

LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22ND OCTOBER 2013..

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

Mrs. G.J. Barclay, Clerk

Also present were 4 members of the public.

106/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from D. Cllrs. D. Johncock and J. Savage and C.Cllr. D. Watson.

107/13 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2013 were approved.

Proposed: Mrs. B.K. Wallis

Seconded: Mrs. V. Brownridge.

108/13 REPORTS ARISING

a. Village Grass Cutting Quotes

We have not received any further quotes so will accept the one received.

b. Spade Oak Car Park

We still await further communication from BCC.

c. Transport Questionnaire

This was not sent out with the Newsletters as it did not relate to our Parish. However, Mrs Acres and Mrs Wallis will look at it again and make necessary amendments and explanations where necessary and it can be delivered to parts of the Parish where relevant and also put on the website.

109/13 FINANCE

a. Income and Expenditure Account for 1st – 20th September 2013.

Income: £21016.36 (includes half Precept ££19271.52)
Expenditure: £ 4074.15

The Income and Expenditure Account was approved.

Proposed: G.A. Fitchew
Seconded: Mrs. B.K. Wallis

b. Conclusion of Audit

We have received the Conclusion of Audit from the external auditors, Mazars.

c. Donation to Wye Valley Volunteers

It was agreed by all that a donation of £200 be made.

Proposed: Mrs. B.K. Wallis
Seconded: Mrs. V. Brownridge

110/13 PLANNING

a. Report

Wycombe District Council Decisions

1. 13/07207/CTREE Altyre, The Avenue
Tree works to Alders
Not to make TPO
2. 13/07009/FUL Winchbottom Farm, Winchbottom Lane
Conversion, alterations and extensions to existing barns to form 1 x 4 bed dwelling
Application permitted
3. 13/06852/FUL The Lodge, 18, Abbey Road
Construction single storey side extension
Application permitted
4. 13/06797/FUL Connacht House, Abbey Road
Construction of two storey , part single storey rear extension
Application permitted
5. 13/06811/FUL 8, Winchbottom Lane.
Construction of single storey side/rear extension to provide garage
Application permitted

New Applications

1. 13/07434/FUL Abbots Inch, The Avenue
Construction part single storey, part two storey extensions to front, side and rear

- Requires a site visit
2. 13/07338/CTREE The Poplars, Farm Road
Fell weeping ash, pollard 3 limes
Comment: No objection
 3. 13/07207/CTREE Altyre, The Avenue
Crown lift hornbeam, reduce height and spread of 2 alders
Comment: No objection
 4. 13/07565/CTREE 1, The Abbey
Tree works
Comment: No objection

Other Planning

a.Land adjacent to White Friars

This application is going to WDC Planning Committee for approval.

b.Fincken Appeal.

The Inquiry was held on 8th October 2014. We await the decision.

c.Athletics Track

The conditions re drainage and soakaway are being addressed. It was considered that Condition 25 has not yet been met.

The car parking area appears to be changed from the original plan. We will send a letter to WDC on the matter.

Mr Emmett asked if we could apply to have a Tree Preservation Order on the two old oak trees near the entrance to the Lane.

d. Chilterns AONB Planning Conference.

Mrs Acres and Mrs Wallis attended this and Mrs Wallis gave a summary of the event.

e.WDC Local Plan Stakeholders' Meeting

Mrs Brownridge, Mrs Wallis and Mr Hutchings attended this and Mr Hutchings had sent a summary to the Parish Council for circulation.

111/13 ABBOTSBROOK HALL

a. Car Park fees

One resident has paid and another has indicated their intention to do so. A letter to the non-payers will be sent. Gate closures will be implemented. A notice may be placed on the gate when closures take place.

b. Deep Clean

Mr Fitchew and Mr Emmett will look at the hall to ascertain the need for a deep clean.

c. Minor Maintenance Works

The missing tiles on the roof and ridge need replacing. Mr Fitchew has received a quote for £516 inc VAT for these works, and it was agreed that it should be done as soon as possible.

The gutters need clearing and the groundsman will be asked to do this.

112/13 BURIAL GROUND

a. Purchase of a Memorial Records Book.

We do not need to purchase this as other methods of record keeping can be used.

b. New Area

Work on this will start 28th October 2013.

113/13 PAVILION/RECREATION GROUND

a. Repairs to Outside of Pavilion

The markings on the areas that need attention have faded. Work will now have to wait until Spring 2014. Mr Emmett can supply contractors' names.

b. Footpath Request

A request had been received from Little Marlow Cof E School for a footpath to be constructed around the west and south sides of the Recreation Ground.. As this would impinge on other users, it was not approved with 7 votes against.

A letter will be sent to the school to advise them of our decision.

114/13 SPADE OAK CAR PARK

There was nothing further to report.

115/13 BUS – EXTENSION TO SERVICE

It has been proposed to extend the service to include a Saturday morning and funding for this has been agreed by the Chepping Wye Valley Local Community Partnership. The service would be welcomed by Westhorpe residents, but very little time would be allowed in Marlow, and concerns were raised about the accessibility of the roads in Little Marlow on a Saturday morning. The bus will be mentioned by Mrs Wallis at the Little Marlow Residents' Association meeting on Wednesday 23rd October. We need to respond to BCC by midday Friday.

116/13 RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Mrs Brownridge has drafted this. It will be reviewed before the end of the financial year and reported to the Council.

The Council thanked Mrs Brownridge for her work on this.

117/13 BUDGET COUNCIL PRIORITIES CONSULTATION – BCC

Views will be co-ordinated by Mrs Brownridge and the response sent before the closing date.

118/13 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Meetings of the Parish Council will held at The Pavilion at 8pm on the following dates:

3rd December 2013, 14th January 2014.

119/13 REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Marlow Museum

We have received a letter of thanks from Marlow Museum for our donation.

b. World War 1

We have received a letter from WDC regarding commemorative events for World War 1.

c. Pre-Budget Meeting

A reminder that this will be held at The Pavilion at 8pm on 29th October 2013.

d. Remembrance Service

This will be held at St John the Baptist, Little Marlow on Sunday 10th November at 10.45am.

e. WDALC

The Chairman gave a report of the recent meeting. The Chairman, Secretary and Training Officer will not be re-standing after the AGM. At the meeting, there was a presentation of Devolution of Services. Mrs Acres and Mrs Brownridge attended the recent training on Data Protection and Freedom of Information.

f. Marlow Community Forum

Mrs Brownridge attended the recent meeting. Marlow is to have a campaign to cut down on plastic bags.

g. Pot Holes in Winchbottom Lane

These will be reported to BCC.

h. Spade Oak Car Park Surface

This needs attention.

i. Meeting with Network Rail

Mrs Acres, Mrs Barclay, Mr Emmett and Mr Mash attended this meeting on site. Issues of safety were discussed. A report has been circulated. The missing number from the crossing sign should be in place by Friday 25th October 2013.

j. Energy Saving Workshop

Mrs Wallis and Mr Emmett attended this.

k. Chepping Wye Valley LCP

Mrs Wallis and Mrs Barclay attended this. Mrs Wallis gave a report.

l. Chilterns Management Plan

This has been updated and can be viewed on the Chilterns AONB website. Mrs Wallis urged members to make comments.

120/13 CLOSURE OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a. Mr. R. Boas

Mr Boas reported that the Wye Valley Volunteers have been awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Service.

Mr Boas asked that their services should be made known to more people in the Parish, especially in Westhorpe.

Chairman