

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

FULL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Full Town Council** held on **Monday 12th October, 2009** in the **Court Room, Town Hall, Marlborough** at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT	Councillor A. Ross Councillor S.R. Dobson Councillor G. Francis Councillor B. Castle Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson Councillor Mrs P. Dow Councillor A. Kirk Wilson Councillor R. Notton Councillor Mrs M. Rose Councillor A. Spranger Councillor G. Loosmore Councillor S. Radnedge Councillor R. Pitts Councillor Mrs C. Jackson	Deputy Mayor
ALSO PRESENT	Mr. Liam Costello Mrs Sue Fry Father J. Black Councillor C. Humphries Mr, Colin Brown Mr. N. Kerton Mr. G. Adams Inspector A. Noble Plus 36 Members of the Public	Town Clerk Office Manager Wiltshire Council Wiltshire Gazette and Herald Advisor Wiltshire Constabulary

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's Chaplain opened the meeting with prayers.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs J. Sharpe – joint owner of a property at Churchill Court (copy of question attached)

Deputy Mayor – replied that this was still under discussion.

Mrs J. Sharpe – if the trees were removed then the positioning of the fence would be better.

Mrs V. Compton – the long term plan for a river walk through Marlborough is something I support, but such pathways can be a very mixed blessing. Cooper’s Meadow continues to be a problem with both anti-social behaviour and alcohol, despite the increased Police presence. I would like the Town Council to consider making Cooper’s Meadow and possibly the Priory Gardens and alcohol free zone. I can positively state that about 75% of the litter problem is down to alcohol – often being drunk by children – and that leads on to anti-social behaviour.

Deputy Mayor – thanked Mrs Compton for her question

Mrs E. Corkett – resident Churchill Court. I would like to request please that the Council be minded to accept my proposal that the prospective riverside walk be designated a permissive path on a dawn to dusk basis with locked gates at either end. The path will not have night usage , it will give some sense of security to the residents, some of whom are frail and vulnerable. I am grateful to Mrs Compton for the support and assistance she has afforded me.

Mrs J. Denning – would consideration be given to the height of the fence to be erected as a 6ft fence outside of resident’s windows is not acceptable.

Mr. N. Fisk – have the Council given consideration to what security measure would need to be put in place.

Deputy Mayor - stated that these concerns would be taken on board during discussions.

Mrs G. Cook – the Mayor had stated that the Council would take part in the Climate Pledge 10/10 agreement will this now happen?

Councillor R. Pitts – stated that this would be placed on the next agenda of the Finance and Policy committee.

James Smith – when will the skate park at Salisbury Road be completed?

Councillor R. Pitts – replied that both phases of the Salisbury Road project would be completed by the 31st March, 2010.

CRIME AND DISORDER

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Inspector Andy Noble.

Inspector Noble – reported that the venues and dates for Police surgeries are being finalised.

In the area of Waitrose and the Priory, Section 59 anti-social warning notices have been issued to some vehicle owners, if these same people come to notice of the police again within 12 months then their vehicles will be confiscated.

There have travelling groups of rogue traders operating in the area, due to people reporting these crimes arrests have been made and people have been released on police bail. Inspector Noble urged people not to do building trade on the doorstep.

The speed of vehicles using London Road has been monitored on several occasions.

Councillor Castle – were the offenders local people or those passing through Marlborough?

Inspector Noble – replied that it was evenly spread.

TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS TO AND FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCILLORS AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

There were no questions.

284/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from The Mayor, Councillor N. Fogg and Councillor Mrs E. Fogg.

285/09 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST

There were no Declaration(s) of Interest.

286/09 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Whilst this is not the first meeting our new Town Clerk, Mr. Liam Costello has attended it is the first Full Council and may I put on record a warm welcome to him and that we are delighted to have his advice and help.

Each member has a leaflet from the Christmas Lights Association giving details of the forthcoming race night. This is a major fundraising event for the Association and I would urge and request as many members as possible to support this event. Funding of the Christmas Lights is extremely perilous and all help is required.

The Civic Dinner is now only a few weeks away. The date of the dinner is the 27th November. We hope this will be a truly splendid occasion and a firm fixture in the civic calendar. I hope as many members as possible will assist and support this extremely important event.

At the last two full Town Council meetings there has been some rather unpleasant personality clashes. May I remind members of the Code of Conduct, they are expected to treat fellow Councillors with respect.

The annual golf match with the Golf Club was held last Sunday. It was a lovely occasion and the Golf Club were excellent hosts. Sadly, the Town Council came second. Can I put on record our thanks to Mr. Jim Ward our senior groundsman who was captain for the day.

This meeting is not being recorded. May I remind members that they are not permitted to record this meeting without the approval of the Council.

The Chamber of Commerce Business Breakfast is being held on the 21st October at the Castle and Ball Hotel between 8.00am and 9.00am at a cost of £7.50 per head.

287/09 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED: by 13 votes for with 1 abstention to receive, approve and sign as a true record the Minutes of the Full Town Council held on the 17th September, 2009.

288/09 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE AND SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND TO SIGN AS A TRUE RECORD THOSE NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED.

a) Proposed by Councillor G. Loosmore, seconded by Councillor A. Kirk Wilson and -

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Minutes of the Property Committee which was held on the 14th September, 2009 be received and signed as a true record.

b) Proposed by Councillor A. Kirk Wilson, seconded by Councillor Mrs P. Dow and –

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Minutes of Planning Committee, which was held on the 28th September, 2009 be received and signed as true record.

c) Proposed by Councillor B. Castle, seconded by Councillor G. Loosmore –

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Minutes of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee held on the 28th September, 2009 be received and signed as a true record.

289/09 TO DISCUSS THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING AND MAKE RESOLUTIONS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN WHERE NECESSARY.

a) Proposed by Councillor G. Loosmore, seconded by Councillor S. Radnedge and -

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Minutes of the Property Committee, which was held on the 14th September 2009 be Received and Adopted.

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

RESOLVED: by 13 votes for with 1 against that the Minutes of the Amenities and Open Spaces Property Committee which was held on the 28th September, 2009, be Received and Adopted.

Min No. 275/09 Councillor Dobson felt that before any decision is made regarding the land at Tin Pit investigation should be carried out as to the suitability of this land for low cost housing. Councillor Dobson felt that the Recommendation should be referred back to the next meeting of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee for further investigation.

After discussion it was –

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

RESOLVED: by 10 votes for with 2 against and 2 abstentions that the Recommendation for Min. No. 275/09 should stand.

290/09 CHURCHILL COURT

The Council discussed correspondence received from residents at Churchill Court.

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

RESOLVED: by 13 votes for with 1 abstention that the future riverside walk adjacent to Churchill Court is treated as a locked park, closed at dusk and opened by our staff in the morning. These actions being similar to the current routine in force at Priory Gardens.

291/09 TOWN MILL

The Council received a verbal report from the Town Clerk regarding tree works at this site.

The Town Clerk reported that a quotation has been received for tree works to be carried out on this site. The cracked willow should be pollarded to 6ft, the self seeded ash tree and undergrowth removed.

After discussion it was –

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

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Town Clerk speak to our insurers to obtain Public Liability Insurance to cover the works that have to be carried out on the site; that subject to insurance company approval that the mill wheel be renovated and installed on the site; and that the council make a claim against first registration at the Land Registry for the site.

292/09 SALISBURY ROAD

a) The Council received a report from Councillor Pitts regarding the Skateboard Project at Salisbury Road.

Councillor R. Pitts reported that they are in the process of obtaining competitive quotations for the skate park. There are drawings on display at the back of the room this evening with some ideas showing possible combinations for the skate park.

b) The Council considered a request for floodlighting of the Football Pitch and Skate Park at Salisbury Road.

Councillor Pitts reported that at a recent meeting of CAYPIG young people had expressed a wish for there to be floodlighting at the skate park and the football pitch . Councillor Pitts suggested that this should be put on a future agenda of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee and that consideration should be given to this proposal when the budgets are considered.

Councillor Mrs P. Dow congratulated Councillor Pitts on all his hard work over the past 2 years and also the young people for their support.

293/09 GREYHOUND DELIVERY

The Council discussed possible alternative options for the delivery of the Greyhound. It was agreed that because the Greyhound was put inside of the Advisor many people didnot know that it was there. One possible solution to this would be to resize the Greyhound. Other means of distribution should be explored.

294/09 COUNCILLOR’S SURGERIES

The Council discussed the possible relocation of Councillor’s Surgeries to the Mayor’s Parlour. After discussion it was agreed that this item should be revisited once the improvements to the Town Hall have been completed.

295/09 REQUEST FOR FUNDING

The Council considered a request from ‘We Love Marlborough’/ ‘We Love Christmas’ for funding.

After discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor R. Pitts, seconded by Councillor A. Kirk Wilson that:

The Council fund the following three items from the submitted budget:

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| 1. | Santa's Grotto | £500.00 |
| 2. | Maria Jagusz and accompanist | £400.00 |
| 3. | Town Hall hire | £149.00 |

An amendment was then proposed by Cllr Dobson, seconded by Cllr Hannaford-Dobson.

To remove items 1 and 2 from original proposal, and that the Council purchase and retain ownership of the Grotto for future use.

The amendment was debated, voted upon and passed by 10 votes for, 3 against and 1 abstention

The substantive motion was then proposed by Cllr Dobson, seconded by Cllr Hannaford-Dobson and it was -

RESOLVED: By 13 votes for and 1 abstention that the Council fund the Santa's Grotto at £500.00 from the submitted budget, and that the council purchase and retain ownership of the Grotto for future use.

296/09 BUDGET 2010/2011

The Council considered proposals from Councillor Ross as how to best manage the budget process for 2010/2011.

The Deputy Mayor gave a short presentation explaining the budgetary procedures adopted for the year 2010/2011.

After discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor A. Ross, seconded by Councillor R. Pitts and –

RESOLVED: by 8 votes for with 4 abstentions that for the year 2010/2011 the draft budget be considered in the first instance by the Finance and Policy Committee. Each individual committee would then discuss their own spending plans for inclusion in the final budget. Once these deliberations were complete the Finance and Policy Committee would complete the budget and make their proposal to the Full Council for the annual precept.

297/09 SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

a) August 2009.

Proposed by Councillor A. Kirk Wilson, seconded by Councillor G. Loosmore and –

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Schedule of Accounts for August, 2009 in the sum of £30,546.29 be received and signed by the Chairman.

b) September, 2009

Proposed by Councillor A. Kirk Wilson, seconded by Councillor G. Loosmore and –

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Schedule of Accounts for September, 2009 in the sum of £26,197.73 be received and signed by the Chairman.

298/09 TOWN COUNCIL BALANCES

Proposed by Councillor A. Kirk Wilson, seconded by Councillor R. Pitts and –

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Town Council balances as at the 30th September, 2009 be received.

299/09 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS.

a) Wiltshire Association of Local Councils – Newsletter September, 2009.

b) Marlborough Area Development Trust – Newsletter Autumn, 2009.

300/09 SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

Proposed by Councillor S.R. Dobson, seconded by Councillor G. Francis 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.

301/09 MEMBER'S QUESTION TIME

No questions had been submitted.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm