

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Marlborough Town Council Selection Committee held on Wednesday, 27th February, 1991 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 7.30 pm

PRESENT

Marlborough Town Council

Councillor A. V. Gray
Councillor M. P. Cooper

Town Mayor
Deputy Town Mayor

Councillor Mrs. O. L. Delyle-Turner
Councillor S. R. Dobson
Councillor Mrs. J. C. Evans
Councillor I. J. Perryman
Councillor D. Smithers
Councillor Mrs. J. E. Western

Mr. A. W. Skittrall

Town Clerk

Merchant's House (Marlborough) Steering Committee

Sir J. Sykes Bart.
Mr. V. Chinery
Mrs. D. Keast

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NO. 132 HIGH STREET, MARLBOROUGH - MINUTE NO. 302/90(a)

In opening the meeting, the Town Mayor, Councillor Gray said that in reply to the Council's advertisement the Merchant's House (Marlborough) Steering Committee were the only applicants that had applied to take over No. 132 High Street, Marlborough for cultural recreational purposes. Mr. Chinery explained the aims of the committee being to restore this 17th century house correctly, using genuine furniture and accessories of the period. The building will include a meeting room, workshops, library, bookstall and an education element for weekend courses. In answer to questions, Mr. Chinery pointed out that items (Archeological) at present in the Devizes Museum may not be suitable for the building due to its different environment. He also stated that agricultural equipment was now kept at Avebury and would not be included in the building. On the question of finance, Sir John Sykes said that they would be applying to many Trusts for grant aid. As far as the repairs to the building (£85,000) are concerned, the Trust would spend money as it became available. Sir John said that the management committee would consist of a minimum of five and a maximum of ten, of which two members would be from the Town Council and elected by them.

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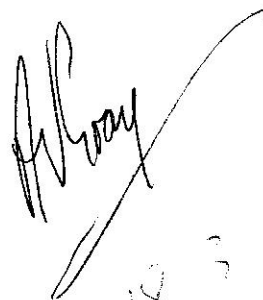
TERMS OF LEASE

- RECOMMENDED:
- (a) that the lease be for a period of 21 years at a peppercorn rent
 - (b) full repairing lease
 - (c) no right of the Trust to purchase the building at any time
 - (d) the Town Council to insure the building on its block policy

The trust to reimburse the Council the cost of the relevant premium on its first renewal at the end of the first year

- (e) the Town Council to have two members elected by the Council to serve on the Management Committee
 - (f) the Trust have the right to give up the lease with three months notice, without penalty
 - (g) the building to be used for 'Cultural Recreation Purposes' only.
 - (h) the lease to commence on the 26th March, 1991
 - (i) absolute prohibition on assignment of the lease.
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The meeting ended at 9.30pm


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