

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PLAQUES COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 1998 IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, MARLBOROUGH AT 7.30PM

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs. O. L. Delyle-Turner Chairman
Councillor S. R. Dobson
Mr. R. Clapp
Mr. C. M. Green
Mr. M. Gray

1. APOLOGIES
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M. P. Cooper, Mr. N. Fogg and Mr. B. Mills.
2. MINUTES
The Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th January, 1998 were Received.
3. MATTERS ARISING
 - a) CORRESPONDENCE
Confirmation in writing has been sent to Mr. Dorken, Director of the British Rubber Manufacturer's Association for unveiling of the Plaque to Thomas Hancock 1786 - 1865 - Inventor of the Vulcanisation of Rubber and Walter Hancock 1799 - 1852 - Inventor of the Passenger Steam Road Carriage at 3 and 4 High Street, Marlborough on Saturday, 4th April, 1998 at 6.30pm. O.L.D-T

Mr. Murray Walker, Proprietor of Hallis, Butchers at 4 High Street and Mr. Richard Hawes, Managing Director of Watermoor Meat Supply have been informed as has Mr. S. D. Fisher of Stan James Ltd., as proprietor of 3 High Street.

Councillor S. R. Dobson will provide the photograph for Listed Building Consent. S.R.D. and
Mr. C. Green will complete the paperwork to forward to Kennet District Council. C.M.G.

Councillor S. R. Dobson will arrange the fixing of the Plaque with Amor and Ellis. S.R.D.
on Friday, 3rd April, 1998.

Councillor Mrs. O. L. Delyle-Turner will repair and restore the velvet drape for the Ceremony. O.L.D-T.

Mr. M. Gray will compile the historical detail for the centre fold of the programme. M.G. and
He and the Chairman will confer on the layout of the frontispiece prior to the next meeting. O.L.D-T

The Royal Label Factory will proceed with the Plaque to the Hancock Brothers and be asked to provide a quote for the Town Crest Plaque for the Council Offices. O.L.D-T

Arrangements for the format of the ceremony were discussed.

Approximately 50 invitations will be sent.

Town Councillors are requested to keep the date free to attend the Mayor.

Arrangements will be made to welcome Mr. Dorken as Guest of Honour to the Town.

The Reception in the Assembly Room at the Town Hall following the ceremony was discussed.

Traffic control and noise during the ceremony is of concern - Inspector G. Chivers to be asked for advice.

A raised platform will be needed - possibly the wooden platform from the Court Room could be used. The question of a P.A. system was raised.

Town Trail Guide

The Chairman will contact the St. John's School Sixth Form Quintet during half-term.

Town Council Plaque

Crest: Background colour, style and siting to be left to the Finance and General Purposes Committee to decide.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE PANORAMIC MAP OF HISTORIC AREAS

Mr. R. Clapp reported that Mr. G. Towlet who designed the Town Map suggests an aerial birds-eye view would cost £1,500 - £2,000. This item would be referred back to Mr. D. Williamson, Bursar of Marlborough College for discussion sometime after the 4th April, 1998.

FUTURE PLAQUES

Councillor R. S. Notton had suggested a plaque to General Picton at the Old Grammar School and the Civic Society were interested in commemorating the Old Workhouse - this could be a delicate matter.

ALLEY NAMES

The alley names are being reinstated and details of their historical interest could be incorporated in a future Town booklet.

The alley ways would benefit from clean-up with flower baskets in the summer to make an attractive feature of the Town.

5. Date of next meeting - MONDAY, 2ND MARCH 1998

6. The meeting ended at 8.50pm