

LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST 2013.

Present: Councillors; D.D. Banfield, Chairman
G.A. Fitchew, Vice-Chairman
Mrs. K.M. Acres
Mrs. V. Brownridge
P.C. Emmett
R. Mash
Mrs. R.R. Taylor
Mrs. B.K. Wallis

Mrs. G.J. Barclay, Clerk

Also present were 8 members of the public.

75/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and approved from Parish Councillor H. Midgley, and also from C.Clr. D. Watson and D. Cllrs. D. Johncock and J. Savage.

76/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs Wallis declared an interest for Agenda item 10 – Parish Council Notice Boards.

77/13 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minute no 67/13, Mrs Wallis's written report should not have been copied verbatim.

With this caveat, and with minor amendments to reflect that, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 25th June 2013 were approved.

Proposed: G.A. Fitchew

Seconded: P.C. Emmett

78/13 REPORTS ARISING

a. Village Grass Cutting

A further quote will be sought.

b. Free Parking Days in Marlow

Mrs Wallis asked which days these were.

79/13 FINANCE

a. Financial Report

The Financial Report for 1st – 30th June and 1st – 31st July 2013 were approved:

Income June	£1679.14
Expenditure June	£5672.17

Income July	£4581.00
Expenditure July	£5866.84

Proposed: G. A. Fitchew

Seconded: Mrs V.A. Brownridge

b. Clerk's NALC Pay Award

It was noted that the Clerk had received a 1% pay award back-dated to April 2013.

80/13 PLANNING

a. Report

Wycombe District Council Decisions

1. 13/06247/FUL New Farm House, Sheepridge Lane
Construction of gates, piers and two retaining entrance walls.
Application permitted
2. 13/06303/FUL 9, Abbey Road
Construction of new porch, part conversion of garage to living accommodation.
Application permitted
3. 13/06320/CTREE Friars Cottage, 3. Elm Lane
Fell Cypress
Not to make TPO
4. 13/06077/FUL New Farm Cottage, Sheepridge Lane
Two storey rear extension, retaining wall to garden and siting of new oil tank.
Application permitted
5. 13/05917/FUL Redwood Lodge, Pump Lane North
Single storey side/rear extension and removal of existing conservatory.
Application permitted
6. 13/06120/CTREE White Barns, Sailing Club Road
Fell 1 Leylandii and 1 Ash and replant with suitable species.
Not to make TPO

New Applications

Mrs Taylor declared an interest for 8, Winchbottom Lane

1. 13/06551/CTREE The Poplars, Farm Road
Reduce height and spread to one Deodar tree
Comment: No objection
2. 13/06559/CTREE Brook Cottage, The Avenue
Fell 1 Cherry tree
Comment: No objection
3. 13/06797/FUL 16, Abbey Road
Construction part 2 storey, part single storey rear extension
Comment: object
4. 13/06810/CLE Cedar Wood, Riverside,
Certificate of Lawfulness for continued use of building as a holiday chalet.
Comment: No objection
5. 13/06852/FUL The Lodge, 18, Abbey Road
Construction single storey rear extension
Comment: No objection
6. 13/06811/FUL 8, Winchbottom Lane
Construction single storey side/rear extension to provide garage.
Requires site visit

b. Appeals

(i) Field at Westhorpe – K Finken. We did not comment on this due to receiving the notice letter too late and time constraints . We will be sending a letter to state our views.

(ii) Spade Oak Quarry – Lafarge

The Parish Council did not object to the original application. Mrs Wallis will draft a response stating that the Parish Council will object to the extension of the time period, thus supporting the refusal, as it will affect the restoration of the site

c. Neighbourhood Plan

There was nothing further to report.

d. CIL and Planning Obligations

We need to be aware of funding protocol. A summary and guidance notes are held in the Parish Council office.

e. Tree Preservation Order

A Tree Preservation Order has been made on trees on land adjacent to White Friars, Farm Road, Abbotsbrook.

81/13 ABBOTSBROOK HALL

a. Car Park

Most of the residents of the cottages who use the car park for access or parking do not pay the annual fee. We will consider a legal approach if payment is not made and a letter will be sent with the invoice in September drawing attention to this.

The vegetation on the south side of the car park has been strimmed back and we should encourage regular users to park on the area to inhibit re-growth.

Quotes regarding drainage are being sought.

82/13 BURIAL GROUND

Mrs Brownridge and Mrs Barclay met with a contractor who has given a quote for the track to Sheepridge Lane. We now have 3 quotes for this work. The planning application for the bell-mouth will be submitted when ready.

An area for the burial of NVFs has been identified and will be used for this purpose.

83/14 PAVILION/RECREATION GROUND

a. New Play Equipment

This has now been installed.

b. Play Area Inspection

The report of the RoSPA inspection carried out on 30th May 2013 has been received and all the equipment was found to be satisfactory. There was a recommendation to tighten the chains on the Trim Trail.

c. Pavilion

Some repairs are needed to the outside of the Pavilion where some areas of wood have rotted and others need re-painting. A specification will be required before seeking quotes.

d. Benches and Timberline Multi Play

Apart from the Jubilee bench, all the benches need rubbing down and oiling. This was highlighted in the Best Kept Village report. The Timberline Multi Play also needs rubbing down and re-varnishing and re-painting.

84/14 SPADE OAK CAR PARK

It was agreed to defer a decision to a future meeting so that we have the opportunity to put together comments. The lease does not reflect the Heads of Terms agreement that we had previously seen.

85/13 SPADE OAK MEADOW

Mr B. Penfold, Chairman of Bourne End Residents' Association was invited to give a summary of the background and provenance of Spade Oak Meadow. He said that it was evident that 50% of the money used to purchase the meadow was that which had been raised by public funds in the 1930's. He proposed that Little Marlow Parish Council should ask that a charge be put on the deeds to reflect this. Mr Penfold will speak to the Thameside Preservation Trust to get an application to get the title amended at the Land Registry.

86/13 PARISH NOTICE BOARDS

We need to replace the notice board at Westhorpe as it has rotted. A new one to match the Westhorpe Park one will be sought. The board in Pump Lane North needs a leg replacing. Mr. Fitchew offered to replace this. Parts from the board removed from Westhorpe can be used for other boards that need repairs.

87/13 LITTLE MARLOW FETE

We have been invited to have a stand at this year's fete. Helpers will be needed on the day.

88/13 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Meetings of the Parish Council will be held at The Pavilion at 8pm on the following dates:
10th September, 22nd October, 3rd December 2013 and 14th January 2014.

89/13 REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition**
Little Marlow were the Runners-up in the Tindall Cup.
- b. Filming on the Highway**
BCC seek comments on the Private Bill relating to filming on the highway. The consultation period ends 9th September 2013.
- c. Winchbottom Lane**
It was reported that more lorries are using Winchbottom Lane.
- d. Running Track**
Westhorpe Farm Lane residents have received a letter from Charles Brocklehurst at WDC to advise them of the start of construction of the running track.
- e. Activity in field near to Westhorpe House**
The grass has been mown in this field and surveyors have been there.
- f. Community Transport Meeting**

Mrs Acres attended this meeting and gave a summary report. The Saturday bus service will be funded by the LCP.

g. Railway Crossing at Spade Oak

There is no telephone number for the operator on the sign at this crossing.

h. Marlow Community Forum

Mrs Brownridge attended the meeting on 17th July. Marlow Museum are planning a Word War 1 exhibition and are seeking suggestions for this.

90/13 CLOSURE OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a. W. Northcroft

Some of the kerbs by the telephone box triangle are again loose and need re-setting.

Mr Northcroft also asked to clarify that Little Marlow Parish Council will oppose the Appeal by Lafarge.

It was also asked who was responsible for maintaining the car park at Spade Oak in the interim period until the lease is agreed. The Chairman replied that it would be BCC.

Chairman