

## MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

### FULL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Full Town Council** held on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2007 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 7.00 p.m.**

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| <b>PRESENT</b>      | Councillor Mrs P. Dow<br>Councillor G. Francis<br>Councillor B. Castle<br>Councillor N. Fogg<br>Councillor A. Ross<br>Councillor A. Kirk Wilson<br>Councillor Mrs E. Fogg<br>Councillor R. Notton<br>Councillor Mrs M. Rose.<br>Councillor G. Loosmore<br>Councillor S. Radnedge<br>Councillor R. Pitts<br>Councillor A. Sycamore | Town Mayor   |
| <b>ALSO PRESENT</b> | Mrs Pam Dobson<br>Mrs Sue Fry<br>Councillor C. Humphries<br>Mr. N. Kerton<br>Mr. G. Adams<br>Inspector Ian Stevenson<br>Plus 2 members of the public  | Town Clerk<br>Office Manager<br>Kennet District Council<br>Wiltshire Gazette & Herald<br>Adviser<br>Wiltshire Constabulary |

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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 Mayor, Councillor Mrs P. Dow opened the meeting with prayers.

#### PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

**Mr. Dobie** – Asked why white posts have appeared on the Common and what the Council are going to do about them?

**The Mayor** replied that the Golf Club have requested extra land on the Common and were asked to mark it out with white posts so that the Council could see exactly what area they wanted. The Council would shortly be making a visit to the Golf Club to access the request.

**Mr. Dobie** – Asked if it would be possible to allow cars to park on the Common when there are rugby matches on a Saturday afternoon as cars that park on Frees Avenue are a hazard to other motorists using this road.

**The Mayor** – said that the Council would investigate and if necessary then allow parking on the Common on match days only.

**Mrs Compton** – informed the Council that the judicial review for the Day Hospital at Savernake Hospital is in place and that the papers will be heard in the High Court on Friday. As soon as a decision has been made the Council will be informed.

**Mrs Compton** – also advised the Council that Savernake Parish Council were investigating why Savernake Hospital has been de-listed.

**Mr. N. Kerton** – asked why the Common had been so clinically cut this year and could a strip be left through the middle to allow small mammals and birds to thrive.

**The Mayor** – said that the Council will take on board these comments.

## **CRIME AND DISORDER**

**Inspector Ian Stevenson** – informed members that he would report the crime figures to the Council quarterly. He reported that there had been a rise in reported crimes over recent weeks this was due to the theft of lead from properties and theft from motor vehicles. A suspect had been identified for the theft of lead from properties.

**The Mayor** – enquired as to whether there would be another stall held on the market for the distribution of clips for handbags.

**Inspector Ian Stevenson** – replied that he has spoken to his officers and that a stall will be held on the market before Christmas.

**Councillor B. Castle** – thanked Inspector Stevenson and his officers on behalf of the British Legion for their assistance on Remembrance Day at the War Memorial.

**Councillor N. Fogg** – said that now that the coping stones were to be replaced in St. Mary's Churchyard would the police be patrolling this area to prevent this problem re-occurring.

**Inspector Ian Stevenson** – said that his officers would continue to police this area.

**Councillor R. Pitts** – asked if any speed traps were planned for the western approach to the town.

**Inspector Ian Stevenson** – reported that speed traps will take place in this area.

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

**Councillor B. Castle** – requested that Kennet District Councillors add their weight to the investigation on the de-listing of Savernake Hospital.

**Councillor N. Fogg** – said that this is the first he has heard of this and is not sure of the process under which this would happen and that we should write to English Heritage to ascertain what was happening.

**Councillor C. Humphries** – informed members that he understood that it was only the façade of the hospital that was listed and not the bulk of the building.

**Councillor B. Castle** – still urged that Kennet District Council Councillors investigate this.

This was agreed by the District Councillors present.

**Councillor A. Sycamore** - asked why MCASP had stopped funding for MADT.

**Councillor C. Humphries** – reported that there was no validity of the motion put forward to stop this funding and that it will continue.

**Councillor N. Fogg** – said that he has been approached by residents in the Parade regarding the pigeon population.

**The Town Clerk** – informed members that this was the responsibility of Kennet District Council but that they do not have a policy on pigeon control.

**Councillor Mrs E. Fogg** – suggested that maybe a Falconer should be employed to deal with this problem.

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#### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S. Dobson, Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson and T. Spranger.

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#### **DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST**

There were no Declaration(s) of Interest.

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#### **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor thanked Councillors for their support on Remembrance Day and invited them to join her for a drink after the meeting.

The Mayor informed members that she had been presented with a picture from RAF Fairford on a recent visit there and ask for the Councils permission for this to be displayed in the Town Hall.

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

**RESOLVED:** by 12 votes for with 1 against that the picture be displayed in the Town Hall.

**325/07**

#### **MINUTES**

Proposed by Councillor G. Francis, seconded by Councillor B. Castle and –

**RESOLVED:** 12 votes for with 1 abstention to receive, approve and sign as a true record the Minutes of the Full Town Council held on the 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2007

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**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 B. Castle, seconded by Councillor R. Pitts and –

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee held on the 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 be received and signed as a true record.

b) Proposed by Councillor A. Kirk Wilson, seconded by Councillor B. Castle and –

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Property Committee held on the 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 be received and signed as a true record.

c) Proposed by Councillor A. Ross, seconded by Councillor N. Fogg and –

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Property Committee held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2007 be received and signed as a true record.

d) Proposed by Councillor A. Kirk Wilson, seconded by Councillor G Francis and –

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 be received and signed as a true record.

e) Proposed by Councillor G. Francis, seconded by Councillor Mrs E. Fogg and –

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held on the 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 be received and signed as a true record.

f) Proposed by Councillor B. Castle, seconded by Councillor R. Pitts and –

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee held on the 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 be received and signed as a true record.

g) Proposed by Councillor A. Ross, seconded by Councillor A. Sycamore and –

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee held on the 5<sup>th</sup> November, 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 B. Castle, seconded by Councillor R. Pitts and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee held on the 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 be Received and Adopted.

b) Proposed by Councillor A. Kirk Wilson, seconded by Councillor A. Ross and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting of the Property Committee held on the 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 be Received and Adopted.

c) Proposed by Councillor A. Ross, seconded by Councillor G. Loosmore and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2007 be Received and Adopted.

d) Proposed by Councillor G. Francis, seconded by Councillor R. Pitts and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held on the 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 be Received and Adopted.

e) Proposed by Councillor B. Castle, seconded by Councillor R. Pitts and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee held on the 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 be Received and Adopted

e) Proposed by Councillor A. Ross, seconded by Councillor A. Sycamore and –

**Minute No. 330/07 the following comments were made –**

**Councillor B. Castle** – felt that the proposed increase to the General Reserve was to high  
**Councillor R. Notton** – agreed with this.

**Councillor A. Ross** – gave a small presentation to the Council on the reason why the Finance and Policy Committee have proposed this increase (copy attached)

**Councillor N. Fogg** – originally felt that this increase should be addressed in stages but having listened to Councillor Ross's report he was now happy to support this increase.

**Councillor R. Notton** – whilst he understood the need for Reserves he felt that it should not be an increase of this nature.

**Councillor R. Pitts** – supported this proposal but felt that information should be available in the office for members of the public explaining the reasons for this increase and what it will mean to the individual.

**Councillor G. Loosmore** – supported this proposal and highlighted the fact that this Council needs to be on a secure footing.

**Councillor A. Kirk Wilson** – supports this proposal.

**Councillor S. Radnedge** – felt that this situation is arisen because our charges are so low.

**Councillor G. Francis** – supports this proposal and said that this Council needs to look forward.

Proposed by Councillor B. Castle, seconded by Councillor Mrs M. Rose that the proposed Precept should be reduced and that the General Reserve be increased by £50,000.

