

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

FULL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a **special meeting** of the **Full Town Council**, which was held on **Tuesday 4th January 2005**
in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 6.30pm

PRESENT

Councillor G. Francis
Councillor Mrs H. A. Cripps
Councillor S. R. Dobson
Councillor M. P. Cooper
Councillor B. Castle
Councillor Mrs P. A. Dow
Councillor M. C. Curtis
Councillor M. Gray
Councillor Mrs C. V. Jackson
Councillor D. L. Parker
Councillor R. J. Allen
Councillor P. B. Cossey
Councillor A. R. Ross

Town Mayor
Deputy Mayor

Clr C. Humphries
Nigel Kerton

Kennet District Council
Wilts Gazette & Herald

Graham Gittins
Jonathan Mansfield

Town Clerk
Civic Secretary

PRAYERS

The Mayor opened the meeting with prayers.

Following prayers The Mayor asked Councillors to promote the Tsunami Appeal Auction, which is being held on Friday 7th January 2005 at 7pm in the Town Hall.

The Mayor also asked for the Council's approval to donate £1,000.00 to the D.E.C. Tsunami Appeal Fund, however, following advice from Councillor C. Humphries, it was agreed that the Town Clerk would seek the guidance of the External Auditor as to whether this was legally possible.

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APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor W. B. Cavill, Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford and Councillor N. J. Fogg.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

418/04 MINUTES:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting, which was held on Monday 13th December 2004 be confirmed as a true record and signed by The Mayor.

419/04 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES:

The Mayor summarised a presentation given by Kennet District Council on public conveniences within the District.

Currently there are 13 public conveniences in the area, which will be reduced to two – one in Marlborough and the other in Devizes.

The District Council has no Statutory obligation to provide toilets, and following a best value review, the District Council has found that many of the public conveniences do not confirm to Environmental Hygiene regulations. The Mayor stated that it was likely that Chantry Lane and the Town Hall toilets were due to close and that the conveniences at George Lane car park will be rebuilt to a modern standard. These new toilets will be manned by a Kennet District Council operative.

The Mayor asked for Councillor's comments, and following the discussion, it was –

Proposed by Councillor D. L. Parker, seconded by Councillor Mrs H. A. Cripps and -

RESOLVED: By 8 votes to 5 votes with 0 abstentions, that Marlborough Town Council should negotiate with Kennet District Council to reduce the Town Hall opening hours from 8.00am to 5.00pm seven days per week with the proviso that Kennet District Council remain responsible for cleaning the toilets for the duration of the current lease. The Chantry Lane toilets should close and the George Lane toilets be rebuilt, however during the interim period, a 24-hour facility should be available at all times.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm