

## MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

### RECREATION AND AMENITIES

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Recreation and Amenities Committee held** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough on **Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 at 7.25pm**

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#### PRESENT

Councillor Mrs. P. A. Dow  
Councillor G. Francis  
Councillor Mrs. H. A. Cripps  
Councillor M. P. Cooper  
Councillor M. Curtis  
Councillor R. J. Allen  
Councillor P. B. Cossey

Chairman  
Town Mayor  
Deputy Town Mayor

Graham Gittins  
Rosemary Johnston

Town Clerk  
Civic Secretary

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The Chairman of the Recreation and Amenities Committee, Councillor Mrs .P. A. Dow asked the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, Councillor S. R. Dobson if he was staying for the meeting as he is a member of her Committee, and he replied 'I have better things to do with my time' and he left the Chamber.

#### 42/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor W. B. Cavill and Councillor B. Castle.

#### 43/04 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST

There were no Declaration(s) of Interest.

#### 44/04 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 be taken as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 45/04 TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS

**Update from Marlborough Town Council's Architect** (this item was deferred until Mr. M. Ward, the Council's Architect arrived)

#### 46/04 ELCOT LANE TENNIS COURTS

**To consider lease for Marlborough Tennis Club for Elcot Lane Playing Fields**

The Chairman asked Councillor Cossey to speak on this item, he referred to the proposed lease, a copy of this had been circulated to all the Committee.

After discussion it was unanimously RECOMMENDED that the proposed lease be amended as follows –

**amended to read.**

1. A 99 year lease with the initial 25 years at a Peppercorn Rent, the rent then to be reviewed

**as proposed**

2. The Tennis Club will pay their own legal costs.

**amended to read**

3. Two courts identified to be used and made available to the general public no more than 12 days a year. Details of when the courts will be available to be given in advance. External competitions to be notified.

**yet to be agreed**

4. Fees - it was agreed that Councillor Cossey should contact 3 other Tennis Clubs to ask what their fees are and then to assess what the average fees, per hour, should be. It was agreed that consideration be given with some form of concession for those on Income Support.

**as proposed**

5. A break in the lease after 25 years on either side should they wish to withdraw, and every 5 years thereafter.

**yet to be agreed**

6. Councillor Cossey to go back to the Tennis Club to discuss who should take responsibility for the key and the deposit

**as proposed**

7. Councillor P. B. Cossey to be the Marlborough Town Council representative with the Tennis Club.

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**TOWN HALL RENOVATION**

**Update from Marlborough Town Council's Architect**

The Chairman asked Mr. Ward to speak on this item.

Mr. Ward said that all is going to schedule, the final scaffolding is being taken down at the weekend (29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> May, 2004) when the whole of the work will have been completed.

He said that the light fittings are going out to 3 companies for tender and would be over £3,000.00 but there is a Resolution passed by the Council to purchase them. Mr. Ward suggested it would be wise to withhold the purchase of the lights until Listed Building Consent has been obtained.

He said there is a stain on the wall of the Town Hall caused by the overflow from the kitchen but the contractor is going to have another final attempt to remove it.

At the request of the Town Clerk, Mr. Ward agreed to ask the contractor to extend the overflow pipe.

The Mayor, asked Mr. Ward to thank the builders for the excellent standard of work that has been done on the outside of the Town Hall.

Mr. Ward said that there is a working socket available which could be used for the illumination of a Christmas Tree on the balcony.

47/04

#### JAZZ FESTIVAL

#### **Application from Marlborough Jazz Festival for use of The Common on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2004**

It was unanimously RECOMMENDED that no objection be raised to the Marlborough Jazz Festival using The Common on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 for car parking providing the usual conditions apply viz –

the deposit of a bond in the sum of £500.00, in the Council Offices, a week before the event  
stewarding at all times  
afterwards, clearing the site of all litter associated with the event.

48/04

#### CHEMICAL TOILET DISPOSAL POINT ON THE COMMON

The Chairman asked Councillor D. L. Parker to speak on this item. He referred to a Rally to be held on The Common in July, 2005 when The Common would be used for the parking of caravans, this would be over a 3 day period, and he thought it an ideal opportunity to provide such a service.

Mr. Ward gave the Council details and approximate costings of such a service.

Proposed by Councillor R. J. Allen, seconded by Councillor P. B. Cossey and RECOMMENDED with 1 abstention that Councillor D. L. Parker and Mr. M. Ward investigate further and come up with more detailed ideas and report back.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Ward for attending the meeting.

49/04

#### PIGEON CONTROL – UPDATE

The Town Clerk said that he is continuing to pursue this item with Community First and it is possible we may obtain a grant from the Land Tax Credit Scheme.

It was agreed that we would review, at a later date, the site for the dovecote.

50/04

#### 2004 CELEBRATIONS

#### **To consider the use of The Common for the Victorian Steam Fair Vehicles from the 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2004**

It was RECOMMENDED unanimously that there is no objection to the use of The Common for the Victorian Steam Fair Vehicles from the 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2004 subject to the following –

the deposit of a bond in the sum of £500.00, in the Council Offices, a week before the event  
stewarding at all time  
afterwards, clearing the site of all litter associated with the event.

51/04 OLD CEMETERY  
**Garden of Peace**

The Chairman said that she had visions of a Garden of Peace in the grounds of the Old Cemetery and suggested a raised garden and seating.

Discussion followed including the suggestion of providing picnic tables and ornamental shrubs.

It was agreed that a Working Party consisting of The Chairman – Councillor Mrs. P. Dow, Councillor M. P. Cooper, Councillor M. Curtis and Councillor P. B. Cossey investigate this project and report back to the committee.

52/04 PLAYGROUNDS  
**Annual Inspectors of All Play Areas and Open Spaces**

The Chairman said she would like Councillors to regularly inspect the Play Areas and Open Spaces in the Town.

The Town Clerk said that the Play Areas are inspected by Zurich every 6 months, the Outside Staff on a weekly basis and regularly by the Health and Safety Officer.

Proposed by The Mayor, seconded by Councillor M. Curtis and RECOMMENDED unanimously, that Councillors make an annual inspection of Play Areas and Open Spaces.

53/04 FORWARD PLAN FOR RECREATION AND AMENITIES

The Chairman asked the Committee for their ideas. The Mayor said that consideration had been given to the notion of providing a Christmas Tree for The Green during the week before Christmas. This was unanimously RECOMMENDED.

Councillor M. P. Cooper said that at one time the Council used to have a Christmas Tree on each side of the Town Hall steps.

Councillor P. Cossey said that the Committee should look at the town itself and quoted 14 items which require attention in London Road to Stonebridge Lane.

The Town Clerk said that there are Parish Lengthmen who visit the area twice a year, and the office fax through items which need attention. At the moment the system has been suspended to enable them to catch up with their work. Discussion followed and it was proposed by Councillor P. B. Cossey, seconded by Councillor R. J. Allen and unanimously RECOMMENDED –

- (a) to place this item on the Agenda every three months and allow the Town Clerk to contact the necessary authority.
- (b) to publish this item in The Greyhound
- (c) once a year, arrange a meeting with a representative from the Wiltshire County Council.

54/04 THE CEMETERY

- (a) **Exclusive Right of Burials**

There were no applications for Exclusive Rights of Burials

(b) **Memorials and Inscriptions**

The Committee confirmed the following Applications for the erection of a Memorial/Additional Inscription –

**Erection of a Memorial**

‘In Loving Memory of  
Carol Reader  
7<sup>th</sup> April 1943 to  
14<sup>th</sup> December, 2003’

Grave Space No. F(CR) 120

‘Edith (Edie)  
Castleman  
21<sup>st</sup> September, 1907  
23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2003  
Reunited with Frank  
each step a Footprint in time’

Grave Space No. G26

‘In Loving Memory of  
Gerald James Johnston  
Born 13<sup>th</sup> February, 1916  
Died 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2003’

Grave Space No. G4

**Additional Inscription**

‘George Collins  
who died 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2004  
Aged 76 years’

Grave Space C41

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The meeting ended at 8.27pm