

## MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

### FULL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Marlborough Town Council** held on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2006 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 7.00pm.**

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<b>PRESENT</b>	Councillor B. Castle	Town Mayor
	Councillor S.R. Dobson	
	Councillor M. P. Cooper	
	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	
	Councillor A. Kirk Wilson	
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Mrs Pam Dobson	Town Clerk
	Mrs Sue Fry	Office Manager
	Mrs Linda Chapman	Civic Secretary
	Revd. Michael Cripps	
	Councillor C. Humphries	Wiltshire County Councillor
	Councillor A. W. Skittrall	Kennet District Councillor
	Mr Nigel Kerton	Wiltshire Gazette & Herald
	5 Members of the Public	
	Sergeant I Thomas and PC Ben Brain	Wiltshire Constabulary
	Ms. S. Long	CAB
	Ms. L. Backhouse	CAB

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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

Revd. Michael Cripps opened the meeting with prayers.

#### CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Ms Sandra Long (Bureau Manager) and Ms Louise Backhouse (Chair of the Trustees Board) gave a presentation to the Councillors detailing the services that they provide and the need for them to obtain additional funding to continue and expand their services. Councillors were then invited to ask questions.

**Councillor N. Fogg arrived at 7.12 p.m.**

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**Mr Crane – Back Lane** – Ask what could be done about the amount of vandalism and late night rowdy behaviour that occurs in Back Lane.

**The Mayor** advised Mr. Crane that this question should be answered during the Crime and Disorder item.

**Mr. N. Kerton – St. Margaret’s Mead** – Ask why a banner has appeared on the railings at the Salisbury Road roundabout when he understood that these were no longer permitted.

**The Mayor** – advised Mr Kerton that this question could be more ably answered under Questions to and from County and District Councillors.

## **CRIME AND DISORDER**

**The Mayor** welcomed Sergeant Thomas and PC Brain, he asked them to pass on his thanks to all those involved in the very positive policing of the Jazz Festival weekend.

**Sergeant Thomas** thanked the Mayor and said that there had been very few incidents those that had occurred had not been related to the Jazz Festival.

**Sergeant Thomas** – in reply to Mr Cranes question. All incidents need to be reported at the time they occur, although Back Lane is policed he will when man power allows increase these patrols.

**Mr. J. Reece – Back Lane** – Since March 06 he has reported 6 incidents to the police but as the police had not been able to attend immediately the culprits had left the area by the time they had arrived. Many of these incidents take place on footpaths leading to Back Lane away from vehicular access, how did the police intend to deal with these incidents?

**Sergeant Thomas** – every effort is made to attend incidents as they are reported but as there is a very wide area to cover this is not always possible. Where vehicle access is not possible, when manpower allows foot patrols are used.

**Councillor M. Gray** – most vandalism and bad behaviour in the High Street takes place between 10.00 p.m. and 3.00 am why is it not possible for there to be a police presence between these times.

**Sergeant Thomas** – again when manpower allows every effort is made to have police officers in the High Street.

**Councillor Mrs P. Dow** – an incident had been reported to her regarding noise created from neighbours, the person reported the disturbance to the police but were informed that it was the District Council that they needed to contact and were given the number. On contacting the District Council they were told via an answer machine message that there would be no one available until the Monday morning. Why can the police not deal with this kind of complaint?

**Sergeant Thomas** – noise pollution has always been dealt with by Environmental Health but in extreme circumstances the police would endeavour to assist with the problem.

**TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS to and from COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS and MADT representatives (not to exceed 10 minutes)**

**Councillor M.P. Cooper** – re-iterated Mr N. Kertons original question and said that he understood that the banner had been put in place by Kennet District Council staff, were there different rules in place for Kennet District Council.

**Councillor E.M. Hannaford- Dobson** – said that she would take this back to Kennet District Council to obtain an answer.

There were various question raised regarding the refuse and re-cycling collections in Marlborough.

**Councillor R. Allen** – he understood that Kennet District Council have a duty to keep the streets clean but was appalled to see the amount of rubbish that had been left behind by the District Council. At the public meeting held to discuss the intended changes in refuse collection he understood that where the lids of black wheelie bins were not closed because of the volume of refuse placed in them, then only the extra bags would be left behind not the whole bin as seems to be the case. After contacting DEFRA for advice he was informed that an assisted collection should be made available for the elderly, infirmed and those without means of transport for the recycling of plastic and cardboard.

**Councillor A.W. Skittrall** – any black sacks that are left will be collected and opened to try and establish the owner of the rubbish. As from the 1<sup>st</sup> August there will be permanent skips placed in the George Lane car park for the recycling of cardboard and plastic.

**Councillor N. Fogg** – felt that it would be of benefit to have a meeting Kennet District Council officers to try and iron out these problems.

**Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson** – informed Councillors that she had spoken to officers at Kennet District Council and that they had indicated that they would be more than happy to attend a meeting.

132/06 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor W.B. Cavill.

133/06 **DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST**

There were no Declaration(s) of Interest

134/06 **CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) The Chairman informed Councillors that item 7 on the agenda will have to be deferred until the meeting of the 31<sup>st</sup> July, 06 due to an omission from the Councillors pack.
- b) The Chairman reported with regret the sad death of Bill Turner, he was well respected as a Town Councillor with the old Borough Council, later he became Chairman of Ogbourne St. Andrew Parish Council. A letter of sympathy has been sent on the Councils behalf to his wife Mrs Liz Turner.
- (c) The Chairman gave notice of a Civic Reception that will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 06 in the Town Hall to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the Marlborough Brandt Group. The cost of refreshments will be met from my Mayoral Allowance.
- (d) As part of the 25<sup>th</sup> year celebrations the Chairman has accepted an invitation to visit Gunjar, in the Gambia, in November of this year.
- (e) The Chairman congratulated MADT and Councillor G. Francis on the production of the informative and colourful leaflet advertising our town and some of the eateries available.
- (f) The Chairman reminded all Councillors that the annual bowls match will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 06, the Deputy Mayor will be leading the team as the Chairman has a prior engagement.
- (g) The BT phone box that was discussed by Council some weeks ago is the one at the junction of the Salisbury Road and London Road.

- (h) The Chairman reminded Councillors that when a fellow councillor is addressing the Council, then he or she should be heard in silence. To talk amongst yourselves is not only discourteous, but can lead both you and the council into disrepute.

135/06 **MINUTES**

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

**RESOLVED:** unanimously to receive, approve and sign as a true record the Minutes of the Full Town Council held on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

136/06 **TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS – and to sign as a true record those minutes not previously received.**

(a) Proposed by Councillor E.M. Hannaford- Dobson, seconded by Councillor G. Francis and -

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Property Committee held on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2006 be received and signed as true record.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Mrs C. Jackson, seconded by Councillor M. Cooper and –

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2006 be received and signed as a true record.

(c) Proposed by Councillor G. Francis, seconded by Councillor M. Curtis and –

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2006 be received and signed as a true record.

(d) Proposed by Councillor A. Ross, seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford and –

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee held on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2006 be received and signed as a true record.

137/06 **TO DISCUSS THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING – and make Resolutions on the Recommendations therein.**

(a) Proposed by Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford, seconded by Councillor G. Francis and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting of the Property Committee held on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2006 be Received and Adopted.

(b) Proposed by Councillor G. Francis, seconded by Councillor M. Curtis and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2006 be Received and Adopted.

(c) Proposed by Councillor A. Ross, seconded by Councillor Mrs P. Dow and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee held on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2006 be Received and Adopted.

**REPORT OF THE 2004 WORKING PARTY**

This item was deferred due to the necessary report not being circulated with apologies from the Town Clerk. This will be submitted to a meeting with a date to be notified.

**CLERK'S REPORT****(a) Wiltshire County Council – Changes to Marlborough Divisional Office.**

Marlborough Town Council noted this information.

**(b) Wiltshire County Council**

Details of the Parish Highway Presentations given in the spring.

The Mayor stated that in the past Councillors have not had any input and would suggest that any queries should be brought to the Town Clerks attention before the stewards are due to visit and that they should be visiting more often. Councillors were also free to report any problems to Clarence themselves.

**(c) Marlborough Application for Fair Trade Status**

A letter from the Marlborough Fair Trade Group requesting the Town Council revisit the proposal to support Fair Trade, which was first put forward in a presentation on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2003.

The Town Clerk circulated a copy to all Councillors of the Fair Trade suppliers in Marlborough.

The Mayor stated that Devizes have signed up for this.

Councillor M. Cooper stated that this should go forward as soon as possible. Marlborough is more fair trade minded than a few years ago.

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

This should be placed on the next Planning Agenda.

**SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS**

To Receive the Schedule of Accounts for –

**a) May 2006**

**RESOLVED:** That the Schedule of Accounts for May 2006 in the sum £48,192.91 including reimbursement to the No.2 Account in the sum of £6,924.14 be Received and signed by the Chairman.

**b) June 2006**

**RESOLVED:** That the Schedule of Accounts for June 2006 in the sum £22,885.92 including reimbursement to the No.2 Account in the sum of £7,075.45 be Received and signed by the Chairman.

142/06 **TOWN COUNCIL BALANCES**

**RESOLVED:** The Town Council balances at the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006 be Received.

143/06 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS.**

Councillor Francis brought to the Councillors attention that MADT are promoting a Summer Fair at Marlborough College on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July from 12noon – 5pm with free pedestrian entry.

Councillor Mrs C. Jackson stated that The Brandt Group will be holding an auction of promise at Manton Grange on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Tickets are available at £10.00 each this includes strawberries and cream and a glass of champagne. The Brandt Group will also have a stall at the Summer Fair on Saturday.

144/06 **SEALING OF DOCUMENTS**

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

**RESOLVED:** 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.

145/06 **MEMBERS QUESTION TIME**

Councillor D. Parker asked the following question –

What are the implications on the Council with the recent result of the complaint by Mrs Kerton to the Standards Board and will members continue with their best efforts to work with the Marlborough Tennis Club and all interested parties, to provide tennis courts in Marlborough which the general public can use?

The Town Clerk stated that she has made further contact with the Monitoring Officer to expedite the training; in addition an article from The Clerk magazine may be of interest to Members.

A number of Councillors made personal statements regarding their experience with the Standards Board when complaints had been filed against them.

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**Meeting closed at 8.44pm**