

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the **Annual Parish Meeting** which was held on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2007** in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Marlborough at 7.30 pm

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<b>PRESENT</b>	Councillor B. Castle	Town Mayor
	Councillor P. Cossey	Chairman Amenities and Open Spaces
	Councillor G. Francis	Chairman Staffing
	Councillor S.R. Dobson	Senior Councillor
	Mrs Pam Dobson	Town Clerk
	Mrs Sue Fry	Office Manager
	Mrs Linda Chapman	Civic Secretary
	Mr. Nigel Kerton	Wiltshire Gazette and Herald
	3 Councillors	
	Mrs Betty Dobson and Colleague	Marlborough Children's Centre

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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.**

### 1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The Town Mayor reported that notices advertising this meeting had been displayed at –

Wiltshire Gazette and Herald  
Town Council Office Notice Boards  
Town Hall Notice Boards  
Manton Notice Board  
The Library Notice Board  
Local Information Point  
Portfields Store  
Mace Store – St. Margaret's Mead

### 2. MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2006 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Mayor Councillor B. Castle.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING

The Mayor asked for matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2006.

There were no comments

**4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Mayor gave his report – a copy of which is attached

**5. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**Finance and Policy** – In the absence of Councillor A. Ross, Councillor S. R. Dobson gave the report – a copy of which is attached.

**Property** – In the absence of Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford, Councillor G. Francis gave the report – a copy of which is attached

**Amenities and Open Spaces** – Councillor P. Cossey gave his report – a copy of which is attached

**Staffing** – Councillor G. Francis gave his report – a copy of which is attached.

**Planning** – In the absence of the Chairman Councillor Mrs C.V. Jackson, Councillor S.R. Dobson gave the report – a copy of which is attached.

**Policy Review Sub-Committee** – Councillor S.R. Dobson gave his report – a copy of which is attached.

**6. DETAILS OF PRECEPT**

The Town Clerk announced that Marlborough Town Council's Precept for 2007/2008 would be £247,255.00. Based upon a Band D property in Marlborough you will pay a total of £1,376.24, of which £78.22 (less than 6%) of what you pay comes to the Town Council, this amounts to just over £1.50 per week.

**7. AVAILABILITY OF ANNUAL REPORT**

The Town Clerk reported that the Annual Report will be available for inspection at the Town Council Offices, 5 High Street, Library and Local Information Point, Kennet District Council, Wiltshire County Council and Local Press from the end of May, 2007.

**8. MATTERS OF PAROCHIAL INTEREST**

**a) Question to the meeting on the principal of Twinning.**

The Mayor reported that he is the Chairman of a small committee formed to assess the interest shown by the town for twinning. No decision has been made but a consultation had been placed in the Newsletter for residents to respond.

**Councillor Mrs P. Dow** ask how many replies had been received from the residents regarding twinning.

**The Town Clerk** reported that to date that 5 replies had been received. Letters had also gone to organisations and a number of responses had been received from these.

**b) Report on the establishment of Children's Centre**

Mrs B. Dobson gave a short presentation on the establishment of the Children's Centre.

**Councillor Mrs P. Dow** ask who had leased the building and what was the annual rent ?

**Mrs B. Dobson** replied that Wiltshire County Council have leased the building from Kennet District Council, she did not know what the rent was but that she would endeavour to find out.

**c) Any other questions from the meeting.**

**Mr. N. Kerton** congratulated the Town Clerk on the harmony that now exists at Council meetings and that it good to see all councillors working together.

**Councillor S.R. Dobson** said that he would like to see the press playing an active part in promoting the good workings of the council.

**The Mayor thanked everyone for attending the meeting.**

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**The meeting closed at 8.30 pm**