**RESOLVED:** by 3 votes for, with 8 against and 2 abstentions that the Precept should be reduced. This Resolution failed.

**RESOLVED:** by 9 votes for with 2 against (Councillors R. Notton and Mrs M. Rose being recorded as voting against) and 2 abstentions that the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee which was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2007 be Received and Adopted.

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### **CLERK'S REPORT**

a) Consultation on Wiltshire's Children and Young Peoples Plan 2008 – 2011.

It was agreed that Councillors will fill in their consultation papers and return them to the office.

b) The Clerk reported that a reply had been received from the Chief Executive of Wiltshire PCT in answer to further questions raised by this Council regarding the running of the MIU at Savernake Hospital.

c) The Town Clerk reported that she has received a letter from the Local MP stating that he will investigate the situation concerning the treatment of several local firemen.

**329/07**

### **REQUEST FOR PUBLIC MEETING.**

The Committee received a request from residents of The Green, Silverless Street, Kingsbury Street and Herd Street regarding proposed WCC pedestrian improvements.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk should contact Highways and Mouchel Parkman inviting them to attend this meeting and then set a date.

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### **STATUTORY REVIEW OF POLLING ARRANGEMENTS.**

The Committee received a letter from Kennet District Council inviting their comments on the polling place and venues designated for Marlborough.

After discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor A. Sycamore, seconded by Councillor G. Loosmore and –

**RESOLVED:** by 12 votes for with 1 abstention that we should request that there are 3 Polling Stations in Marlborough – The Leisure Centre, The Town Hall and The Youth Centre.

Proposed by Councillor R. Pitts, seconded by Councillor R. Notton and –

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that Manton Village Hall should be used in place of the Leisure Centre.

**331/07 WILTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – STONEBRIDGE LANE 2<sup>ND</sup> BRIDGE REPLACEMENT.**

The committee received information from WCC on a proposal to replace the existing footbridge. This proposal was welcomed unanimously by the Council.

**332/07 SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS**

To receive the Schedules of Accounts for –

a) September, 2007.

**RESOLVED:** that the Schedule of Accounts for September, 2007 in the sum of £22,021.33 be received and signed by the Chairman.

b) October, 2007.

**RESOLVED:** that the Schedule of Accounts for October, 2007 in the sum of £23,641.59 be received and signed by the Chairman.

**333/07 TOWN COUNCIL BALANCES**

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Council balances as at the 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2007 be received.

**334/07 TO RECEIVE REPORT OF TWINING WORKING PARTY**

The Committee received the report of the Twining Working Party for information.

**335/07 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS.**

a) WALC Newsletter's September and October (previously circulated)

b) WCC Wiltshire Magazine – available in the Office for member's perusal

c) WCC Parish Newsletter - October available in the Office for member's perusal or on [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/parish-newsletter-home.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/parish-newsletter-home.htm)

d) Marlborough Christmas Lights Association – Minutes from the October meeting are available in the Office for member's perusal.

e) Councillor R. Pitts informed members that the Chamber of Commerce are holding their Business Breakfast on 21<sup>st</sup> November at 8.00 am, but the Dinner Dance has been cancelled.

f) Councillor A. Sycamore reported on the WCC meeting to discuss unitary authority that he had attended with Cllr. Loosmore. Cllr Sycamore had questioned Cllr. Jane Scott about taking over parking services, and she had responded that essentially provided we could present a case and meet a service level agreement, it would be considered. Mr. Batten pointed out that revenue would have to be reinvested in transport services and projects. Cllr. Sycamore commented investing in the return of the railway to Marlborough could be such a project.

**336/07 SEALING OF DOCUMENTS**

Proposed by Councillor G. Francis, seconded by Councillor B. Castle 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.

**337/07 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME**

There were no Members Questions.

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The meeting ended at 8.35 pm