

Update for Marlborough Area Board

Update from	Marlborough Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	Tuesday, 19 th May 2015
Headlines	

Town Mayor – After a very busy year, Cllr Marian Hannaford-Dobson steps down as Marlborough's Mayor and we welcome Cllr Margaret Rose who has been elected to take her place. Cllr Rose's chosen charity for her mayoral year is the Brain Tumour Charity. The Deputy Mayor is Cllr Noel Barratt-Morton.

Annual Report - The Town Council's Annual Report is available to download at www.marlboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk Hard copies are available from the Town Council offices and the Library

CCTV – Installation of Marlborough's High Street CCTV system is almost complete. Alongside a public consultation in 2014, funding of £20,000 was put forward by the Town Council and a grant of £5,000 awarded by the Marlborough Area Board through the Chamber of Commerce.

Projects

Neighbourhood Plan – The Town Council is the qualifying body for the Plan and 2 Councillors have been appointed to its Steering Group. However, this is a community-led initiative and engagement and consultation with local residents is vital. Discussions are currently focusing on the definition of the Neighbourhood Plan area and bordering parishes have been invited to participate.

Dog Fouling – In common with other towns and parishes across the county, dog fouling is a real concern in Marlborough. Representatives from the Town Council, volunteer groups and residents have met with Wiltshire Council officers to discuss possible solutions and have recommended a number of actions to the Town Council's Amenities and Open Spaces Committee. These will be taken forward as a priority.

South West in Bloom (SWiB) – Following on from last year's success, the Town Council will again be working with the Marlborough in Bloom committee towards the 2015 competition.

Old Victorian Cemetery – Enthusiasm for the restoration of the Old Cemetery is growing. This has been entered in its own right in the SWiB's *It's Your Neighbourhood* competition. Lots of community help including a team of volunteers from Waitrose.

Youth Council – Another priority for the coming year will be the establishment of a Youth Council. This will act as an advisory body to the Town Council.

S106 Projects – The ground works at the Common are now almost completed and a Trim Trail will be installed later in the year. Legalities around the transfer of land from Aster Housing for a play area at Orchard Road are moving forward.

Community Asset Transfers – Legal work around the transfers of Cooper's Meadow and the George Lane toilets continues.

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Future Events/Dates for the diary

A full list of events in Marlborough can be found at our Events Diary at www.marlboughtowncouncil.gov.uk

Meetings:

- 26 May – Annual Meeting of the Town Council/Planning Committee
- 1 June – Planning/Amenities and Open Spaces
- 15 June – Planning/Finance & Policy
- 29 June – Full Council/Planning
- 13 July – Planning/Property
- 20 July – Amenities and Open Spaces

All agendas and background reports are available at www.marlboughtowncouncil.gov.uk

Signed: Shelley Parker, Town Clerk

Date: 8th May 2015