

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee, which was held on Monday 14th November 2005 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough 7.25pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs P. Dow
Councillor M. C. Curtis
Councillor B. Castle
Councillor M. Cooper
Councillor M. Gray
Councillor P. B. Cossey
Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford
Councillor D. L. Parker

Chairman

Councillor S. Dobson

Observer (**entered room at 7.40pm**).

Mrs Sue Fry
Mrs Linda Chapman
Mr N. Kerton

Office Manager
Civic Secretary
Wiltshire Gazette

Plus 4 members of the public

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APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence was received by Councillors Mrs H. A. Cripps, R. Allen and Councillor G. Francis

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Agenda Item 6
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Councillor P. Cossey – Reported to Standards Board
Councillor D. Parker – Reported to Standards Board

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CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman would like to remind Councillors that the meeting of The Acres Residents Group is on 15th November and would urge as many Councillors as possible to attend. After this meeting the goal posts they requested will be put forward for discussion on the next R & A Agenda.

Councillors M. Gray, M. Cooper and Mrs C. Jackson gave their apologies stating they would be unable to attend The Acres Residents Group meeting.

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MINUTES

RECOMMENDED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2005 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the The Chairman Councillor Mrs P. Dow.

311/05

OFFICE ACCOMODATION – REQUEST FROM REGISTRATION SERVICE

Wiltshire Registration Service are requesting permission to site more appropriate work station in the Council Chambers.

A discussion took place where the following points were raised –

- a) Will it be in keeping with the Council Chamber?
- b) Care must be taken as to where the chest will be moved to accommodate this workstation.
- c) Do we have the dimensions of proposed workstation?
- d) If we are unable to accommodate them the Registration Service will probably look for alternative accommodation, which could result in a loss of income of £4,000 plus a charge of £1,000 for providing the Registration Service for weddings.

Proposed by Councillor M. Cooper, seconded by Councillor M. Curtis and –

RECOMMENDED:

by 6 votes for with 1 abstention that –
Marlborough Town Council are in agreement to moving the chest and agree to the request in principle subject to further discussion with the Town Clerk regarding dimensions and design of the proposed workstation.

Councillors P. Cossey and D. Parker Declared Interest and left the room at 7.34pm

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULTATION IN RESPECT OF THE ELCOT LANE TENNIS CLUB PROPOSALS.

The Town Clerk made the following statement –

The first issue is the clarification of the ownership of the Elcot Lane playing fields and the examination of the deeds in respect of any restrictive covenants. Once the Town Council's ownership is established and it can be confirmed there is nothing, which restricts its use, the Town Council needs to decide when and if it wishes to consult with all residents of Marlborough regarding the proposal for the tennis courts and if so the question will be posed i.e. as a separate leaflet, as part of the newsletter or through the press. At the same time consideration will need to be given to the process by which we will consult with the interested parties, I would suggest that the number of representatives needs to be limited and that the first meeting is held as an informal discussion to set future parameters for a full consultation on all aspects of the proposal.

This was suggested as a recommendation.

Proposed by Councillor M. Cooper, seconded by Councillor Curtis and

RECOMMENDED:

by 6 votes for with 1 abstention

Councillors P. Cossey and D. Parker returned to the room at 7.38pm

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CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Town Clerk stated that although on the face of it the suggestion seems to be a good one there are concerns that the Town Council are being asked to ensure that the area is managed responsibly and this could result in a request for supervision which would have a cost implication for staff.

Following a discussion it was agreed unanimously that the Town Clerk will liaise with Kennet and to go with her judgement.

314/05

REPAIRS TO THE TOWN HALL

a) West Elevation – A discussion took place as to whether the Town Council wishes to proceed with the repairs to a leak or do we wish to seek further investigations as to where the leak is coming from.

The following points were raised –

- i. Having just spent in excess of £90,000 why do we still have a leak.
- ii. Need to check on any guarantee we have.
- iii. Concerns were expressed about public liability if it turns cold this could become icy and therefore very dangerous.

Proposed by Councillor D. Parker, seconded by Councillor M. Cooper and –

RECOMMENDED: unanimously that –
the Town Clerk will contact Humberts to find out why this was not picked up during the restoration work and to look into what sort of guarantee we have. This will then be discussed at the next R & A Committee meeting.

b) Town Hall maintenance programme -

Town Clerk suggested that a maintenance programme should be established and recommended it should be discussed at Full Town Council.

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

RECOMMENDED: unanimously that –
Marlborough Town Council should establish a rolling programme of maintenance this should be discussed further at the next Full Town Council meeting.

315/05

EARMARKED RESERVE FOR PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT TRACTOR

The Town Clerk stated that the existence of a reserve has now been identified and there are sufficient funds available to purchase a new tractor. This will need to be referred to F & GP for inclusion in the estimates. The Council felt that a breakdown into the condition of the tractor should be obtained before a decision can be made. However the use of a significant amount of reserves will have implications for interest income and other ways of funding the purchase of a tractor including the possibility of a good second-hand one.

RECOMMENDED: that the Town Clerk report to the F & GP.

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REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO PARK ON THE COMMON

A letter has been received by a hirer of the Town Hall requesting permission to use the Common for parking. It was felt that all hirers of the Town Hall are aware at the time of making the booking of the parking situation and therefore felt that permission could not be given.

Proposed by Councillor B. Castle, seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford and –

RECOMMENDED: by 6 votes for with 1 against that –
Marlborough Town Council felt that permission should not be given.

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CEMETERY

a) Exclusive Right of Burial

The Committee confirmed the following application of Exclusive Right of Burial –

Mrs Susan Bradwell 48 Cherry Orchard Marlborough SN8 4AS	Grave Space 63	Section G
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Exclusive Right of Burial/Notice of Interment

Purchaser – Mrs Rosemary Barfield

Mr David John Barfield 10 Oxford Street Ramsbury Marlborough SN8 2PG	Grave Space 62	Section G
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b) Notice of Interment

Ada Kathleen Habgood 5 Herd Street Marlborough	Grave Space 405	Section C
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Cecil Ernest Bennett 6 Mount Pleasant Marlborough	Grave Space 327	Section B
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c) Memorials and Inscriptions

The Committee approved the following applications for the erection of a Memorial/Additional Inscriptions -

White Pearl Polished Granite In Loving Memory of Tina Louise Lanfear Died 16 th June 2004 Aged 36 Years Forever In Our Hearts	Grave Space 37	Section G
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Black Polished Granite
Jacqueline Elmslie Buckley
16.8.1925 – 11.5.2005
Sadly Missed

Grave Space 55

Section G

Black Polished Granite
Peter H Waterkeyn
O.B.E. D.F.C. R.A.F.
1919 – 2004

Grave Space 36

Section G

Additional Inscription

Grave Space 405

Section C

Also His Dear Wife
Ada
Died 28th September 2005
Aged 92 Years

The Meeting closed at 8.00 pm