

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

FULL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Full Town Council** held on **Monday 22nd January, 2007** in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough** at 7.00 pm

PRESENT	Councillor B.D. Castle Councillor S.R. Dobson Councillor M.P. Cooper Councillor W.B. Cavill Councillor G. Francis Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson Councillor Mrs P. Dow Councillor N. Fogg Councillor M. Gray Councillor Mrs C.V. Jackson Councillor M. C. Curtis Councillor D.L Parker Councillor R.J. Allen Councillor P.B. Cossey Councillor A.R. Ross Councillor A. Kirk-Wilson	Town Mayor
ALSO PRESENT	Mrs Pam Dobson Mrs Sue Fry Revd. M. Cripps Councillor C. Humphries Mr. N. Kerton Mr. G. Adams Acting Inspector Mark Freeman WPC Chrissie MacDonald	Town Clerk Office Manager Mayor's Chaplain Leader – Kennet District Council Wiltshire Gazette & Herald The Advisor Wiltshire Police Wiltshire Police

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.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr. N. Kerton – ask how often an audit for street furniture was carried out as he had noticed “Controlled Zone Ends” signs in various places and enquired if any councillors knew what they related to.

The Mayor – Councillor B.D. Castle replied that he thought they related to parking times.

Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford- Dobson – stated that she would make enquiries as to what they related to.

CRIME AND DISORDER

The Mayor welcomed Acting Inspector Mark Freeman and WPC Chrissie MacDonald, he thanked Acting Inspector Mark Freeman for all the hard work he had done in the Marlborough Community during his time as Inspector.

Acting Inspector Mark Freeman – thanked the Mayor for his kind words and informed members that Inspector Ian Stevenson had taken up his post at Marlborough Police Station but that he was currently on annual leave, although he hoped to attend the next meeting of the full Town Council.

Acting Inspector Mark Freeman – informed members that an arrest had been made following a serious assault in Herd Street and that the person arrested was being held in custody.

WPC Chrissie MacDonald – informed members that following the issue of a drugs warrant 2 people were arrested last week, this was following information that had been received. Members were also informed that surveys were being carried out in the area to ascertain what residents felt were the top 3 problems for their area. This would then enable the police to act on them.

Councillor Mrs P. Dow – congratulated the police on their initiative in issuing purse chains to members of the public.

Acting Inspector Mark Freeman – stated that they were available to anyone who would like one.

Councillor W.B. Cavill – informed the police that he had received complaints from a member of the public who lives on The Green regarding noise and unrest.

Acting Inspector Mark Freeman – stated that if the person concerned could inform the police of the times when this unrest takes places he will ensure that this area is placed on the patrol route.

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

Councillor G. Francis – ask if the County Councillor could report the bad pot holes on the A346 Herd Street as some of these are now very deep making them a danger to motorists.

Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson – stated that she will take this up with the County Council.

Councillor N. Fogg – stated that there are certain alleys and footpaths in Marlborough that are very poorly lit could the County Council be approached to rectify this problem.

The Town Clerk – informed members that a letter that had been received recently in the office regarding lighting in one particular alley off of the High Street from Michael Ancram MP had been passed to the local County Council office for action.

Councillor R. Allen – enquired as to when the signs on the west side of the town for the TIC would be removed.

Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson – stated that she will look in to this.

Councillor S.R. Dobson – noted that the old TIC building is still vacant at the moment but that he understood that new tenants had been found for it. Is this still the case and is it more financially viable than the old use?

Councillor N. Fogg - stated that the old Marlborough TIC office was the second most used in this area and that he had also heard reports that there is a possibility that we could lose the Avebury office.

Councillor W.B. Cavill – said that he understood that there had in fact been 2 tenants for this building but that both had been lost. He will be attending a task group meeting next week on tourism when he will be pursuing the lack of an efficient TIC in Marlborough.

Councillor S.R. Dobson – if no tenant has been found for this building could pressure be put on to bring back a TIC to Marlborough.

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APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

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DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST

There were no Declaration(s) of Interest

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) The Mayor informed members that the Flood Plan for the Parish of Marlborough, including Manton, has been revisited and updated. The Environment Agency for the western part of the Thames catchment has been kept abreast of developments within the town. In particular attention had been drawn to the concern of the Town Council that by ensuring the sluices at Town Mill are wide open to make certain that the river runs unimpeded, we are at the same time inflicting considerable erosion and damage to Coopers Meadow in the vicinity of the mill pond. This dichotomy of interest needs resolving. The Town Council has also to corporately address the need to find a deputy flood warden to act with the Town Clerk for those occasions when the flood warden is away. This matter will be placed on the agenda of the next F & P meeting.

b) The Mayor reminded all councillors that there several outstanding reports on the state of the public footpaths throughout the parish. We are letting down both the Council and the residents of our town when these reports are not submitted to the County Council for remedial action.

c) The Mayor stated that on a happier note he would ask all councillors to put the date of the Mayoral Ball in their diaries as Friday 16th March. The event is also to celebrate the 25 year link that this town proudly has with the community of Gunjur in the Gambia. The price of tickets for this quality occasion is £35.00. The finer details such as menu, times and the band are still being worked on and will be announced shortly.

d) The Mayor informed members that a horse brass had been donated to the Council by former Borough Mayor David Chandler. The horse brass formed part of the harness used by the horses on the Borough dustcarts and an accompanying photograph shows the brass in situ.

411/06 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED: by 13 votes for with 3 abstentions to receive, approve and sign as a true record the Minutes of the Full Town Council held on the 27th November, 2006.

412/06 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE AND SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS – and to sign as a true record those Minutes not previously received.

a) Proposed by Councillor S.R. Dobson, seconded by Councillor Mrs P. Dow and –

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting of the Policy Review Sub Committee held on the 4th December, 2006 be received and signed as a true record.

b) 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 11th December, 2006 be received and signed as a true record.

c) Proposed by Councillor Mrs C.V. Jackson, seconded by Councillor Mrs E M. Hannaford- Dobson and -

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 8th January, 2007 be received and signed as a true record.

d) Proposed by Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson, seconded by Councillor G. Francis and –

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting of the Property Committee held on the 8th January, 2007 be received and signed as a true record.

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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) Proposed by Councillor S.R. Dobson, seconded by Councillor Mrs P. Dow and –

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting of the Policy Review Sub Committee held on the 4th December, 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 11th December, 2006 be Received and Adopted.

- c) Proposed by Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson, seconded by Councillor G. Francis and –

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting of the Property Committee held on the 8th January, 2007 be Received and Adopted.

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CLERK'S REPORT

- a) **Update on response to items raised in Public Question Time and Questions to and from County and District Councillors to be dealt with by Town Clerk. Question from Councillor R. Allen 27.11.06 – Crossing Points in East Ward.**

That this information be noted.

- b) **Minute No. 344/06 – Response from Chief Constable to County Councillor.**

Councillor S.R. Dobson enquired as to whether a response to the questions raised had been received from the Fire Brigade and if not could they be pressed for a response.

Proposed by Councillor R. Allen, seconded by Councillor N. Fogg and –

RESOLVED: by 9 votes for, with 5 abstentions that a letter expressing concern at the comments contained in paragraph 2, page 2 of the letter sent to Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson and copied to the Town Council be sent to the Chief Constable.

415/06 WILTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Council gave consideration to a request for a crossing facility on the A346 Port Hill near the Common junction

Proposed by Councillor B.D. Castle, seconded by Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson and –

RESOLVED: by 14 votes for, with 2 votes against that Marlborough Town Council support this request.

416/06 SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS.

To receive the Schedule of Accounts for –

a) November, 2006.

RESOLVED: that the Schedule of Accounts for November, 2006 in the sum of £21,829.82 be received and signed by the Chairman.

b) December, 2006.

RESOLVED: that the Schedule of Accounts for December, 2006 in the sum of £29,739.17 be received and signed by the Chairman.

417/06 TOWN COUNCIL BALANCES

RESOLVED: That the Town Council balances as at the 31st December, 2006 be Received.

418/06 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

a) Minutes of the Kempson Enterprise Trust meeting 14.11.06

That this information be received.

b) MADT Newsletter.

That this information be received.

419/06 SELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR FOR THE MAYORAL YEAR 2007/2008

The nomination has previously been received in writing.

Proposed by Councillor B. Castle, seconded by Councillor J.N. Fogg and –

RECOMMENDED: unanimously that Councillor Mrs P. Dow be the Mayor Elect for the Mayoral Year 2007/2008.

Councillor Mrs P. Dow thanked the members of the Council for their support and invited all those present to join her for refreshments in the Court Room after the meetings.

420/06 SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

Proposed by Councillor S.R. Dobson, seconded by Councillor M.P. 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.

421/06 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm