000.00 of the deficit. This, together with £2,500.00 for the website and £1,000.00 for the Christmas Tree on The Green (both not budgeted) and £4,000.00 for the renovation of Flat 1A Kingsbury Street, accounts for the current projected loss.

533/04 SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS:

(a) December 2004

RECOMMENDED: That the Schedule of Accounts for December 2004 in the sum of **£22,660.19** including reimbursement to the No.2 Account in the sum of **£6,385.83** be approved and signed by the Chairman.

(b) January 2005

RECOMMENDED: That the Schedule of Accounts for January 2005 in the sum of **£23,118.36** including reimbursement to the No.2 Account in the sum of **£6,425.87** be approved and signed by the Chairman.

534/04 TOWN COUNCIL BALANCES:

The Town Council Balances as at 31st January 2005 were received.

Meeting closed at 7.56pm