

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a SPECIAL MEETING of the MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL held on MONDAY, 5th MARCH, 1990 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 7.00 p.m.

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PRESENT

Councillor M. P. Cooper	Town Mayor
Councillor L. H. Bulley	Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor Mrs. H. A. Castle	
Councillor Mrs. O. L. Delyle-Turner	
Councillor S. R. Dobson	
Councillor J. N. Fogg	
Councillor A. V. Gray	
Councillor C. M. Green	
Councillor R. S. Notton	
Councillor I. J. Perryman	
Councillor D. I. Smithers	
Councillor Mrs. J. E. Western	
Mr. A. W. Skittrall	Town Clerk

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. J. C. Evans, Mrs. J. M. A. Goodfellow, Mrs. L. M. Ross and J. S. T. West

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PRAYERS

The meeting commenced with Prayers, said by the Town Mayor, Councillor M. P. Cooper.

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EDUCATION POLICY FOR MARLBOROUGH

The Town Mayor, Councillor Cooper welcomed Mr. J. S. Harris, Assistant Director - Education Development and Planning

Mr. Harris said that he had come along to inform the Town Council of the County Council's Education Property Review proposals to improve school facilities. The County Council's proposals were outlined as follows -

(i) St. Lukes


This school would be closing in 1991 and it was important to find a new home for the Under 5's, the ideal place would be next to the Infants School on Van Diemens Allotments. It was not essential for the other departments to stay in Marlborough as the pupils came from a much wider area.

(ii) Infants School

No significant changes proposed.

(iii) St. Peter's Junior School

It is proposed to move the present location to a new purpose built building either to Elcot Lane or Van Diemens. The existing school would be used for Social Services, Police and a Magistrates Court.



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(iii) St. Peter's Junior School ctd

There were problems with traffic in Elcot Lane and the best solution may be a land exchange with the Town Council for Van Diemens. The Governors were in favour of Van Diemens.

(iv) Preshute School

A new school here was dependent on the Public Inquiry which, if found in favour of a development at the rear of the existing school site, would result in a new school being built. However, the scheme contravened the County Structure Plan but if the go-ahead is given at the Inquiry, then education will benefit very much in Manton.

(v) St. John's School

The intention was the amalgamation of the school on to the Stedman campus with the provision of an all-weather sports pitch and with the disposal of the Savernake site. The proceeds of Savernake would pay for a new building to accommodate some 1,200 pupils. There were problems over access and again this will depend upon the Public Inquiry over the Industrial Development in the west of the A345 to the south of the old railway line.

In answer to questions from members, Mr. Harris agreed that -

- (i) Elcot Lane Playing Field was designated as an area of 'minimum change'
- (ii) Van Diemens may not be large enough to accommodate St. Peter's School and Sports Pitches
- (iii) the County Council do not own any land in Manton
- (iv) it may be possible to amalgamate Stedman and Savernake on to the Savernake site
- (v) that if no scheme is found for Preshute School, then more mobiles may have to be used
- (vi) the needs of Preshute School may be more important than that of St. Peter's
- (vii) to accommodate new schools, green areas will have to be concreted, there being no ideal solution
- (viii) it was inevitable that some groups will complain whatever site is used
- (ix) it would be extremely difficult to change Preshute School to Infants only, as it would mean going through the statutory procedure with the Secretary of State

In summing up the meeting, the Town Mayor said that an access off George Lane to Van Diemens would add to the traffic problem on a very busy road with some 250 pupils crossing. Also that the future of both Preshute and St. John's Schools was in the hands of the Inspector at the forthcoming Inquiry.

In closing the meeting, the Town Mayor thanked Mr. Harris for coming along to speak to the Council.

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The meeting ended at 8.12 p.m.