

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

FULL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Full Town Council** held on **Monday 16th August, 2010** in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough** at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT Councillor A. Ross Town Mayor
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 Mrs E. Fogg
Councillor Mrs M. Rose
Councillor A. Spranger
Councillor R. Pitts
Councillor Mrs C. Jackson

ALSO PRESENT Mrs Sue Fry Office Manager
Mr. N. Kerton Wiltshire Gazette
Mr. G. Adams Advisor
Plus 7 members of the public

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.

152/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N. Fogg, G. Loosmore and Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson.

153/10 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

154/10 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman informed members that the next scheduled Full Town Council meeting that was to be held on the 31st August, 2010 would have to be moved to a date in September as it clashes with a meeting of the Area Board.

The Football Club have requested permission to use the Elcot Lane Playing Field for parking on the 29th August (subject to weather). They are holding a fund raising event in aid of Help for Heroes.

Gifford's Circus will be on the Common again this year from the 17th until 31st August. Permission was sought for this in February, 2009.

An invitation has been received from Marlborough, Massachusetts inviting the Mayor and Councillors to join them in celebrating their 350th Anniversary. The Mayor informed Councillors that he and the Mayoress and Councillors Nick and Edwina Fogg will be attending. The cost of travel and accommodation will be at their own expense. It is proposed that presentations will be made at this historic event. A Colin Palmer print of the Town Hall has already been commissioned and a suitably engraved decanter. The costings for a Town Flag are being sought. We are also investigating cost to take certain items of Civic Regalia i.e. the Mayoral Chain and Gown. The Mayor ask for any comments or objections from Councillors regarding this. It was agreed unanimously that there were no objections provided adequate insurance etc was in place. Councillor S. Dobson ask for a list of costings to be sent to all Councillors. The Mayor informed members that the cost of the presentation items and shipping would be made from either Finance and Policy contingency fund or the Civic Hospitality budget.

155/10 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED: unanimously to receive, approve and sign as a true record the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 26th July, 2010.

156/10 TRAFFIC, PARKING AND RELATED CONCERNS

The Mayor introduced Mr. Chris Birkett from the Retail Forum and asked him if he would like to update members on actions being taken by them.

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

RESOLVED: unanimously that Standing Order be suspended at 7.08pm to allow Mr. Birkett to speak.

Copy of report given by Mr. Birkett is attached.

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

RESOLVED: unanimously that Standing Orders be re-instated at 7.20pm.

Parking – following a lengthy discussion on the parking situation in Marlborough it was –

Proposed by Councillor Mrs P. Dow, seconded by Councillor Mrs E. Fogg and –

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Common on the left handside of Free's Avenue north of the Rugby Club be offered initially as a temporary car park during the durationof the roadworks.

This area of the Common is accessed via a height barrier. The situation to be reviewed at the next meeting of the Full Town Council.

Signage – the following issues were highlighted regarding the signage in the town during the roadworks.

The signage that prevents motorists from turning along the top of the Common to gain access to Frees Avenue and Rockley should be removed as there are no works being carried out on this stretch of road.

There should be a sign on the George Lane/Salisbury Road roundabout stating that there is no access via the A4 to Devizes along George Lane.

Signage should be placed in the George Lane car park directing motorists to the High Street.

Investigate making the current access via the High Street to Waitrose car park two way. This to be self regulating, signage warning pedestrians of this change to be erected.

Signage to be placed on the main routes entering the Town to advise motorists of the diversions.

It was agreed that Councillor Mrs Dow take these issues to Wiltshire Council.

Luring people back to the town – one suggestion raised at the recent Retail Forum meeting was for shops to operate a late opening evening, this would need to be advertised. Possible way of advertising would be via leaflet drops and advertising in the local paper.

Councillor R. Pitts suggested that there may be possible funding from the Community Area Partnership to pay for the advertising in the local paper.

Councillor Mrs E. Fogg stated that she would be happy to work with the traders to help them enhance their own shop fronts by using flower displays and that the Town Council should become more involved with the Retail Forum.

It was agreed that the Town Council should be more involved in the Retail Forum.

The Town Council to write to the contractors carrying out the gas works in the town asking for a detailed schedule of works as any works carried out on London Road should not be undertaken whilst the Pewsey Road is closed.

Proposed by Councillor G. Francis, seconded by Councillor Mrs P. Dow and –

RESOLVED: unanimously that Standing Orders be suspended at 8.15pm

The Mayor suspended Standing Orders to allow members of the public to comment on the discussions that had taken place.

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

RESOLVED: unanimously that Standing Orders be re-instated at 8.20pm

Councillor A. Kirk Wilson thanked everyone present for their input at this evenings meeting. This was echoed by the Mayor.

(Copy of report submitted by Mr. M. Holden is attached for information)

157/10 SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

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

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Common Seal of Marlborough Town Council be affixed to all documents necessary to give effect to the decisions of this Council.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm