

# Marlborough Town Council



## Annual Town Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting, held Monday, 17 April 2023 in the Court Room at Marlborough Town Hall at 6pm

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<b>PRESENT</b>	Councillor Lisa Farrell Councillor Mervyn Hall Councillor Caroline Thomas	Town Mayor Vice Chair of Property Committee Chair of Finance & Policy Committee
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Richard Spencer-Williams Dawn Whitehall Neil Goodwin Plus 8 Councillors and 2 members of the public	Town Clerk Corporate Services Officer Marlborough.News

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**329/22 OVERVIEW OF MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL'S WORK IN 2022-23**  
The Town Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and presented an overview of the Town Council's major highlights from the past year, followed by summaries from each Standing Committee.

**330/22 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**  
Marian Hannaford-Dobson and Stewart Dobson raised a number of points about Stonebridge Meadow (the Meadow is jointly owned by Marlborough Town Council (51%) and Action for the River Kennet (49%)) and asked:

- For more public access to the riverbank at Stonebridge Meadow year round
- Whether a riverside path could be created
- For more accessible seating and/or picnic tables
- For the cost to Marlborough tax payers of maintaining the Meadow
- Whether an earlier investigation to extend football pitches into the Meadow could be revisited

The **Town Clerk** explained:

- The Town Council recognises its legal responsibility to create accessible access to spaces it maintains

- That financial information was already publicly available; he agreed to send Mrs Hannaford-Dobson the figures for the past year
- To add an item to discuss Stonebridge Meadow to the next Amenities & Open Spaces Committee agenda
- To check the current status of a former proposal to create another bridge

The meeting closed at 6.35 pm

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Chair

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