

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PLAQUES COMMITTEE HELD ON
MONDAY, 20th MARCH, 1995 in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, MARLBOROUGH
at 8.00pm

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs.O.L.Delyle-Turner
Councillor C.M.Green
Mr. J. N. Fogg
Mr. R. Clapp - Marlborough Civic Society

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S. R. Dobson and Councillor M.P.Cooper, Mr. R. Mills - Tourist Information, Mrs. P. Glason - Kennet District Council, Mr. M. Gray - The Merchant's House Trust and Dr. R. Whimster - Marlborough Civic Society.

2. HISTORIC PLAQUES

Councillor Mrs.O.L.Delyle-Turner reported that English Heritage had advised us to discuss the attaching of plaques to Listed Buildings with Mr. Ian Lund - Conservation Officer at Kennet District Council, there being no co-ordinated policy outside London.

Mr. Ian Lund has said he will be pleased to advise the committee on the legal aspect of fixing plaques to Historic Listed Buildings. There are usually no problems provided the character of the building remains unaltered.

Following correspondence with firms supplying plaques, the Committee agreed to follow up the Royal Label Factory's initial quotation for a plaque with a painted crest, lettering, bosses and bolts at £208.85. There would be a non-recurring part-pattern charge for producing a metal master of the crest at £275.00.

The accurate wording should be concise for each plaque and members agreed to produce a logo (maximum 115 characters) for the initial 8 plaques, by the beginning of April, to bring to the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Councillor C.M.Green would put a proposal through the next Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting asking for the Town Council to underwrite the scheme. In the meantime, Councillor Mrs. Delyle-Turner would liaise with Mr. Steve Wheeler in the application for a Project Grant from the Rural Action for the Environment to take forward the scheme incorporating the Historic Plaques with the Civic Society's Town Map and the Town Trail Guide.

Mr. R. Clapp informed the committee of a Town Trail tape recording in process with the help of Mr. M. Lowry. A draft copy to be available shortly for each member of the Historic Plaques Committee.

Action A letter to The Royal Label Factory requesting the cost of backing-boards which will prevent corrosion.

It will be necessary to approach the owners/lessees of the buildings where plaques will be installed.

Fixing charges to be investigated locally.

The next meeting arranged for TUESDAY, 18th APRIL, 1995 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough.