

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

FULL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Full Town Council** held on **Monday 27th November, 2006 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 7.00 pm**

PRESENT	Councillor B. Castle Councillor M.P. Cooper Councillor W.B. Cavill Councillor G. Francis Councillor Mrs P.A. Dow Councillor N. Fogg Councillor M. Gray Councillor Mrs C.V. Jackson Councillor M. Curtis Councillor D.L. Parker Councillor R.J. Allen Councillor P.B. Cossey Councillor A. Kirk-Wilson	Town Mayor
ALSO PRESENT	Mrs Pam Dobson Mrs Sue Fry Revd. M. Cripps Wiltshire Gazette & Herald Acting Sergeant J. Lee Mr. G. Adams	Town Clerk Office Manager Mayor's Chaplain Mr. N. Kerton Wiltshire Police Advisor

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

There were no public questions.

CRIME AND DISORDER

The Mayor welcomed Acting Sergeant Jon Lee.

Sergeant Lee informed members that he would shortly be leaving Marlborough Police Station and would be stationed at Salisbury. During his time at Marlborough, the last 5 months as Acting Sergeant he has been involved and enjoyed his work within the community.

Councillor M. Gray asked if the Police had

Sergeant Lee informed members that Kennet District Council were responsible for parking in the town.

Councillor N. Fogg reported that there had been a large increase in illegal parking at weekends and evenings, although he had reported this to the police there appeared to be very little they were able to do.

Councillor Cavill informed members that he would take up the parking issue with officers at Kennet District Council.

Councillor R. Allen reported that vehicles parking in the bus stop outside Woolworths on a Sunday meant that buses had to stop in the road, he urged Kennet District Councillors to sort out this problem with officers at Kennet District Council.

TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS to and from COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS and MADT representatives.

Councillor G. Francis informed members that he has resigned as a director of MADT.

Councillor N. Fogg requested an update on the situation with the Registrar.

Town Clerk informed members that a full service has been resumed and that in fact the service had only been affected for 3 days and that during this time home visits had been arranged for those who needed the services of the Registrar.

Councillor N. Fogg congratulated the Town Clerk for her hard work in helping to resolve this situation.

Councillor R. Allen said that he was amazed at the speed at which the crossing works on the west side of the town had progressed, but would like to know what plans are in place for crossings on the east side of the town.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S.R. Dobson, Mrs E.M. Hannaford -Dobson and A. Ross.

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DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) The Mayor reported that since his return from the Gunjur he has heard many compliments concerning the Town's Christmas Lights. The praise for the lights and the tangible sense of festive well being in the town is entirely due to the informal Christmas Lights Organising Committee who by their vision and dedication have directed the project. Their thanks and mine to the many donations, large and small, generously given by firms and individuals. Later in this meeting approval will be sought, within the 2007/2008 budget for a significant increase in the support that we give towards the town's Christmas Lights for next year. I trust that this proposal will be agreed.

b) The Mayor informed members that the Christmas Tree on the Green has been erected and that the lights will be switched on this coming Friday 1st December. A blessing and some carols will follow the switch on. Afterwards everyone will be invited to the Town Hall for a cup of tea or coffee plus seasonal fare.

c) The Mayor congratulated both ARK and KVAT in their successful joint bid for £50,000 from the People's Millions Lottery Fund, with this money the bank adjoining the Priory Gardens can be restored and the whole area improved during next year. Again money has been itemised in next years budget proposals to continue with this Councils vision of an improved riverside environment throughout the town. This can and will be achieved by working with like minded organisations such as ARK.

d) The Mayor stated that he would like to put on record his thanks to the late Civic Society who with their remaining monies have improved our knowledge of the town for both visitors and townspeople. Firstly by restoring the town map display outside the Jubilee Rooms and secondly by erecting the 'paupers' memorial in our old cemetery. He thanked the Deputy Mayor for representing the Town Council at the simple and somewhat poignant ceremony last Monday.

e) The Mayor stated that all Councillors should have before them a copy of the response following a meeting that the Town Clerk and he had attended at St. John's School. This communication had been received after the agenda had been published. If any Councillor should wish to discuss any detail contained within the correspondence please request that the Town Clerk places this on the next Planning agenda.

f) The Mayor reminded Councillors that following the Planning Meeting on the 18th December, 2006 seasonal refreshments will be offered to everyone present.

MINUTES

Proposed by Councillor B. Castle, seconded by Councillor M.P. Cooper and –

RESOLVED: unanimously to receive, approve and sign as a true record the Minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on Monday 16th October, 2006.

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 P.B. Cossey, seconded by Councillor M P Cooper and –

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee held on the 30th October, 2006 be received and signed as a true record.

- b) Proposed by Councillor G Francis, seconded by Councillor W B Cavill and –

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting of the Property Committee held on the 8th November, 2006 be received and signed as a true record.

- c) Proposed by Councillor Mrs C.V. Jackson, seconded by Councillor M. Gray and –

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 13th November, 2006 be received and signed as a true record.

- d) Proposed by Councillor D Parker, seconded by Councillor N Fogg and –

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee held on the 13th November, 2006 be received and signed as a true record.

- e) Proposed by Councillor P. Cossey, seconded by Councillor M. P Cooper and -

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee held on the 15th November, 2006 be received and signed as a true record.

- f) 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 16th November, 2006 be received and signed as a true record.

- g) Proposed by Councillor D. Parker, seconded by Councillor N Fogg and -

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee which was held on the 21st November, 2006 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 and Recommendations therein .

a) Proposed by Councillor P. Cossey, seconded by Councillor M. Cooper and –

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee held on the 30th October, 2006 be Received and Adopted.

b) Proposed by Councillor G Francis, seconded by Councillor W B Cavill and -

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting of the Property Committee held on the 8th November, 2006 be Received and Adopted.

c) Proposed by Councillor D Parker, seconded by Councillor N. Fogg and -

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee held on the 13th November, 2006 be Received and Adopted.

d) Proposed by Councillor P. Cossey, seconded by Councillor M. Cooper and -

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee held on the 15th November, 2006 be Received and Adopted.

e) 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 16th November, 2006 be Received and Adopted.

f) Proposed by Councillor D Parker, seconded by Councillor N Fogg and -

RESOLVED: by 12 votes for, with 1 abstention that the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee held on the 21st November, 2006 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 the Town Clerk.**

The Town Clerk informed members that an acknowledgement from Wiltshire Police had been received regarding the questions raised by Councillor S. R. Dobson and that further information would be circulated when received.

345/06 SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

To receive the Schedule of Accounts for –

a) October, 2006

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

RESOLVED: that the Schedule of Accounts for October, 2006 in the sum of £21,418.65 including reimbursement to the No. 2 Account in the sum of £6,679.62 be received and signed by the Chairman.

346/06 TOWN COUNCIL BALANCES

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

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

347/06 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS.

Councillor P. Cossey informed members that Mr. D. Sherratt proposes to plant daffodil bulbs around the Paupers grave on the 3rd December, 2006 at 2.30 pm, anyone wishing to donate bulbs or attend the planting would be most welcome.

Councillor Mrs C. Jackson informed members that the Brandt Group Christmas party will be taking place on the 14th December, 2006 from 6.00 pm onwards at the Upper Office, The Dutch Barn, Elm Tree Park, Manton and all Councillors are welcome.

348/06 SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

Proposed by Councillor M. Cooper, seconded by Councillor W B Cavill 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.

349/06 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME

There were no questions at Members Question Time.

The meeting ended at 7.50 pm

