LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17th December 2019 at The Pavilion, Church Road, Little Marlow SL7 3RS commencing at 8.00pm

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	ownridge (VB) – Chairman, Cllr V Morton (VM), Cllr J Downes(JD), Cllr A Falk (AF), Cllr R Randall(RI	,					
Cllr K Acres(KA), Cllr R Mash(RM) Mrs J Murray – Parish Clerk Public present: please see attached sheet							
17113 3 1710	The Attendance Sheet was duly signed						
		Action					
Minute Ref:	Agenda Item						
1062/19	1. Apologies for Absence Cllr G Fitchew (GF), Cllr P Emmett(PE),						
1063/19	2. Declarations of interest – pecuniary or prejudicial None						
1064/19	3. To approve the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of the 12 th November 2019 The Council RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.						
1065/19	 4. To take reports from theses minutes for NOTE: Remaining Autumn newsletters to be delivered by Councillors Cllr G Fitchew is working on Stop Sign at exit from Abbotsbrook Hall, Agreement received from Abbotsbrook Directors Hedge grubbed out at burial ground 						
1066/19	5. Finance a) To approve income and expenditure report for November 2019 The Council RESOLVED to approve the report. b) To report on spot check of Parish Council Accounts Cllr Morton carried out the spot check and approved three separate bank accounts against bank statements. c) To approve minutes of Budget Committee meeting on 21 November 2019 The Council RESOLVED to approve the meeting minutes and the Chairman signed the minutes. d) To consider County Bus Rider statistics vs cost Cllr Falk updated the council with a review of the service. Cllr Mash suggested too big a bus was being used for the service, but it was important to residents as it performed a social function. The Council RESOLVED that it cannot unilaterally stop the County Bus Rider without surveying usage amongst Parishioners and discussing with the other stakeholders. It was agreed that we would canvass residents early next year to ask establish if people use the bus; we should publish the bus schedule and raise awareness of it through the newsletter and the Annual Parish Meeting to and ask residents whether they support to the Council spending money on it. It was RESOLVED to allocate funding to the bus in the 2020/21 budget and to meet with Marlow Town Council, Marlow Bottom Parish Council and Bucks CC next year to review the contract once we had information on usage and residents' views. e) To review newsletter costs and print type options The Council RESOLVED to continue to produce two newsletters per annum: one in spring and one in autumn and to print the newsletter in black and white with a colour front cover and colour centre, which will equate to a cost of £724.50: a 50% saving over a colour version. A survey will be created in the next newsletter to find out how Parishioners would like to receive the newsletter.	Clerk					

Chairman initials 1

f) To consider draft Budget for 2020/2021 and agree precept

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the draft budget subject to two amendments:

- Allocate £200 to subhead 2137 Abbotsbrook Hall maintenance.
- Allocate £400 to subhead 2138 Pavilion Refurbishment and to approve a 3% precept.

Clerk

1067/19

6. Planning

a) To consider report

<u>Little Marlow Parish Council</u> Planning December 2019 Council Meeting

Planning applications received from Wycombe District Council have a deadline date of when consultation comments must be submitted. Should the deadline be before the next Council meeting – comments are submitted. In addition, the Council may discuss additional applications which have been received after the Agenda has been issued, to ensure this deadline has been met. Any queries, please contact the Clerk on 01628 890301. LMPC resolved to apply the following comment to TPO/CTREE applications – The Parish Council has no objection provided the work carried out is under the supervision of the WDC Tree Officer.

Reminder from Wycombe District Council: Delegated List

As part of a drive to improve efficiency, and therefore capacity, within the department we have been reviewing our processes and procedures. As a result of this we will no longer be sending out a delegated list.

Our planning register has for some time been held "on-line" and can be searched using Public Access. https://publicaccess.wycombe.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/search.do?action=weeklyList

To get the delegated list, click on the above link and it will look like the image below and then click on 'decided in this week', then hit search.

Wycombe District Council WEEKLY LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS up to WEEKLY LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS up to 13.12.2019

Householder application for demolition of existing garden room and construction of single storey side extension

River Thatch The Avenue Bourne End Buckinghamshire SL8 5QU

Ref. No: 19/07864/FUL | Received: Fri 29 Nov 2019 | Validated: Mon 02 Dec 2019 | Status: Pending Consideration

LMPC Comment No objection

Fell 1 x Walnut tree and 1 x Holly tree

Abbots Mead 18 Oakfield Road Bourne End Buckinghamshire SL8 5QN

Ref. No: 19/07832/CTREE | Received: Tue 26 Nov 2019 | Validated: Tue 26 Nov 2019 | Status: Pending Consideration

LMPC Comment Tree comment

Creation of compound with 2.5 high boundary fence housing 7 x battery containers, 1 x substation, 1 x Inverter and T x Skid, 1 x client container, CCTV camera and stand; bund and security fencing to provide energy balancing services to the national grid.

Land North Weest Of Coldmoorholme Cottage Coldmoorholme Lane Bourne End Buckinghamshire SL8 5PS

Ref. No: 19/07718/FUL | Received: Sat 16 Nov 2019 | Validated: Thu 05 Dec 2019 | Status: Pending Consideration

Chairman initials 2

LMPC Comment The Chairman invited the public to participate in 15 minutes discussion.

Public participation: Brief comments were invited to allow residents to have a say. Envirotech have agreed to host attend a meeting organised by the Parish Council to answer questions from residents: they had suggested 21, 22, 23 January. WDC initially agreed an extension to the deadline for comments to 15th January and in view of the proposed public meeting were now considering an extension to end of January.

It was agreed that Cllr V Brownridge should go back to Envirotech and accept Tuesday 21st January 2019 at from 7pm at Little Marlow Pavilion. The Clerk would put details on the council website once agreed.

Initial residents input:

Sam Kershaw - Objections down to few factors. Not suitable for character of area, industrial facility, security fencing, CCTV cameras, lighting; none of which fit in with look and feel of Lane. Recognise plans for screening – not sufficient enough. Above are main concerns. Second concern is that situation is on green belt land. No requirement for battery energy, no benefit to local residents – into local grid. Commercial enterprise – argument does not hold ground. Major issue design appearance, health and safety issue – technology lithium iron. Incidence of fires and damage. Light pollution, noise pollution Kath Acres – concern application for temporary 25 years – how will they be decommissioned. Will they last. Batteries last around 10 years.

Jenny MacGilvary – concerned about access to site. Bad enough having substation with lorries adding new generators. Road is dangerous. Lane does not have sufficient access.

Verity West – what stage – has planning application been submitted? Has Ecological report been completed?

District Cllr David Johncock – Similar application elsewhere in the District associated with solar farm in north, was accepted, battery storage – deemed temporary. Will be restored back. If the planning officer approves the application and if it is then called in to the Planning Committee, residents will have the opportunity to speak at the Planning Committee meeting -they will have 3 minutes to voice concerns. If the application is then refused the applicant can appeal. Bear in mind pressure from central government to establish this type of policy.

Martin Drew – ask questions at public meeting which are not covered in application.

Sam Kershaw – is it better to wait until public meeting to feedback objections? Cllr Johncock suggested that local people add issues to planning portal to add to report. Flag concerns you have now.

Cllr Downes – has researched into implications. Bottom line – it's a commercial project. Units can go anywhere. Concerns: Noise – cooling fans etc. Low level hum. From experience noise from Thames Water Sewage impacted entire village. Planning documents need to be cast iron. Lighting issue. Impact on country park and plans impact wildlife. Unique location of lake. Country Park is now in local plan – huge step forward.

Reduce 1x Bay tree by approx 3m height and spread to rear of house and reduce 1x Horse Chestnut by approx 3m height and spread to front of house

Quay House Sailing Club Road Bourne End Buckinghamshire SL8 5QS

Ref. No: 19/07697/CTREE | Received: Wed 13 Nov 2019 | Validated: Thu 21 Nov 2019 | Status: Pending Decision

LMPC Comment Tree Comment

Fell 1 x Silver Birch (T1) and fell 1 x Goat Willow (T2)

1 Red Cottages Marlow Road Bourne End Buckinghamshire SL8 5PN

Ref. No: 19/07691/CTREE | Received: Tue 12 Nov 2019 | Validated: Tue 12 Nov 2019 | Status: Pending Decision

LMPC Comment Tree comment

Delegated Decisions Issued

Remove broken branch to 1 x Cedar (T1) and prune including crown thinning by 30% and crown reduction to 6 metres in height to 1 x Cornus (T2)

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	Birchdale & The Poplars Farm Road Bourne End Buckinghamshire SL8 5RB Ref. No: 19/07663/CTREE Received: Tue 05 Nov 2019 Validated: Mon 11 Nov 2019 Status: Not to make a Tree Preservation Order	
	Change of use of tractor shed for creation of additional winery space, to include visitor's reception, staff area & toilets with creation of access ramp & alterations Marlow Winery Pump Lane North Little Marlow Buckinghamshire SL7 3RD Ref. No: 19/07266/FUL Received: Fri 20 Sep 2019 Validated: Tue 01 Oct 2019 Status: Application Permitted	
	Householder application for construction of home office in rear garden The Ferns Fern Lane Little Marlow Buckinghamshire SL7 3SD Ref. No: 19/06992/FUL Received: Fri 16 Aug 2019 Validated: Wed 23 Oct 2019 Status: Application Permitted	
1068/19	7. The Pavilion and Recreation Ground –	
	a) To review tender process for The Pavilion refurbishment and consider revised tender documents and timetable	
	No responses to tender. Cllr Fitchew had now suggested that we hive off west gable work to a cabinet maker and leave the rest of the work as is, redraft the specification and go out to tender again. Cllr Brownridge suggested a timetable for a new tender process which involved going out to tender in for January with a view to taking a decision at the March meeting. The Council RESOLVED to go back out to tender and follow proposed timetable.	Clerk
	b) To consider feedback from Preschool & Pilates relating to The Pavilion floor The Council RESOLVED to gather some quotes and bring to next meeting and in the meantime to notify Preschool and Pilates.	Clerk
1069/19	8. To consider Clerk Appraisal and salary review Due to the personal information regarding the Parish Clerk the Chairman took a vote regarding this item and moved it into Confidential Items.	
1070/19	9. To review Parish Clerk's hours and consider hours for January to March 2020 Due to the personal information regarding the Parish Clerk the Chairman took a vote regarding this item and moved it into Confidential Items.	
1071/19	10. To consider request to review road safety around Little Marlow School A parent had contacted the chairman as a car had been badly damaged by another car during school drop off. Cllr V Brownridge and District Cllr Watson had met with parent and school headteacher, Mrs Healey, and it was agreed that the working group should be re-established. A number of possible solutions were discussed: including the possibility of some cars parking on Muschallick Road, some at the King's Head with the children then walking across the recreation ground thus leaving a smaller number to park on School Lane, appointing a traffic officer to monitor parking, making the unofficial one way system official (this would require discussions with highways). School undertook to talk to Kings Head and other schools. Cllr Brownridge to follow up with WDC and Thames Water re Muschallick Road option. School will contact PCSOs to invite them to talk to children about road safety, Mrs Healey will send out letter on road safety to parents. Mrs Healy will ask for parents and Parish Council to join working party.	School/ VB
	It was RESOLVED that the Council would participate in the working group but we should request an upfront commitment from school governors to take road safety seriously and invest or adopt positive plans.	VB
1072/19	11. To receive update on developments relating to Little Marlow Lakes Country Park	
	Cllr Brownridge reported that WDC (Charles Brocklehurst) had written to her to inform Council that WDC are likely to install – on a temporary basis – a re-purposed shipping container office and amenity unit on the old Weighbridge site in Muschallik Road. This will enable them to let it and nearby parking	
	/ yard space to a landscaping contractor, on a short-term basis - the intention is to grant a lease with a six month 'rolling break' - so as to 'animate' the road and provide on-site maintenance capacity. This would	

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1073/19	hopefully put an end to travellers / fly-tipping. WDC need to carry out a competitive procurement process, before they can commit to a contractor for on-site works. The same is likely to apply to any other off-site works (he mentioned the Sn. 106 obligated footpath / cycleway linking to Westhorpe Farm Lane). New signage is to be put around the Lake (both safety-based and notifying permissive use / own risk) and in due course, there will be some site clearance/tree surgery work (following a tree safety report). He asked for a copy of the Permissive Path Agreement between Lafarge and the Parish Council. He plans to come to the Parish Council meeting on 28 January to brief Council on the 'bigger picture' and share WDC's emerging thoughts/plans following their initial survey work and stakeholder engagement. 12. Reports from Meetings of Outside Bodies:	
	a) Marlow Society	
	Bisham, Green Lane – problems antisocial behaviour. CCTV being installed.	
	Roundabout – clutter from accidents	
	Marlow Town – discussing car free day in Marlow	
	Rugby Club Parking – 5 year parking to support Globe Park businesses	
	Marlow Society – looking at enforcement of peace re builders	
	b) BMKALC AGM	
	Cllr Brownridge attended the BMKALC AGM on 15 November. Main business of interest to the PC is	
	that they agreed that the membership per elector should be increased from 11.4p to 12.4p and BMKALC have been invited by the new Buckinghamshire Council CEO to attend meetings of a newly	
	formed Strategic Partnership Board. This will give Town and Parish Councils a voice on the Board	
	c) Buckinghamshire Council – planning update for Town and Parish Councils	
	Cllr Brownridge represented the Parish Council at a meeting on 5 December to update Town and Parish	
	Councils on planning services under the new Buckinghamshire Council. It was both an opportunity for	
	Cllr Nick Taylor, the Shadow portfolio holder for planning to brief Town and Parish Councils on the	
	new structures and for Town and Parish Councils to voice their concerns and make suggestions about	
	what could be improved. Reassuringly he recognised the importance of planning officers having good	
	local knowledge and acknowledged that it did not make sense to move the planning officers from the areas like Wycombe which have a good planning service to areas with poorer planning services. Wycombe planning officers will continue to operate from the current WDC offices. The new Council is trying to take the best practice from everywhere and it looks as if much of this will come from Wycombe so we will hopefully not see much change to the way planning works. d) WDALC	
	Cllrs Brownridge and Falk represented the Parish Council at the WDALC meeting on 12 December. Cllr Brownridge was elected as the new Chairman. WDC planning officers gave a presentation on their	
	understanding of what was going to happen to planning under the new Authority, the future of the Wycombe Local Plan and the Planning Community Panel. Key points of interest for us included the fact that CIL will continue to exist after 1 April but only in areas like Wycombe which currently operate CIL. It will be for the new Council to decide what to do longer term about CIL. With reference	
	to the Local Plan there was still one legal challenge which has yet to be decided and that is the one	
	mounted by Keep Bourne End Green. The Wycombe Local Plan will remain in place and carry weight	
	until the new Bucks Council Local plan is prepared which has to be within 5 years. In terms of	
1074/19	planning applications, they thought that it would be pretty much business as usual. 13. To consider festive opening times	
10/4/17	The Council RESOLVED to agree to the opening times recommended by the Parish Clerk. To be	Clerk
	communicated via the usual methods.	CICIK
1075/19	14. Parish Clerk's Report	
	The Clerk reported an update on CIL and payments of £7,500. The Playdale play equipment is due to be installed week commencing 20 th January 2020.	
1076/19	15. Correspondence to the Council	
	William North – village triangle, agenda for next meeting	
	Dilys & Michael Barratt – proposed Battery Storage	
	David Brown – requesting a public meeting on Battery storage facility	

Chairman initials 5

1077/19	16. Public participation – maximum 15 minutes	
	Verity West requested whether a tree could be planted on the green where the phone box is – no cost or	
	maintenance to the council, beneficial to community. Rowan or wild cherry. The Council RESOLVED to	
	review and get back to Verity as the Triangle will be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting. Mrs	Clerk
	West was requested to consider other village sites in the meantime.	
1078/19	17. Confidential items	
	That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the	
	press and broadcast media is excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items	
	of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of	
	the business to be transacted.	
	The Clerk left the room during this discussion.	
	After a discussion of the Clerk's Appraisal it was RESOLVED to review whether the Clerk should	
	receive an incremental salary increase after the six month performance review in June 2020.	
	The Council RESOLVED to retain the Parish Clerk's hours at 25 hours per week up until March. Hours	
	would be reviewed at the Parish Council meeting on 21st April 2020. Cllr V Brownridge to email D	VB
	Malley regarding payroll.	
1079/19	18. Items to be included on the next Agenda-	
	- Grass triangle, School Lane, Little Marlow	
	- Burial Ground Hedge	Clerk
	- Allotments	
	- Abbotsbrook Hall Fire Exit	
1080/19	19. Dates of the next meetings: Budget Meeting 16th January 2020, Parish Council Meetings: 28th January	
	2019	
There bei	ng no further business to be transacted the meeting was closed at 9.58pm	

Abbreviations:

Appleviations.										
LMPC	Little Marlow Parish Council	WDC	Wycombe District Council							
BCC Bucks County Council SLCC Society of Local Council Clerks										
CDC Chiltern District Council WDALC Wycombe District Assoc. of Local Councils										
PCSO Police Community Support ROW Rights of Way										
Officers										
LAT	TfB Local Area Technician	BALC	Bucks Association of Local Councils							
LMRA Little Marlow Residents' Assoc LGPS Local Government Pension Scheme										
VAS	VAS Vehicle Activated Sign LMLCP Little Marlow Lakes Country Partnership									
AVDC Aylesbury Vale District Council MK Milton Keynes										
GDPR General Data Protection Regulations										
Signed: Chairman										
Date: Please note Minutes become CONFIRMED following resolution at the following Full Council Meeting.										

Chairman initials6