

**MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Marlborough Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 at 6.30pm**

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**PRESENT**

Councillor G. Francis	Town Mayor
Councillor Mrs. H. A. Cripps	Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor S. R. Dobson	
Councillor M. P. Cooper	
Councillor W. B. Cavill	
Councillor Mrs. E. M. Hannaford	
Councillor Mrs. P. Dow	
Councillor N. Fogg	
Councillor M. Gray	
Councillor M. Curtis	
Councillor G. Worby	
Councillor R. Allen	
Councillor Mrs. M. Boulton	County Councillor
The Revd. A. Studdert-Kennedy	Mayor's Chaplain
Mr. L. Cowen	Press
Graham Gittins	Town Clerk
Rosemary Johnston	Minute Secretary

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**PRAYERS**

The meeting commenced with Prayers, said by the Revd. A. Studdert-Kennedy.

The Mayor said that he had appointed a Mayor's Chaplain per se but is having a rota system of Clergy of all denominations, this had the agreement of the Ecumenical Church Council.

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**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B. Castle, Councillor Mrs. C. V. Jackson, Councillor D. L. Parker and Councillor P. B. Cossey.

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**DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST**

There were no Declaration(s) of Interest.

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**MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 be taken as a true record and signed by the Town Mayor.

The Mayor introduced Mr. Simon Greenstreet, Commercial Director of Castle Oak Construction, who have been awarded the contract for the re-development of Coombe End House, who gave a short Presentation.

Mr. Greenstreet commenced by thanking the Council for allowing him this opportunity to give a Presentation. He gave a resume of the work that would be involved and said important items of historic interest had been found at the front of the building which would inhibit them using this as the entrance for their lorries etc.

He asked for the Council's permission to gain entrance to the site via St. Margaret's Mead, the Youth Centre and over the tennis courts. Mr. Greenstreet said that they would minimise the disturbance as much as possible.

He went on to ask the Council's permission to use the tennis courts as part of their general site set-up. If the Town Council is happy to grant permission Castle Oak Construction will reinstate it or grass it over for use as tennis courts.

Mr. Greenstreet said that the skateboard ramp would need re-locating away from the tarmac road which would have to be constructed for access purposes. It is proposed to fence the site, getting access from the tarmac road. The area would be reinstated to the Council's satisfaction.

Castle Oak Construction would also be prepared to make a contribution to the Town Council to be used for local residents, possibly those in St. Margaret's Mead who have had inconvenience while the building programme is in operation. They would willing to repair the car park, which they would need to use, adjacent to the Youth Centre. A Traffic Management Plan will be instigated for the St. Margaret's Mead area, in conjunction with the Wiltshire County Council, with appropriate signage and the firm would sign up with the Considerate Contractor's Scheme. It is hoped that formal Planning Permission would be received this week, and they are very keen to start work in July.

Mr. Greenstreet then answered questions on the following –

The ownership of the Car Park adjacent to the Youth Centre – this would be investigated.

To start work in July as the start of the school holidays – this was noted

Where is the skateboard ramp to be relocated? – to be decided

The spoil heap – the stock-pile of topsoil is useful but not essential

Buildings on site? - the only items they want on site are the site-cabins

Security? – they are looking at full-time security of the site

Working hours? – the working time is usually given on Planning Permissions – there would probably be no deliveries on Saturday, definitely no work on Sundays.

Traffic Calming in St. Margaret's Mead – to work in conjunction with the County Council

There would be a temporary speed limit in St. Margaret's Mead and signage

#### **6.45pm Councillor N. Fogg arrived**

There being no other questions, the Mayor thanked Mr. Greenstreet for giving such an informative Presentation and said this is an amenity which could benefit

us all. He said that it is important to get information out to people in St. Margaret's Mead. Mr. Greenstreet agreed, he also said that the building process would be about 12 months from start to finish.

The Mayor said that this item would come before another meeting of the Council for more discussion and a Resolution of the Council and Mr. Greenstreet would be contacted, in writing, as soon as a decision has been reached.

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#### REMOVAL OF BRITISH TELECOM PAYPHONES – HUGHENDEN YARD AND ENTRANCE TO THE LEISURE CENTRE, BATH ROAD

The Mayor referred to a letter received from British Telecom dated 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2004 asking for the Council's views on their proposal to remove a payphone in Hughenden Yard and the one at the entrance to the Leisure Centre.

**7.02pm Councillor G. Worby arrived**

**7.03pm Councillor S. R. Dobson arrived**

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. P. Dow, seconded by the Deputy Mayor and RESOLVED with 1 abstention to object to the removal of these payphones for the following reasons .

#### **Hughenden Yard**

there is a lack of signal in this area for mobile phones

this is a Tourist Town and this payphone is an absolute necessity in the centre of the Town

this payphone is used by pupil's from St. John's School

#### **Bath Road – entrance to Leisure Centre**

this payphone is used by the students at Marlborough College and young people attending the Leisure Centre, and is necessary, especially at night when the nearest payphone is located outside of the Library

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The meeting ended at 7.07pm