

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the **Recreation and Amenities Committee**, which was held on **Monday 14th February 2005** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 8.22pm

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs P. A. Dow	Chairman
Councillor G. Francis	Town Mayor
Councillor Mrs H. A. Cripps	Mayor-Elect
Councillor S. R. Dobson	
Councillor M. P. Cooper	
Councillor W. B. Cavill	
Councillor B. Castle	
Councillor M. C. Curtis	
Councillor R. J. Allen	
Councillor P. B. Cossey	
Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford	} Observed
Councillor M. Gray	
Councillor Mrs C. V. Jackson	
Councillor A. R. Ross	
Jonathan Mansfield	Civic Secretary

496/04 APOLOGIES:

An apology for absence was received from Mrs Sue Fry.

497/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Mrs P. A. Dow Item 13: Bowls Club Member

498/04 MINUTES:

(a) To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of 15th November 2004

RECOMMENDED: That the Minutes of the meeting, which was held on Monday 15th November 2004 be taken as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

(b) To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of 4th January 2005

RECOMMENDED: That the Minutes of the meeting, which was held on Tuesday 4th January 2005 be taken as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

499/04 TOWN HALL CHANDELIERS:

The Committee considered a preferred supplier from three quotations to provide new chandeliers for the Town Hall Council Chamber.

Proposed by Councillor R. J. Allen, seconded by Councillor W. B. Cavill and –

RECOMMENDED: By 7 votes to 0 votes with 2 abstentions to go back to the three companies and ask that they re-quote with more specific details in order to obtain a fairer sense of comparison. It was also agreed to ask Mr David Garman of Wagon Yard to provide a quotation.

500/04 WORKSHOP HEATING:

The Committee considered a preferred supplier from three quotations to provide a new heating system for the Marlborough Town Council Workshop, Salisbury Road, Marlborough.

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

RECOMMENDED: To accept Company (A), subject to a twelve month guarantee.

The Chairman asked for Delegated Power to carry this recommendation out immediately. It was agreed that only the Full Council can give delegated powers and therefore this will be included as an agenda item for a special meeting of the Full Town Council on Monday 28th February 2005.

501/04 RICHMOND FELLOWSHIP:

Councillor B. Castle stated that the Richmond Fellowship (formerly Mindfully Employed) have removed a number of tatty sheds and the poly-tunnel and would like to erect a larger shed to use for storage.

Proposed by Councillor B. Castle, seconded by Councillor G. Francis and –

RECOMMENDED: Unanimously, that permission be given to erect the shed as described provided that it is regularly coated to protect it and that it remains in place for the duration of the lease of the land only.

502/04 MARLBOROUGH RUGBY CLUB:

The Committee considered two applications from the Marlborough Rugby Club to (a) make improvements to the playing surface on the second pitch and (b) to reconsider arrangements for opening the barrier during matches.

Proposed by Councillor M. C. Curtis, seconded by Councillor P. B. Cossey and –

RECOMMENDED: Unanimously, to support (a) and (b) provided that the Council is given at least seven day's notice of the requirement to use the Common and that any damage is rectified.

503/04 JAZZ FESTIVAL USE OF THE COMMON:

The Committee considered a request from the Marlborough Jazz Festival Committee to allow a number of mobile homes to set up on the Common during the Jazz Festival weekend.

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

RECOMMENDED: By 6 votes to 3 votes with 1 abstention, to object to this request on the grounds that Marlborough Town Council cannot provide adequate water and sewerage facilities on the Common.

Councillor Mrs H. A. Cripps abstained.

504/04 SAFETY AT ZEBRA CROSSINGS:

The Chairman referred the Committee to a letter from Wiltshire County Council regarding the safety of zebra crossings in Marlborough. Councillor Mrs Dow asked the Committee what response she should give.

Proposed by Councillor R. J. Allen, seconded by Councillor G. Francis and –

RECOMMENDED: Unanimously, that no response is given to the request to upgrade the crossing at New Road but to remind Wiltshire County Council of Marlborough Town Council's previous request to install crossings at Herd Street and The Common/Lawrence Acre.

505/04 PIGEONS:

The Council has received more than thirty responses to its request for comments on the Town's pigeon population. Following debate it was –

Proposed by Councillor R. J. Allen, seconded by Councillor M. C. Curtis and –

RECOMMENDED: By 9 votes to 0 votes with 1 abstention that a representative of PICAS is invited to a suitable meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee to survey the pigeon population with the aim of reducing it, subject to a maximum expenditure of £250.00 on his expenses.

506/04 TEA DANCES:

The Chairman had no further information to-date. This matter will be ongoing.

507/04 FIREWORKS ON THE COMMON:

The Chairman notified the Committee that the applicant has withdrawn her request.

**The Chairman left the room at 9.15pm. Councillor M. C. Curtis assumed the Chair
Councillor R. J. Allen left the meeting at 9.15pm and did not return**

508/04 BOWLS CLUB CAR PARK:

The Committee considered an application from the Marlborough Bowls Club to extend the Recreation Ground car park.

Proposed by Councillor S. R. Dobson, seconded by Councillor Mrs H. A. Cripps and –

RECOMMENDED: Unanimously, that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to the Bowls Club paying for a screed type surface, however this extension will not be for the exclusive use of the Bowls Club.

The Chairman returned at 9.20pm and re-assumed the Chair.

It was agreed that item 14 would be taken after item 16

509/04 WYE HOUSE PRIVATE SIGNS:

Councillor P. B. Cossey stated that he has visited Wye House and that there is some confusion over where the public may or may not walk, which is due in part to poor signage, particularly Marlborough Town Council's ambiguous signs.

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

RECOMMENDED: Unanimously, that Marlborough Town Council re-visits its signage of Wye House to clear up any ambiguity to direct the public to the correct areas.

510/04 PAST-MAYOR'S PHOTOGRAPHS:

Councillor M. P. Cooper stated that under the six-months rule this matter cannot be re-discussed.

The Mayor confirmed that under Standing Order 55, which stated: "*A decision (whether affirmative or negative) of the Council shall not be reversed within six months save by a special motion, the written notice thereof bearing the names of at least one third of the Council*".

The Chairman said that, on the recommendation of Councillor S. R. Dobson, she had taken advice from WALC. WALC stated that the lack of evidence should be treated as no evidence and it could therefore be re-discussed.

Councillor W. B. Cavill stated that a resolution was passed without all the necessary information. Councillor P. B. Cossey stated that if Councillors were in any doubt that they did not have all the right information then Councillors should not have voted.

Councillor S. R. Dobson stated that Councillor Cavill should declare an interest and that the decision was made under the democratic and correct procedure that the photograph should be removed and replaced with a black and white copy. Councillor Dobson, at the request of the Chairman and Councillor Cavill, stated that the decision that all former Mayor's photographs should be in black and white was made at a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on Monday 13th June 1977 (Minute number 208/77) and ratified by Full Town Council on Monday 27th June 1977.

It was therefore agreed that the previous resolution still stands and the photograph must be removed.

The Mayor, Councillor S. R. Dobson and Councillor P. B. Cossey left the meeting at 9.30pm and did not return.

511/04 GOLF CLUB:

The Committee considered a request from the Golf Club to provide a practice area and shelter on the Common.

The Committee debated whether the extension would include a safety area and how the general public would be protected.

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

RECOMMENDED: By 5 votes to 0 votes with 1 abstention, to object to this application on the grounds of safety.

512/04 CEMETERY:

(a) Exclusive Right of Burials

The Committee approved the following applications for exclusive right of burial:

Mrs Sylvia Sprules, Grave Space 127, Section F (CR)

Nicola Jane Price, Grave Space 40, Section (G)

Mr & Mrs N. W. Martin, Grave Space 42, Section (G)

Mr Ken Hawkins, Grave Space 49, Section (G)

(b) Memorials and Inscriptions

The Committee approved the following applications for new memorials/inscriptions

Additional:

Grave Space 156, Section (D)

“also his beloved wife Ella Haigh died 6th Dec 2004 aged 91 years R.I.P.”

New polished Granite:

Grave Space 124, Section F(CR)

“Printha Ellis, Author, 1947-2004, beloved mother of Nathaniel and Carson, adored wife of Mark, and sadly missed by Joel, Toby, Susan and her other family and countless friends throughout the world”

New grey Granite:

Grave Space 79, Section (E)

“In loving memory of Marjorie Alice Ford, 1922-2003, also Victor Ford, 1920-2004, much loved parents and grandparents also their infant son David Ernest Ford, 1943-1947, now reunited”

Meeting closed at 9.35pm