

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

FULL TOWN COUNCIL – SELECTION COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Marlborough Town Council** held on **Thursday 4th May, 2006** in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT Councillor B. Castle Town Mayor
Councillor W.B. Cavill
Councillor Mrs P. Dow
Councillor N. Fogg
Councillor M. Gray
Councillor Mrs C. Jackson
Councillor M. Curtis
Councillor D. Parker
Councillor R. Allen

ALSO PRESENT Mrs Pam Dobson Town Clerk
Mrs Sue Fry Office Manager
Mrs Linda Chapman Civic Secretary

552/05 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S.R. Dobson, M.P. Cooper, G. Francis, Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson, P.B. Cossey and A. R. Ross.

553/05 **DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

554/05 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a) The Mayor asked all Councillors who had not already done so to return their reply slips for Mayor Making.

b) The Mayor informed Councillors that there would be re-cycling skips in George Lane Car Park for plastics and cardboard on Thursday 11th May, 2006 (11.00 am – 1.30 p.m.) and Friday 9th June, 2006 (8.00 am – 10.30 a.m.). It was requested that this item be placed on the next agenda of the ordinary Full Town Council.

c) The Mayor asked all Councillors who had not already done so to return their reply slips for the Civic Service which is to be held on the 21st May, 2006.

d) The Mayor reminded Councillors of the meeting which is being held by the Kennet and North Wiltshire PCT on **Monday 8th May, 2006 at 6.30 in the Assembly Room, Town Hall.** concerning the possible closure of Savernake Hospital. The Mayor urged as many Councillors as possible to attend, and informed them that a letter had already been sent from the Council as a corporate body with the views expressed at the Full Town Council on the 24th April, 2006.

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TO DISCUSS THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING (PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED) AND MAKE RESOLUTIONS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN WHERE NECESSARY.

a) Recreation and Amenities Committee – 27th March, 2006.

Minute No. 514/05 – The Town Clerk reported that she was in the process of seeking advice from the Council’s Solicitors regarding how the Council should proceed in respect of the breach to maintain the property in accordance with the lease. The Town Clerk suggested that we take action as landlords to make the building safe subject to further discussion with our Solicitors.

Minute No. 515/05 – The Town Clerk reported that she has spoken to the Tree Officer at Kennet District Council who will be happy to advise the Council on the constraints in respect of location, acceptable species etc should the applicant wish to continue.

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

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting held on the 27th March, 2006 be Received and Adopted.

b) Finance and General Purposes Committee – 10th April, 2006.

Minute No. 519/05 – The Mayor thanked the 2 Councillors who had expressed an interest in attending this conference and reported that both would be attending along with the Town Clerk and Office Manager.

Minute No. 524/05 – The Town Clerk informed the Council that the application that had been received from a prospective tenant has been withdrawn and that negotiations with a second interested party were now taking place. Additional information that is now available requires discussion under Part 2.

Proposed by Councillor B. Castle, seconded by Councillor D. Parker and agreed unanimously that this item should be moved to **PART 2** and discussed at the end of the meeting.

Proposed by Councillor D. Parker, seconded by Councillor Mrs P. Dow and –

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 10th April, 2006 be Received and Adopted.

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STANDING ORDERS

Having been proposed and seconded at the meeting held on the 24th April, 2006 the Town Mayor put the adoption of revised Standing Orders to the vote and it was agreed unanimously.

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SELECTION OF COMMITTEES – 2006/2007

The Town Clerk circulated ballot papers based upon nominations received from Councillors in respect of Committee Selection. The Town Clerk informed members that a vote would be required on the Finance and Policy Committee being over subscribed by 2, the Staffing Committee did not require a vote and there was 1 vacancy on both Property and Amenities and Open Spaces.

Ballot papers were completed and duly collected and counted the results were as follows –

Councillor R.J. Allen	5
Councillor W.B. Cavill	4
Councillor S.R. Dobson	3
Councillor Mrs P. Dow	6
Councillor N.J Fogg	6
Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson	4
Councillor D. L. Parker	8
Councillor A.R. Ross	8

There being an equality of votes a further written was taken for those members who had each received 4 votes.

The result of this ballot was as follows –

Councillor W.B. Cavill	4
Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson	4
Abstention	1

Therefore the Mayor gave his casting vote to Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson as the sixth member of the Finance and Policy Committee.

The members of the Finance and Policy Committee with therefore be –

Councillor R.J. Allen
Councillor Mrs P. Dow
Councillor N.J. Fogg
Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson
Councillor D.L. Parker
Councillor A.R. Ross

Immediately following the Mayor's casting vote whilst the Town Clerk and Office Manager were collating the various voting papers a sarcastic remark was made by Councillor W.B. Cavill to the Mayor regarding his casting vote. This remark was heard by members of the Council, Councillor R. J. Allen took exception to the way in which Councillor W.B. Cavill had challenged the authority of the Chair. The Town Clerk stated that she had not heard the comment which had been made, Councillor R.J. Allen stated that Councillor W.B. Cavill had said " thanks very much Mr. Mayor I don't think !" The Town Mayor asked for calm and reflection from the Councillors to try and retrieve order to the meeting. However, Councillor R.J. Allen felt that disrespect had been shown to the Mayor and the authority of the Chair. A heat exchange then took place across the Council Chamber between Councillor W.B. Cavill and Councillor R.J. Allen at this point the Mayor banged the gavel and asked for order to be restored. Councillor R.J. Allen stood and gave his apologies to the Mayor stating that he felt that he could not remain at the meeting due to the way in which this matter was being dealt with. At this point Councillor W.B. Cavill said "good" and Councillor R.J. Allen said "you see what I mean" and left the meeting at 7.31 p.m. The Town Clerk advised the Mayor that the original remark made by Councillor W.B. Cavill was unacceptable and contrary to Standing Orders, the Town Mayor accepted this advice and told Councillor W.B. Cavill that the comments he had made were out of order, at this point Councillor W.B. Cavill collected his papers and also left the meeting at 7.32 p.m.

Councillor Mrs C. Jackson, having previously given her apologies to the Mayor also left the meeting at 7.32 p.m due to a prior engagement.

The Town Clerk stated that this behaviour is unacceptable and will be dealt with.

The Staffing Committee having received the appropriate number of nominations is as follows –

Councillor M. Curtis
Councillor Mrs P. Dow
Councillor G. Francis
Councillor Mrs C. Jackson
Councillor D.L. Parker
Councillor A.R. Ross

The Amenities and Open Spaces Committee having received only 5 nominations has 1 vacancy they are as follows –

Councillor M.P. Cooper
Councillor P.B. Cossey
Councillor M. Curtis
Councillor M. Gray
Councillor Mrs C. Jackson
1 Vacancy

The Property Committee having received only 5 nominations has 1 vacancy they are as follows –

Councillor W.B. Cavill
Councillor P.B. Cossey
Councillor S.R. Dobson
Councillor G. Francis
Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson
1 Vacancy.

Proposed by Councillor D.L. Parker, seconded by Councillor Mrs P. Dow and –

RESOLVED: Unanimously that the 2 vacancies be left until the co-option for the 16th member of the Council has been made and then asked for further nominations for these 2 committees.

The meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

PART 2

Proposed by Councillor B. Castle, seconded by Councillor by D.L. Parker and –

RECOMMENDED: That under the Local Government Act 1972 that the Public and Press be asked to leave the meeting, due to the fact that legal and confidential matters were to be discussed.

555/05 **Minute No. 524/05** – The Town Clerk informed the Council that the application that had been received from a prospective tenant has been withdrawn and that negotiations were now taking place with a second interested party. Mrs L. Buckingham who trades as “ Un Po Di Piu Limited” in Italian Ceramics/Glassware has offered an increased rent of £17,500 per annum and the “Heads of Terms” which are the same as those for the previous prospective tenant have also been agreed.

Proposed by Councillor D.L. Parker, seconded by Councillor Mrs P. Dow and –

RESOLVED: Unanimously that the Town Clerk proceed with the application from the second prospective tenant.

The meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.