

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the **Recreation and Amenities Committee** held on **Monday 13th February, 2006**
in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 7.38 p.m.**

PRESENT	Councillor Mrs P. Dow Councillor B. Castle Councillor M. Cooper Councillor M. Curtis Councillor R. Allen Councillor P. Cossey	Chairman
ALSO	Councillor A. Ross Mrs Pam Dobson Mrs Sue Fry Mrs Linda Chapman Mr. N. Kerton	Observer Town Clerk Office Manager Civic Secretary Wiltshire Gazette
	Plus 2 members of the public	

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.

448/05 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs H. Cripps, D. Parker, Mrs M. Hannaford-Dobson and Councillor M. Gray

449/05 **DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST**

There were no Declaration(s) of Interest

450/05 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(a) A site meeting was held on 9th February, 2006 on the Common with Councillor Mrs Dow, The Town Clerk, Mr Heath Health and Safety Officer and Mr Ward Senior Groundsman. An area has been identified as a possible site for a goal post, the Health and Safety Officer will carry out a risk assessment and a report which will be submitted to full Town Council.

(b) Members received notification of a meeting of MCASP regarding the Flood Prevention Plan which will be held on Monday 20th February, 2006 3.00 p.m. at Great Bedwyn Village Hall. Copies of the proposals have been circulated tonight and members were informed that the Chairman and Town Clerk will be attending the meeting.

(c) A defect report has been prepared for the footpath inspections which are carried out annually by Councillors. Councillors will be asked to indicate which footpaths they would like to walk.

451/05

TOWN HALL

(a) **Charges 2006/2007** – Members received the proposed charges for the year 2006/2007

Following a discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor M. Cooper, seconded by Councillor P. Cossey and -

RECOMMENDED: Unanimously that the proposed charges for 2006/2007 be accepted but that the charges for 2007/2008 be reviewed by the appropriate committee before the budgets are set for that year.

(b) **Hot Water Temperatures** – The Town Clerk reported that the hot water temperatures are being monitored but because of the current heating systems in the Town Hall this was proving to be very difficult.

Proposed by Councillor M. Cooper, seconded by Councillor P. Cossey and –

RECOMMENDED: Unanimously that temperatures continue to be monitored but that this be reviewed by the appropriate committee before the budgets are set for 2007/2008.

(c) **Smoking Policy** – Due to imminent vote by Government on smoking in public places -

Proposed by Councillor R. Allen, seconded by Councillor P. Cossey and –

RECOMMENDED: Unanimously that this item be deferred to the next full Town Council meeting.

452/05

CEMETERY CHARGES 2006/2007

Following a discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor M. Cooper, seconded by Councillor P. Cossey and -

RECOMMENDED: Unanimously that the charges for 2006/2007 be accepted but that the charges for 2007/2008 be taken to the appropriate for review before the budgets are set for that year.

453/05

PLUME OF FEATHER GARDEN

The Town Clerk reported that a letter had been received from the Fellowship Employment Training Charity regarding the Plume of Feathers Garden and alterations that had been made. The Town Clerk and Deputy Town Mayor attended a meeting with Mr. O'Donoghue from the Fellowship and felt that the alterations which had been carried out enhanced the visual amenity.

Proposed by Councillor B. Castle, seconded by Councillor M. Cooper and –

RECOMMENDED: Unanimously that provided a satisfactory Risk Assessment has been carried out and the Town Council have sight of this document then no objection be raised.

Councillor P. Cossey Declared an Interest and left the room.

454/05

GOLF CLUB

The Town Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Marlborough Golf Club regarding the possibility of the Tennis Club locating their facility alongside the present Golf Club.

Proposed by Councillor M. Cooper, seconded by Councillor Mrs P. Dow and –

RECOMMENDED: Unanimously that the Town Clerk ascertain 3 possible dates for a meeting with the Golf Club.

455/05

JENNINGS BROTHERS FAIR

The Town Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Jennings Brothers requesting the use of Marlborough Common from the 6th to 11th June, 2006 inclusive.

Proposed by Councillor B. Castle, seconded by Councillor M. Curtis and –

RECOMMENDED: Unanimously that subject to a satisfactory Risk Assessment, consideration being given to Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act (a log being kept of any incidents that may occur on the Common), rubbish cleared promptly from the site and the usual bond being deposited at the Council Offices then no objection be raised to this application.

456/05

FORMER TENNIS CLUB SITE

The Town Clerk informed members that at the meeting held on Wednesday 8th February, 2006 there was support for the area to be used as a recreational facility and for the use by the developer for a further 12 months. Based upon the general feeling of the meeting there would appear to be an opportunity to work in partnership with a number of other agencies to come up with a scheme and possible external funding for the project. Members suggested that very clear conditions need to be put to the developers on what they can or cannot do on the site with penalty clauses if necessary.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs P. Dow, seconded by Councillor B. Castle and –

RECOMMENDED: Unanimously that the Town Clerk contact the Order of St. John's to explore further their proposals for the extended use of this site and then report to the next full Town Council meeting.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

(a) Nissan Cabstar – MOT and Repairs - The Town Clerk reported that a MOT and essential repairs had recently been carried out on the Nissan Cabstar additional costs had also been incurred because there was a need to hire a replacement vehicle and a skip as there had been 2 burials that week.

This situation has highlighted the benefit of having a policy in place for replacement of vehicles on a regular basis. The subject of a replacement will need to be addressed in the Estimates for 2007/2008.

Proposed by Councillor M. Cooper, seconded by Councillor Mrs P. Dow and –

RECOMMENDED: Unanimously that provision be made in the 2007/2008 budget for a replacement vehicle.

(b) Theft of Trailer – The Town Clerk reported that the trailer was stolen from the Workshop compound and that an insurance claim had been filed, concern had been raised regarding the ease at which the gates were able to be removed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Cooper, seconded by Councillor Mrs P. Dow and –

RECOMMENDED: Unanimously that this information be received but that enquiries are made into the possibility of fitting a Dead-Mans Post or a Wheel Clamp on the replacement trailer.

CEMETERY – (copy attached)

- (a) Exclusive Right of Burial
- (b) Memorial and Inscriptions

The Meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.