

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES AND OPEN SPACES

Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities and Open Spaces Committee** held on **Monday 5th February, 2007**
in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough** at 8.07pm

PRESENT	Councillor P.B. Cossey Councillor B. Castle Councillor S.R. Dobson Councillor Mrs C. Jackson Councillor M. Gray	Chairman Town Mayor
ALSO PRESENT	Mrs Pam Dobson Mrs Sue Fry Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson	Town Clerk Office Manager Observing

NOTICE OF MEETING – Public Notice of the Meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12, paragraph 10 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

451/06 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Cooper and M. Curtis.

452/06 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST

There were no Declaration(s) of Interest.

453/06 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

454/06 REVIEW OF CEMETERY REGULATIONS AND COST OF INTERNMENTS

The Committee gave consideration to replacing the existing cemetery regulations and review the cost of internments. After discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor Mrs C. Jackson, seconded by Councillor B. Castle and –

RECOMMENDED: unanimously that the Cemetery Regulations and Internment Fees be accepted with the following amendments –

- i) **Monuments and Inscriptions** – add Photographs on Headstones will not be approved
- ii) **Monuments and Inscription** – add Headstones should be sympathetic to others in the cemetery.
- iii) **Cemetery Charges** – amend to read all fees for Exclusive Right of Burial are trebled for persons residing outside the Civic Parish at the time of death.

455/06

CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACT

The Committee received the further information received from Kennet District Council regarding what action can be taken in respect of Litter, Dog Fouling and Abandoned Trolleys. The Town Clerk informed members that discussions are still on going with Kennet District Council. The Mayor ask the Town Clerk if a letter could be written to Marks and Spencer requesting that their trolleys are operated using a coin release mechanism.

456/06

UPDATE FROM TOWN CLERK ON ITEMS DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY

The Committee received reports on the following items –

Priory Gardens – The Town Clerk informed members that due to the lack of action by Sarsen Housing the priory gardens had been closed due to damage caused to the doors by the high winds in mid January. This has now been rectified. The replacement of the fencing is still being pursued with Sarsen.

Salisbury Road Recreation Ground – The Town Clerk informed members that the fence line has now been re-sited in the correct position and at this time there is no further news on the lease at Coombe End.

Arrangements for establishing Annual Meetings –

Golf Club – date fixed for the 26th March, 2007 at 7.00 pm

Leisure Centre – proposing week commencing 26th March, 2007, Town Clerk to try and arrange a date for later that week.

Report on Bowls Club meeting – the Committee received the report on the meeting held with the Bowls Club, it was noted that rent had been paid until 2009 but it was suggested that the lease be examined to establish when the next rent review is due and that the subject of increased rent be raised at the next meeting with the Bowls Club.

Footpath Inspections – The Town Clerk informed members that there are still a number of footpath inspection reports outstanding and that she would be contacting those members who had not yet returned their reports.

Meeting with County Council Highways – the Town Clerk informed members that a provisional date for the meeting had been set for the 14th February, 2007 in the afternoon.

457/06

REQUEST FROM ZIPPOS CIRCUS TO USE COMMON

The Committee received a request from Zippos Circus to use the Common in August 2007.

Proposed by Councillor S.R. Dobson, seconded by Councillor P.B. Cossey and –

RECOMMENDED: unanimously that subject to the usual conditions Zippos Circus be granted permission to use the Common in August, 2007, but that we could not uphold their request for a 6 month ban on other circuses using the site prior to their show, the councils policy is 3 months.

The Committee also received a request from Sol Entertainment to the use the Common week commencing 22nd April for one week, this item was received after the Agenda had been published so was added as an Addendum.

Proposed by Councillor S.R. Dobson, seconded by Councillor P.B. Cossey and –

RECOMMENDED: unanimously that subject to the usual conditions Sol Entertainment be granted permission to use the Common week commencing the 22nd April, 2007.

458/06

XMAS LIGHTING

The Committee received a report on this years Christmas Lighting. After discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor Councillor S.R. Dobson, seconded by Councillor B. Castle and -

RECOMMENDED: unanimously that a letter should be sent to the Lights Committee congratulating them on all their hard work and the successful display of Christmas lights this year. Also that as the Town Council have committed substantial funding towards the erection, dismantling and storage of the lights the Council would like to put two members forward to sit on the formal committee. However due to the impending elections we will not be able to confirm the names of these Councillors until May.

459/06

CEMETERY

- a) Exclusive Right of Burial
- b) Exclusive Right of Burial/ Notice of Internment
- c) Memorial Inscriptions
- d) Replace existing Memorial

e) Request from Mrs Spanton for the erection of two non standard memorials. The Committee considered the request from Mrs Spanton for the erection of two non standard memorials.

RECOMMENDED: unanimously that they would have no objection provided the standard fixing regulations are adhered to.

PART 2

Proposed by Councillor S.R. Dobson, seconded by Councillor B. Castle and –

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Public and Press be asked to leave the meeting due to the fact that legal and confidential matters were to be discussed.

460/06

ESTIMATES FOR TREE SURVEY

The Committee received estimates obtained for carrying out a tree survey in 2007/2008 Financial Year.

Following a discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor S.R. Dobson, seconded by Councillor P. Cossey and –

RECOMMENDED: unanimously that the quotation including the mapping received from Certhia Consulting be accepted.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm