

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the **Property Committee** held on the **15th September 2008** in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 7.47pm**

PRESENT	Councillor S.Radnedge Councillor Mrs P. Dow Councillor B. Castle Councillor A. Kirk Wilson Councillor R. Pitts	Chairman Town Mayor
ALSO PRESENT	Mrs Pam Dobson Mrs Linda Chapman Councillor A. Ross	Town Clerk Civic Secretary Observing

NOTICE OF MEETING – Public Notice of the meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12, para 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972

205/08 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Francis and N. Fogg.

206/08 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST

There were no Declaration(s) of Interest

207/08 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

208/08 TOWN HALL – To receive information and make decision on items where necessary

a) Future re-decoration of various areas of the Town Hall, - following the successful redecoration of the Court Room Councillors may wish to give consideration to re-decorating other areas of the Town Hall, there is £2,500 remaining in the 2008/2009 interior maintenance budget, £1,650 in renovations.

Side Foyer & Staircase

Council Chamber

1st Floor Kitchen ceiling

Mayors Parlour

Front Entrance & Staircase

Following a discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor R. Pitts, seconded by Councillor Mrs P. Dow and –

RECOMMENDED:unanimously that the Side Foyer and Staircase, Front Entrance and Staircase and 1st Floor Kitchen ceiling should be redecorated.

a) Town Hall Project and capital grants funding from KDC.

Following the question raised by Councillor Dobson at the Full Council meeting on 1st September, contact has been made with KDC regarding the options open to the Town Council to still secure the £50k awarded from the capital grant scheme. KDC are willing to consider alternative capital projects or revised projects for the Town Hall. Revised projects for the Town Hall could be submitted to KDC for Officer approval, alternative capital projects would have to be submitted by 4th November for submission to Committee on 18th November.

Following a discussion it was agreed that a meeting should be arranged as soon as possible with an architect to discuss the possibility of installing a new lift and work to front entrance and report back to the next Property meeting. The redecoration of the front entrance should not be progressed until the outcome of this known.

209/08

UPDATE FROM THE TOWN CLERK ON OUTSTANDING PROPERTY MATTERS

The Town Clerk updated the committee on the current status of the following –

a) Elcot Lane Pavilion – consideration of an informal approach from a local business to use the pavilion for an educational consultancy and training business.

Following a discussion it was agreed that the Chairman and the Town Clerk should arrange to meet with the gentleman to explore the options.

b) Inspection of Council Properties – to receive update on progress.

The Town Clerk stated that the inspections would start with the shop at 5 High Street. The tenant had been approached but a date had to be agreed.

c) Provisional Date for discussions on 2009/2010 Property Committee budget.

It was agreed that a Property meeting to discuss the budgets for 2008-2009 should be held on Monday 6th October 2008.

d) Other outstanding matters which have not been progressed.

Illumination of Town Hall

Following a discussion it was agreed that the illumination of the Town Hall should not progress until environmentally friendly lights can be found.

Elcot Lane Playing Field Action Group request for commemorative plaque.

Following a discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk should go back and ask if the plaque is still required.

Marlborough Bowls Club

Following a discussion it was agreed that this should be progress at the annual meeting between the Bowls Club and representatives from the Amenities and Open Spaces and Property Committees and that samples of suitable material for the car park be obtained.

The Chairman read a letter to from Mr David Sherratt (copy attached) referring to the restoration of at least one of the two 1794 coat of arms in the Court Room which have recently been examined by Jane Rutherford.

The Town Clerk stated that Jane Rutherford had looked at the paintings but as yet she has not got back to her.

It was agreed that the Chairman should talk to David Sherratt.

Mr Sherratt also requested that the list of mayors be updated and had placed a sample on the panel listing past mayors. The committee looked at the sample and decided that this was not appropriate.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm