

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Finance and Policy Committee** held on **Tuesday 23rd May, 2006**, in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 8.10 p.m.**

PRESENT	Councillor A.R. Ross Councillor B.D. Castle Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson Councillor Mrs P. Dow Councillor D.L. Parker Councillor R.J. Allen	Chairman Town Mayor
ALSO PRESENT	Mrs Pam Dobson Mrs Sue Fry Mrs Linda Chapman Councillor S.R. Dobson Councillor G. Francis Councillor Mrs C.V. Jackson Councillor M.C. Curtis Councillor P.B. Cossey Mr. L. Cowen	Town Clerk Office Manager Civic Secretary Wiltshire Gazette & Herald

NOTICE OF MEETING – Public Notice of the Meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12, paragraph 10 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972

- 44/06 **APOLOGIES**
- An apology for absence was received from Councillor N. Fogg.
- 45/06 **DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST**
- There were no Declarations of Interest
- 46/06 **CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- The Chairman Councillor A.R. Ross welcomed members to the Finance and Policy Committee
- 47/06 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE**
- Proposed by Councillor A.R. Ross, seconded by Councillor P.B. Cossey and -
- RESOLVED:** By 3 votes for with 1 abstention that Councillor D.L. Parker be elected as Vice Chairman of the Finance and Policy Committee for 2006/2007

48/06

MINUTES

Proposed by Councillor B. Castle, seconded by Councillor Mrs P. Dow and –

RECOMMENDED: Unanimously that the Minutes of the 17th May, 2006 be received, approved and signed as a true record.

49/06

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The committee considered the Terms of Reference for the Finance and Policy Committee as agreed by the Policy Review.

Proposed by Councillor D. Parker, seconded by Councillor B. Castle and –

RECOMMENDED: Unanimously that the Terms of Reference for the Finance and Policy Committee be received with the following amendments.

3. After the word vire (transfer) be inserted in brackets.

6. After to discuss all grant applications 'in February' be inserted.

6. 'In exceptional cases other grant applications maybe considered' be added.

50/06

POLICY REVIEW

The committee considered the items still requiring review, after discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor R. Allen, seconded by Councillor D. Parker and –

RECOMMENDED: Unanimously that the Policy Review Committee be re-instated as a sub committee and that Councillor S.R. Dobson be the Chairman.

51/06

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

The committee considered the Grant Application Form, after discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor Mrs P. Dow, seconded by Councillor D. Parker and –

RECOMMENDED: Unanimously that the Grant Application Form be adopted, that the forms should be returned by the 31st October of each year for consideration in February of the following year, the cheques will then be presented at Mayor Making each year. This will be advertised via local media each year.

52/06

CHRISTMAS DECORATIVE LIGHTING

The Town Clerk informed members that she had arranged an informal meeting with interested parties regarding the Christmas Decorative Lighting to be held on Tuesday 30th May, 2006 at 7.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. After discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson, seconded by Councillor Mrs P. Dow and -

RECOMMENDED: Unanimously that the Mayor will welcome attendees to the meeting and that Councillors A. Ross, Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson, S.R. Dobson, and Mrs P. Dow along with the Town Clerk Mrs Pam Dobson will also attend the meeting.

53/06

MAYORAL COMMEMORATIVE PHOTOGRAPHS

The committee considered a request by the Town Mayor on the Council policy regarding Mayoral Commemorative Photographs. Councillor A.R. Ross recommended that all our photographs be copied and stored electronically. After discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor R. Allen, seconded by Councillor D. Parker and –

RECOMMENDED: By 3 votes for with 2 against that Black and White photographs remain the policy of the Town Council.

54/06

BLUE PLAQUE SCHEME

The committee considered a request from Mr. David Leech regarding the installation of a Blue Plaque to commemorate Pelham Puppets and the Manton Residents Association regarding a Blue Plaque for the village “Pound”. After discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor D. Parker, seconded by Councillor Mrs P. Dow and –

RECOMMENDED: By 4 votes for with 1 against that no action be taken on these items.

The meeting closed at 9.12 p.m.