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## Malborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2009  
In the Village Hall Annexe commencing at 7.45pm

**Present:** Cllr. John Yeoman (in the Chair), Cllr. Mrs. G. Boyce, Cllr. E. Putt, Cllr. Mrs A. Kendall, Cllr. T. Lyle, Cllr. R Rendle and Cllr. P. Pedrick.

**In attendance:** The Clerk, Dist. Cllr. Carter and the Tree Warden.

**475 APOLOGIES** – Received from Cllr. Taylor, PC Mullen and PCSO Gibson.

**476 MESSENGER** – Cllr. Yeoman will write The Messenger report.

**477 INTERESTS** – Cllr. Mrs Kendall declared an interest in finance.

**478 MINUTES** – Cllr. Mrs Kendall said that a parishioner had asked if minute number 465a be changed to read Alston Gate not Alston Gate Nursery, Cllr. Yeoman also mentioned that the spelling of Rossiter and Lethbridge was incorrect. With these alterations the minutes of the last council meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

### **479 MATTERS ARISING**

**a** The request for a new dog bin has been passed to the relevant person at SHDC.

**b** Cllr. Lyle said that he wanted to emphasize his concern that if the Rossiter's development happened too quickly then too many houses would be built in too short a time.

### **480 POLICE BUSINESS**

**a** PCSO Gibson will be holding a Street Surgery in the Collaton Road area between 10.30 and 11.30 on Friday.

**b** Cllr. Mrs Boyce mentioned an incident outside the clubhouse in Cumber Close. A Car was parked on the pavement and a parishioner had to walk around it and fell and injured themselves. This has been reported to PCSO Gibson. Cllr. Yeoman said that tickets have been issued in Cumber to vehicles parked on the pavements but we will ask them to visit again.

**c** Cllr. Mrs Kendall mentioned an incident where a window in Collaton Road was broken by someone firing a pellet gun at it. The owner of the property reported that matter in Kingsbridge Police Station.

### **481 CASUAL VACANCY**

Cllr. Yeoman reported that we have received a letter from Mrs Smallman expressing her interest in joining the Council. Cllr. Lyle proposed and Cllr. Mrs Boyce seconded that Mrs Smallman be accepted onto the Council. This was passed unanimously.

**8.00pm Jane Day, Malborough with South Huish Primary School Governor, arrived.**

### **482 AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**a** The final plan for the housing on the allotment site was circulated. There are now 17 units. Cllr. Yeoman said that the Planning Permission would be put in shortly and work should start in February.

**b** Cllr. Yeoman said that we have received an email from Scott Rossiter asking for details of any parishioners who may be interested in a shared ownership property.

**c** Cllr. Yeoman said that he met with the existing allotment holders and plots have been allocated. The people on the waiting list will be contacted shortly and allotments will be allocated according to their position on the waiting list. The new plots are 24 foot by 36 foot.

### **483 SCHOOL REPORT**

Cllr. Yeoman introduced Jane Day who had come to give a report on the school. Jane said that the Federation with Stokenham has been very successful but the school wants to maintain links with wider community and the Parish Council. She thanked the Council for all their financial help, particularly with the new flooring for the pool changing rooms.

Following the purchase of the Institute Devon County are unsure of what to do with the building as it will cost £20,000 just to demolish it. The old school house has been refurbished over the summer holidays and now contains the office, a staff work room and staff room and also small rooms for one to one teaching as well as a kitchen where the children are getting the opportunity to learn cooking. Sue Jezard, the headmistress, now uses the old office in the main building which means that she is right in the centre of the school. The next project is to make better use of the garden

in front of the school house. Planners from County have been to discuss possible uses, one is extra parking, there was general agreement from the Council that this would be beneficial for the school and the village as a whole.

Jane reported that the children have been very busy so far this term. This week was eco week and they have been out as much as possible. They have an allotment at South Down Farm and also the allotment in the village. Both of these are very popular with the children.

The school held an Open Day recently and Jane said that Councillors are always welcome to pop in and see what is going on. She added that the new vicar Reverend Hays is very keen to be more involved with the school and she is working to get him into school as much as possible.

The Councillors thanked Jane for taking the time to come and update them about the school.

Cllr. Mrs Boyce asked about the school wall on the Higher Town side, Jane said that the planners have said that the wall must be retained, it can be moved however.

### **8.15 Jane Day left.**

#### **484 HIGHWAYS**

- a** Cllr. Yeoman reported that we have received a letter from Mr Halliday reinforcing what we have already been told regarding the new signage and the 20mph sign outside 1 Townsend Cottages.
- b** DCC have written to the directors of Hope Barton Barns asking for a new Bolberry sign to be erected on their verge.
- c** DCC will not replace the missing Malborough sign on the road from North Sands, Cllr. Mrs Boyce asked if we could have the sign returned.
- d** The missing cattle grid sign at Bolberry Down is the responsibility of the National Trust, the Clerk will contact them.
- e** Cllr. Yeoman reported that we have received information about a new street lighting policy where lights in some areas will be switched off at night to conserve energy.
- f** Cllr. Mrs Boyce mentioned that the last street light in the village hall car park is out.
- g** Cllr. Putt said that the drain at the end of Luckhams Lane needs clearing.
- h** Cllr. Rendle mentioned that large quantities of cut grass is being dumped in Collaton Lane, on the right hand side before the garages.
- i** Cllr. Pedrick mentioned that the cover of the fire hydrant on Collaton Road is off.
- j** Cllr. Rendle offered to clean the bus shelter in Cumber Close.
- k** Cllr. Mrs Boyce asked how long the AA signs for Salcombe Retreat were allowed to be displayed. She also mentioned that one of the businesses in Higher Town had signs on the double yellow lines.
- l** Cllr. Mrs Boyce raised the issue of parking in Cumber Close. She said the residents association want to have double yellow lines in the turning bay and create more parking spaces elsewhere. They are considering using part of the green, although this idea is not popular with all the residents. She said that the residents association would like the Councils' support if they ask DCC for financial help. It was agreed that the residents association would write a letter and send to the Clerk to be sent to DCC with a letter from the Parish Council.

#### **485 FOOTPATHS & TREES**

- a** Cllr. Putt said that there is still a major problem with dog fouling in Higher Town. There is at least one dog which is walked off the lead in the 30mph zone. Cllr. Putt asked if the Dog Warden could be asked to pay a visit. The dogs in question tend to be walked in the early morning and evenings.
- b** Cllr. Mrs Boyce said that the footpath map outside the Church needs cleaning. Cllr. Lyle said he liaise with the parishioner, who deals with the benches, to sort this out.
- c** Cllr. Yeoman thanked Cllr. Putt for trimming the hedge in the burial ground. The Tree Warden mentioned that she has trimmed the nettles. There was general agreement that the standard of grass cutting in the Burial Ground is poor. It was agreed to put the contract out to tender for the next financial year.
- d** Cllr. Mrs Boyce mentioned that the hedges in the middle section of Come Lane need trimming.
- e** The Tree Warden reported that the trees in the tree nursery are ready for planting on, Cllr. Lyle will find some space for them in the Millennium Wood.

#### **486 VILLAGE HALL**

- a** Cllr. Lyle reported that the committee were looking into buying a gang mower for grass cutting

as this would save money in the long term. He said the cost for the mowers is £1,800 plus VAT. The Cricket Club will put in £400, the Senior Football Club £600 and KM £1000. However, they may need to ask the Parish Council for help as a lump sum instead of a contribution to the grass cutting costs. Cllr. Lyle said the Committee will buy an old Land Rover to pull the mowers, Cllr. Pedrick said that he was unhappy about this idea as Land Rovers have high maintenance costs. He said that the Council should ask for more details before agreeing to contribute.

- b** Cllr. Lyle reported that K and M want to continue playing at Malborough and have drawn up plans for a smaller pavilion. He added that an electric cable will be run across the field to power the lights for the winter training.
- c** Cllr. Lyle reported that the kitchen is being refurbished.
- d** Cllr. Yeoman mentioned that the Committee now have to pay SHDC £100 a year to inspect the play area. Cllr. Lyle replied that the Committee are happy to pay this.

#### 487 **FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

- a** Cllr. Yeoman reported that we have received a grant of £15,000 from the LAG towards the Wheels Park, we now need to raise another £20,000 from other funds and we will be able to build the park. The Clerk will investigate further funding.

#### 488 **MALBOROUGH WEBSITE**

- a** A copy of what is currently on the website for the Council was circulated. It was agreed that draft minutes should also be posted and left for 2 months before being removed.
- b** The website committee wanted to host an online forum to discuss village affairs, the Council thought this was a good idea.
- c** Cllr. Yeoman mentioned that the Police will put a link to their own website on Malborough.org.

#### 489 **PLANNING**

- a** **The following applications have been received by the Parish Council for consideration:**

- 1065 Mr R Duncan & Ms L Freeman – Erection of workshop – Redlands, Salcombe Road
- 1652 Mr & Mrs C Thompson – Resubmission of 1116 for conversion of barn to holiday and/or family accommodation - Horsecombe House, Higher Batson
- 1616 Ms N C Bussell – Increase northern boundary fencing to front and rear of dwelling to 2 metres in height – 10 Portlemore Close, Malborough
- 1716 Miss J Brannan – Erection of lean to greenhouse and polytunnel – Land at SX691392, Bolberry, Malborough
- 1783 Mr C Stidston – Nott - Resubmission of 1272 for change of use from agricultural to clay pigeon shooting ground – Bolberry House Farm, Bolberry

#### **The following decisions have been received by the Parish Council:**

- 1314 Malborough Parish Council – Skateboard Park and Shelter – Malborough Playing Fields - **Granted**
- 1318 Mr S Hassall - Enlargement of roofspace to provide dining area and extension to first floor kitchen – The Port Light Hotel, Bolberry – **granted**
- 1477 Mr D Stevens – Extension to cottage to form conservatory and new garage/car port and store - Pheasant Cottage, Malborough – **withdrawn**
- 1412 Mr R Hickman – Retrospective application for erection of decking and conservatory – 154 Cumber Close, Malborough – **granted**
- b** Cllr. Yeoman said that it is still taking a long time for some applications to be circulated. Cllr. Pedrick apologised and said one was given to him while he was on holiday. It was agreed that Councillors should inform the Clerk if they were going away for a period of time.
- c** Cllr. Pedrick said that a letter should be sent in support of application 1783, this was agreed.
- d** Cllr. Yeoman reported that the planning system at SHDC was being revamped and we should receive more information about decisions.

#### 490 **FINANCE**

##### **a** **Income**

Bank interest	0.56
<b>Messenger Income</b>	
Scan printing	214.20
Adds	8.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£222.76</b>

