

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a SPECIAL Meeting of the Marlborough Town Council
held on Thursday, 23rd May, 1991 in the Council Chamber, Town
Hall, Marlborough at 7.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs. J. C. Evans	Town Mayor
Councillor A. V. Gray	Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor L. H. Bulley	
Councillor M. P. Cooper	
Councillor Mrs. O.L.Delyle-Turner	
Councillor S. R. Dobson	
Councillor Mrs. J.M.A. Goodfellow	
Councillor C.M. Green	
Councillor R.S. Notton	
Councillor I.J. Perryman	
Councillor S. Radnedge	
Councillor D.I. Smithers	
Councillor J.S.T. West	
Councillor Mrs. J.E. Western	
Councillor Mrs. J.E. White	
Mr. M. Ward	Malcolm Ward Ltd.
Mr. A.W. Skittrall	Town Clerk

PRAYERS

The meeting commenced with Prayers said by the Town Mayor -
Councillor Mrs. J. C. Evans.

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs. H.A. Castle.

NO. 5 HIGH STREET - MINUTE 294/90(b)

The Town Mayor - Councillor Mrs. J. C. Evans when introducing
Mr. Malcolm Ward the Architect, said that a decision had to be
taken on the future of this building now that the opening up works
had revealed its structural state.

Mr. Ward explained that there were two concepts -

- (a) Restoration
- (b) Demolition

and said that Kennet District Council and the architect to the
Marlborough Historic Buildings Joint Committee, Mr. J. Denning
were in favour of the restoration of this Grade 2 Listed Building.
The Town Council would be eligible for grant aid towards the fabric
costs providing funds were available and in his mind a good job
could be achieved.

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Regarding demolition, Mr. Ward said that there would be strong opposition from Kennet District Council, the Wiltshire County Council and English Heritage and there could be problems with the buildings each side of No. 5. High Street. He also stated that if the Town Council applied for planning permission to demolish the building it may result in a long Public Inquiry which could cause a considerable delay and the cost of rebuilding would be greater than restoring.

Mr. Ward's recommendation was for restoration in two stages, as outlined in his letter of the 13th May, 1991.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Evans gave each member of the Council an opportunity to speak on the subject - the overall opinion being in favour of restoring the building.

At this point, the Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Evans proposed, seconded by the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor A. V. Gray, and RESOLVED that the Public and Press should be asked to leave the meeting due to the fact that Confidential Matters were to be discussed. RESOLVED unanimously under Section 100 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

The Town Clerk gave details of the Sterling Account Bank Balance and after further discussion the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor A. V. Gray proposed, seconded by Councillor L. H. Bulley that this Council proceeds with repairs and restoration of No. 5 High Street in two stages, in accordance with the brief layed out in the letter submitted by Malcolm Ward Architects Ltd. dated 13th May, 1991 and attached to these Minutes.

This was carried by 10 votes to 4.

The meeting ended at 7.58 pm