

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

FULL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Full Town Council** held on **Monday 22nd November, 2010** in the **Court Room, Town Hall, Marlborough** at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT	Councillor A. Ross Councillor G. Francis Councillor B. Castle Councillor N. Fogg Councillor Mrs P. Dow Councillor A. Kirk Wilson Councillor Mrs E. Fogg Councillor R. Notton Councillor Mrs M. Rose Councillor A. Spranger Councillor G. Loosmore Councillor R. Pitts Councillor Mrs C. Jackson Councillor M. Houlden	Town Mayor
ALSO PRESENT	Mr. Liam Costello Mrs Sue Fry Mr. N. Kerton Sgt Ben Braine PCSO Rev. Tim Seago Plus 4 members of the public	Town Clerk Office Manager Wiltshire Gazette & Herald Wiltshire Constabulary Mark Braithwaite Mayor's Chaplain

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 V. Compton – Ark have carried out a lot of good work in Cooper's Meadow but that there is an increasing amount of anti-social behaviour in this area, would the Council consider putting gates at either end which could be locked at night as with the Priory Gardens. This would then allow the police to remove people from the area at night.

The Mayor – replied that this was a good point and that it would be placed on the agenda of the appropriate committee.

Mr. N. Kerton – could the Council explain why there has been very little movement on the proposed allotments at Stonebridge Meadow when there is such a long waiting list for allotments in Marlborough.

Councillor R. Pitts – explained that ARK have already begun their work on the riverside project in this area.

Councillor A. Kirk Wilson - reported that he along with the Town Clerk and the Deputy Chair of A & OS had held a meeting with the solicitors of St. John's Trust and that a lease was currently being drawn up.

Prices for the fencing of the area were being obtained and that the Environmental Agency were in favour of pigs being used as a method of clearing the ground.

Mr. N. Kerton – does the proposed scheme for the front of the Town Hall need to be on such a grand scale at this time, it will also prevent the front apron being used for people to load and unload goods into the Town Hall.

The Mayor – stated that Mr. Kerton's comments had been noted.

CRIME AND DISORDER

Sgt Ben Braine – explained to the Council that contrary to an e-mail that had been circulated the Police would attend Council meetings whenever manpower allowed.

PCSO Mark Braithwaite – gave the following report –

There has been a spate of shopliftings in Marlborough, thanks to good CCTV images the Police have been able to make several arrests.

Over the past few weeks Marlborough has seen 7 dwelling burglaries these have been carried out during the day and the only items taken have been jewellery and cash. The person doing this is also operating in other areas.

There have been over 10 cases of criminal damage including arson, spray painting of vehicles and wooden fencing and 1 person has had a house brick thrown through her window.

At least 4 vehicles have been broken into and had items taken they were parked in the areas of Free's Avenue and Kennet Rise.

To combat these issues officers have changed their shift patterns to ensure that they are working later in to the night.

Police priorities for the next 3 months are :-

Anti-social behaviour – St. Martins

Anti-social behaviour – Town Centre

Reassurance patrols in the High Street

Councillor Mrs M. Rose – often people walking to work early in the mornings along country roads wear dark clothing and are hard for motorists to see, could there be more publicity promoting safety.

Councillor G. Loosmore – there is still a lot of vandalism taking place around Blowhorn Street and the surrounding area.

PCSO Braithwaite – replied that in many instances people are not reporting these cases.

Councillor R. Pitts – the use of lights on timers could be used to dissuade intruders.

Councillor M. Holden – thanked Sgt Braine for clarifying the situation regarding Police attendance at Council meetings.

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

Councillor Mrs P. Dow – reported back on questions raised at previous meetings.

The HRC site at Salisbury Road would not open until early in the New Year.

No decision has yet been reached regarding the recycling facilities in Waitrose car park could the Council write requesting that this remains open even after the HRC site has opened. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to Wiltshire Council.

Any vandalism to bus shelters etc should be reported to Wiltshire Council using the Clarence number.

Councillor R. Pitts – both St. Peter's and Preshute schools are holding eco classes at the moment could the children involved in these be invited to the opening of the HRC site.

Councillor Mrs P. Dow – replied that she would make this request to Wiltshire Council.

299/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

300/10 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

301/10 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman informed members that a letter has been received congratulating the Council and staff on the magnificent floral displays in the town.

Col. Ben Kite sent a letter of thanks for the Civic Dinner that was held in their honour.

302/10 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED - unanimously to receive, approve and sign as a true record the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 18th October, 2010.

303/10 STANDING ORDERS

The Council considered the adoption of new Standing Orders based on the new Model Standing Orders issued by NALC / SLCC published in 2010.

Proposed by Councillor N Fogg, seconded by Councillor R. Pitts and -

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Council adopt the new Standing Orders based on the New Model Standing orders issued by NALC/SLCC published in 2010.

304/10 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Council considered adopting the revised Financial Regulations.

Proposed by Councillor R. Pitts, seconded by Councillor G. Loosmore and -

RESOLVED: Unanimously that the Council adopt the revised Financial Regulations.

305/10 PRESS POLICY

The Council considered adopting a Press Policy.

Proposed by Councillor N. Fogg, seconded by Councillor G. Loosmore

RESOLVED: by 12 votes for with 2 against that the Council adopt a Press Policy subject to the deletion of "is non-party political and" from the **Official Council Press Releases** section.

306/10 TO CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR AN AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA

Following a discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor R. Pitts, seconded by Councillor G. Loosmore and –

RESOLVED: by 13 votes for with 1 abstention that Option 3 be selected.

307/10 MARLBOROUGH CEMETERY

The Council considered whether to consecrate the ground of the cemetery extension. It was agreed that the area be split with 75% being consecrated and 25% unconsecrated

308/10 QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS JUNE 2012.

It was agreed that any parties interested in forming a working group be invited to the next meeting of the F & P Committee to present their ideas.

309/10 SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

a) September, 2010. – agreed that the Schedule of Accounts for September, 2010 be accepted.

b) October, 2010. – agreed that the Schedule of Accounts for October, 2010 be accepted.

310/10 TOWN COUNCIL BALANCES

It was agreed that the Town Council Balances as at 31st October, 2010 be received.

311/10 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

a) MBG Newsletter Autumn 2010

b) Wiltshire Association of Local Councils Annual Report 2009 – 2010.

c) Wiltshire Association of Local Councils Newsletter – November, 2010.

312/10 MEMBER'S QUESTION TIME

Councillor R. Pitts - can the Town Clerk give an update on what actions have been taken to implement minute reference 206/10 regarding the removal of the obstruction on footpath 39 in Manton.

Town Clerk - on 08 October 2010 I wrote to the owner of Manton Mill asking him to voluntarily remove the obstruction blocking the stile. No reply was received to my letter so on 15 November 2010 I served a S130A notice on Wiltshire Council requesting that they take steps to remove the obstruction.

Wiltshire Council now have a month to serve a notice on the person blocking the path informing them what action they intend to take regarding the obstruction. If this does not result in the removal of the obstruction, then the Town Council may make an application to the magistrates for an order requiring Wiltshire Council to take action to remove the obstruction.

313/10 SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

Proposed by Councillor G. Francis, seconded by Councillor B. Castle 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 8.10pm