

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the **Amenities and Open Spaces Committee** held on the 11th August 2008 in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 7.58pm.**

PRESENT	Councillor B. Castle Councillor Mrs P. Dow Councillor A. Spranger Councillor S. Radnedge Councillor R. Pitts	Chairman Town Mayor
ALSO PRESENT	Mrs Pam Dobson Mrs Linda Chapman Councillor G. Francis Councillor A. Ross	Town Clerk Civic Secretary Observing Observing

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

156/08 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors G. Loosmore and Mrs E. Fogg.

157/08 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest

158/08 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman stated that a recent Panorama programme was about how untidy this country is getting. All Councillor should now have walked their footpaths and should be reporting on the state of these paths and the litter. St John's School to the pumping station is particularly bad for litter.

It is our duty as Councillors to report on these problems so please for those of you who still haven't walked your footpath please can you do so and put in your report.

159/08 CLERK'S REPORT

- a) Update on ARK proposals for tree works – Charlotte Hitchmough has confirmed that the application for the tree works has been submitted and should be resolved within 6 weeks.

b) Update on Old Cemetery Project – Mr. O’Donoghue has confirmed that they are starting work on a basic leaflet for the conservation/wildlife aspects of the Old Cemetery in the context of its historical background. The work on planting is due to start in the Autumn but they are undertaking surveying work at the moment to ascertain the species present.

c) Request from Kennet Morris Men to use Priory Gardens 27th September – to make recommendation.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs P. Dow, seconded by Councillor S. Radnedge and –

RECOMMENDED: unanimously that the committee agree to allow the Kennet Morris Men to dance in the Priory Gardens.

160/08 **COMMON USAGE SURVEY & GOLF CLUB PROPOSAL FOR DRIVING RANGE –**
To review the current status of the project and the next action agreed at Full Council.

Following a discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor B. Castle, seconded by Councillor R. Pitts and –

RECOMMENDED: unanimously that the Town Council should go ahead with mapping of the Common and await the findings of the survey to gauge public opinion.

161/08 **INSTALLATION OF PLANTERS IN THE HIGH STREET IN PARTNERSHIP**
WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE –

Councillor R. Pitts gave members an update on the planter scheme for the High Street (copy attached).

Following a discussion it was –

RECOMMENDED: unanimously that this committee accept the report and action taken to date.

The Chairman added that this committee would like to thank Councillor R. Pitts for all the hard work he had put into this project.

162/08 **MARLBOROUGH RUGBY CLUB – FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT**

The Committee received a proposal from Marlborough Rugby Club on additional storage facilities and improved training lights.

Following a discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor Mrs P. Dow, seconded by Councillor R. Pitts and –

RECOMMENDED: unanimously that this committee accept both of the proposals put forward by the Rugby Club.

163/08

REQUEST FOR MEMORIAL IN SECTION D

To receive a request for a memorial exceeding the design and size allowed in the current regulations –

Following a discussion it was agreed that further clarification was needed to make a decision and therefore this item should be deferred until the next meeting of this committee.

164/08

ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY ORCHARD IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MADT

The Town Clerk gave an update to members on the discussions with MADT regarding the establishment of a community orchard, although no firm decisions have been made about location MADT have produced a draft leaflet to promote the project in more detail.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm