

## MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

### FULL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Marlborough Town Council** held on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2006 in the Court Room, Marlborough Town Hall at 7.00pm.**

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<b>PRESENT</b>	Councillor B. Castle	Town Mayor
	Councillor M. P. Cooper	
	Councillor W. B. Cavill	
	Councillor G. Francis	
	Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford	
	Councillor Mrs P. Dow	
	Councillor N. Fogg	
	Councillor M. Gray	
	Councillor Mrs C. V. Jackson	
	Councillor M. Curtis	
	Councillor D. Parker	
	Councillor R. Allen	
	Councillor P. Cossey	
	Councillor A. Ross	
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Mrs Pam Dobson	Town Clerk
	Mrs Sue Fry	Office Manager
	Mrs Linda Chapman	Civic Secretary
	Revd. Father Philip Thomas	
	Mr M. Smith	Environmental Services K. D.C.
	Councillor Twigger	K. D. C.
	Mr A. Hampton	Works Manager K. D. C
	Councillor C. Humphries	
	Councillor A. W. Skittrall	Kennet District Councillor
	Mr Nigel Kerton	Wiltshire Gazette & Herald
	Mrs Ann Outrim	The Advisor
	9 Members of the Public	

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**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.**

#### PRAYERS

The Revd. Father Philip Thomas opened the meeting with prayers and a prayer was also said for the late Mr Jake Seamer the last Freeman of the Town.

The Mayor Councillor Bryan Castle introduced Mr Mark Smith, Mr Adrian Hampton and Councillor Twigger all from Kennet District Council, who had very kindly come along to give the Town Council a presentation regarding the alternate weekly collection of refuse. The Mayor stated that there would be an opportunity to ask questions after the presentation.

After the presentation the Mayor informed the Councillors and members of the public that skips for plastic and cardboard will be available on 11<sup>th</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> June times to be finalised. They will be located in the George Lane car park.

The following questions were asked and answered -

Will large families be given more wheelie bins?

**Kennet are asking everybody to make an effort, then if there are any problems an officer will visit them and be able to give them advice. If however there are exceptional circumstances they will be taken into consideration.**

In the trial period when people are still learning how to recycle will any over flow be left on the pavement?

**All overflow will be put back in the Wheelie bin with a note explaining why.**

What about families who are unable to get to recycling centres?

**Help and advice will be available and there will be flexible alternatives and assisted collections.**

Taking into account that this service does not begin until July, will we receive black bags to last until then?

**Over the course of time households have received 66 black bags instead of the normal 52 taking this into account households should have enough to last until July.**

Will this increase fly tipping and what course of action will be taken to stop this?

**Fly tipping has not increased that much in those areas already operating alternate weekly collections. If you do fly tip there is normally evidence in the waste and these people will be prosecuted. The majority of fly tipping is in fact commercial waste.**

Can we put rubbish direct into the bin or must it be placed in plastic bags?

**This is up to residents although we would advise putting it into bags.**

Bank Holidays always produce a lot of tourists in Marlborough and having black rubbish bags or wheelie bins on the pavements does not look very nice. Is there anyway that there could be an alternative day to do the collection?

**This policy is already agreed.**

Rotting food and nappies will now be left for two weeks, how will Kennet address the health issues.

**Kennet say that it is your waste therefore you must manage it in a responsible manner.**

**The point is well made about hygiene, There will be orange sacks available for people who are unable to have a wheelie bin.**

Mr S Rudd from the Bruce Trust charity stated that he had tried to dispose of batteries and oil from the Trust's boats and has found it increasingly difficult to do so.

**H.R.C. sites are run by Wiltshire County Council contact the CLARENCE help line they should be able to advise you.**

Mr G. Hutt stated that he had first hand experience of refuse disposal in Windsor, Sunderland and Northumberland where all the household waste is collected on a weekly basis and the smell is bad enough it will be even worse with the fortnightly collection.

**We have no intention of changing our policy at this time.**

The Chairman thanked Mr Smith, Mr Hampton and Councillor Twigger for the presentation and reminded everyone that if they have any more questions to come along to the public meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

#### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr N. Kerton asked if the skips for cardboard and plastic would be available for people who work all day to use in the evening.

**The Town Clerk reported that she will ask if this could be arranged.**

**Councillor N. Fogg gave his apologies and left the meeting at 7.50 pm Cllr. Twigger & KDC Officers also left at this point.**

#### **CRIME AND DISORDER**

There were no questions on Crime and Disorder.

#### **TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS TO AND FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND MADT REPRESENTATIVES.**

Councillor Mrs P. Dow asked County Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford if she would look into the condition of the road in the lower part of Herd Street.

**Councillor Mrs. E. M. Hannaford agreed to look into this.**

Councillor R. Allen asked whether Kennet District Councillors would ask if Bank Holiday collections could be reviewed.

**Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford agreed to look into this.**

Councillor Skittrall stated that there used to be a large directional sign by Kynance, Salisbury Road which seems to have disappeared.

**Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford said she would try and find out where it had gone to and if it was to be replaced.**

534/05 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor N. Fogg who left after the presentation.

535/05 **DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST**

Agenda Item 7 (a)	Councillor D. Parker – Member
Agenda Item 7 (a)	Councillor A. Ross – Member
Agenda Item 7 (a)	Councillor S. Dobson - Member
Agenda Item 7 (a & b)	Councillor P. Cossey – Subject to Standards Board investigation.
Agenda Item 7 (b)	Councillor D. Parker – Subject to Standards Board investigation.
Agenda Item 7 (b)	Councillor A Ross – Met with Elcot Lane Pavilion Trust through New Road Centre
Agenda Item 8	Councillor R. Allen – Employee

536/05 **CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) There will be a Thanksgiving Service for Jake Seamer on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm at Marlborough College. The Council are requested to be present as a corporate body.
- b) The Civic Service at St. Mary’s will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> May.
- c) A reminder that the presentation by Kennet District Council for local residents on Alternate Weekly Collection of refuse will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May in the Town Hall.

537/05 **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** unanimously to receive, approve and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Marlborough Town Council held on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006 with the following amendments: Page 58 in Public Question Time the Deputy Mayor stated that **This Council not This Councillor**, Minute no 475/05 should read **clarification of a number not clarification this of number** and Minute no 484/05 Item d) should read **and asked the Town Clerk not and ask the Town Clerk**.

**RESOLVED:** unanimously to receive, approve and sign the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Town Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

538/05 **TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND SIGN AS A TRUE RECORD THOSE MINUTES NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED.**

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2006 be Received.

b) Proposed by Councillor P. Cossey, seconded by Councillor Mrs C. Jackson and –

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2006 be Received.

c) Proposed by Councillor D. Parker, seconded by Councillor S. Dobson and –

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2006 be Received.

d) Proposed by Councillor S. Dobson, seconded by Councillor P. Cossey and –

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the Policy Review Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2006 be Received.

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**TO DISCUSS THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING AND MAKE RESOLUTIONS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN WHERE NECESSARY.**

- a) Recreation and Amenities Committee 13<sup>th</sup> February 2006 these recommendations had already previously been ratified.
- b) Finance and General Purposes Committee 27<sup>th</sup> February 2006 these recommendations had already previously been ratified.
- c) Policy Review Committee 18<sup>th</sup> April 2006

533/05 The following amendments were agreed –

**9. Voting –**

To read – by written ballot not by signed ballot.

**10.** To add after **whether they voted for or against it** (or abstained from voting).

Amend Standing Order numbers 77 to 76, 78 to 77 and 79 to 78.

Proposed by Councillor S. Dobson, seconded by Councillor P. Cossey and –

**RESOLVED:** that the Recommendations of the Policy Review Committee 18<sup>th</sup> April 2006 be Received and adopted and the adoption of Revised Standing Orders be adjourned to the next Town Council Meeting in accordance with Standing Order 101.

**Councillors S. Dobson, P. Cossey, D. Parker and A. Ross Declared Interest and left the room at 8.17pm**

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**CLERK'S REPORT**

- a) **Marlborough Golf Club** - To consider supporting in principal the proposal between the Golf Club and Tennis Club to further investigate the feasibility of establishing Tennis Courts at the Golf Club site and make a decision thereon.

After a discussion it was –

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

**RESOLVED:** by 3 votes for 2 against and 4 abstentions that Marlborough Town Council does not support in principle that a feasibility study be carried out into the Tennis Courts being sited at the Golf Club as they are against further development on the Common.

Councillor G. Francis stated that he felt it was disgusting that a town the size of Marlborough did not have any public tennis courts.

**Councillor S. Dobson returned to the room at 8.25pm**

- b) **Elcot Lane Playing Field** – To consider the response received from Wiltshire County Council solicitors and make a decision on future action concerning the use of the field by Marlborough Tennis Club.

After a discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor R. Allen, seconded by Councillor M. Cooper and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that this will be placed on the first Full Town Council Agenda as soon as the outcome of the Village Green application is known.

**Councillors A. Ross, P. Cossey and D. Parker returned to the room at 8.28pm**

- c) **Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Site Allocation Development Plan Document**  
To receive notification of receipt of full Document and to consider extract relating to proposed local site allocation at Salisbury Road Business Park and make comment thereon.

Following a discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor S. Dobson, seconded by Councillor D. Parker

**RESOLVED:** by 11 votes for 1 against and 1 abstention that Marlborough Town Council share the desire to locate a Household Recycling Centre in Salisbury Road Business Park providing all the relevant bodies are satisfied with the results of the consultation.

**Councillor R. Allen Declared Interest and left the room at 8.38pm**

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**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE ANY CLOSURE OF SAVERNAKE HOSPITAL**

Following a discussion it was –

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

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that Marlborough Town Council notes with much concern the proposals by the Primary Care Trust to cut services. The Council believes that the proposed option to close the newly built Savernake Hospital makes no sense. The action would leave the Kennet District with no community hospital, or vital adjuncts such as Physiotherapy, X-ray and Minor Injuries Unit.

This Council urges all our elected representatives to make clear to this unelected body our grave concerns on this matter and that this Council resolves to oppose any option, which includes the closure of the Savernake Community Hospital.

We are aware that a public meeting is to be held by the Primary Care Trust in the Marlborough Town Hall on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm and we would ask all the community of Marlborough and district to attend.

**Councillor R. Allen returned to the room at 8.45pm**

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**ARRANGEMENT FOR THE FILLING OF A CASUAL VACANCY BY CO-OPTION.**

The Town Clerk reported that notification has been received from Kennet District Council that the Town Council can proceed to co-option and consideration needs to be given by the Town Council to the process by which this will be achieved. Vacancies for co-option can be filled by the Town Council by whatever method they prefer, generally there are three alternatives. The Council has the power to decide who they would like to appoint and they can if they feel no candidate is suitable choose to ask for applicants again. It is good practice to demonstrate we are being as democratic as possible.

- a) The Council will agree that a particular resident comes along to every meeting so ask him or another resident has said he would like to be on the Council. This method is usually used by small Parish Councils who know everyone in the village and have a good idea of who would be suitable. It is not democratic.
- b) The runner up at the last contested election is asked if they would like to be co-opted to the Council, this again is used by Parish Councils or Town Councils where numbers coming forward are limited. This method could be seen as democratic if the last contested election was very recent but otherwise does not really fulfil the need to be democratic.
- c) Advertise by notices and in the local press that there is a vacancy and ask interested parties to write in explaining what they feel they can offer to the Council and community. When applications are received the successful person can either be chosen by Full Council based upon their written application or by interviewing each candidate and the Full Council deciding on their preference.

It was suggested that whoever takes the position must be prepared not to serve for just the next year but to seek election for the following 4 years. Any notice should also state the vacancy is for the West Ward.

After a discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor R. Allen, seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford and

**RESOLVED:** by 12 votes for with 1 against that Marlborough Town Council proceed with co-option using method C.

543/05 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING OUTSIDE ORGANISATION.**

Councillor Mrs C. Jackson stated that the Marlborough Brandt Group will be 25 years old this year and would it be possible to have some sort of function to acknowledge this.

Councillor S. Dobson felt that the Council could not warrant spending money on a Civic occasion however there should be some form of acknowledgement. The Town Clerk suggested that this could be put on a future Agenda for discussion.

Councillor Mrs P. Dow stated that Link was in need of volunteers and if any Councillor knew anyone who may be able to help could they kindly let her know.

544/05 **SEALING OF THE DOCUMENTS**

Proposed by Councillor S. Dobson, seconded by Councillor M. Cooper and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Common Seal of the Marlborough Town Council be affixed to all documents necessary to give effect to the decisions of the meetings of this Council.

545/05 **MEMBERS QUESTION TIME**

No questions had been submitted.

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Meeting closed at 9.00pm