

LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH AUGUST 2012.

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

Mrs. G.J. Barclay, Clerk

Also present were D.Cllr. J. Savage, and three members of the public.

71/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Parish Councillor H. Midgley, and District Councillor D. Johncock, and County Councillor M. Appleyard.

72/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were none.

73/12 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minute 66/12 should read 'adopt the proposed policies on grievance and procedure'

Minute 69/12 should read 'although the SPG had been approved by BCC, it had never been adopted by them'

With these amendments, the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 12th June 2012 were approved

Proposed: P.C. Emmett

Seconded: Mrs. B.K. Wallis

74/12 REPORTS ARISING

a. Area for Athletics Track

The Community Partnership had suggested that the area near to Crowne Plaza would be a better place for the proposed athletics track, but the owner is not prepared to sell his land for this purpose. Crowne Plaza was not built when the SPG was written.

b. Recreation Ground Treatment

No further treatments have taken place.

c. Glass Window Guard at the Chapel

Although the order has been placed, we have heard nothing more from the suppliers.

d. Tree Screen at Thames Water

This is to be raised at the Liaison meeting in November by C.Cllr David Watson.

75/12 FINANCE

a. Income and Expenditure Report.

The Income and Expenditure report for 1st – 30th June 21012 was approved.

Income: £1585.49

Expenditure: £5948.15

Proposed: C.S. Innocent

Seconded: Mrs. R. R. Taylor

b. Request for a Donation to 'Target' Magazine.

It was agreed to make a donation of £100.

Proposed: Mrs. B.K. Wallis

Seconded: Mrs. R.R. Taylor

c. Consultation on the Government Proposal to Remove the Statutory Rule Regarding two signatures on Cheques and Other Orders.

The members of the Parish Council were unanimously against this proposal.

76/12 PLANNING

a. Planning Report

Wycombe District Council Decisions

1. 12/06293/FUL 8, Elm Lane, Well End.

Construction part two storey, part single storey front and side extensions and insertion of two front dormer windows.

Application Permitted

2. 12/06287/FUL Hurstfield, The Drive, Abbotsbrook.

Construction of two storey front extension and front porch.

Application Permitted

3. 12/06357/CTREE The Studio, The Drive, Abbotsbrook

Fell 1 cherry (apple) tree

Not to make a TPO

4. 12/06062/FUL The Farriers, 4, Spade Oak Farm

Installation of two velux windows in west roof.

Application Permitted

5. 12/05925/CLP Quoins, The Close, Well End
Construction of two storey rear extension.
Grant certificate of Proposed Use.
6. 12/05569/CLP 8, Elm Lane, Well End
Construction of rear dormer window in connection with loft conversion.
Grant Certificate of Proposed Use.

New Applications

1. 12/06660/TPO Marchfield House, Church Road
Remove one branch back to boundary of one ash tree.
Comment: No Objection
2. 12/06657/CTREE Greengates, Church Road
Crown reduce one Ash Tree
Comment: No objection
(Mr Innocent declared an interest for the above two applications)
3. 12/06600/CTREE White Barns, Sailing Club Road
Remove dead wood and raise canopy to one Sycamore.
Comment: accept tree officer's recommendation
4. 12/06539/FUL Santarella, Lockbridge Road
Construction single storey side/rear extension
Comments: none made
5. 12/06703/FUL Walton House, Marlow Road
construction of front porch and single storey rear extension and erection of detached single garage to front
Requires site visit

b. Other Planning

A meeting was held on 31st July 2012 to discuss the proposal to move the athletics track from Handy Cross to Little Marlow. A letter will be sent to Mr Brocklehurst at WDC with comments raised at that meeting.

c. Daws Hill Development Meeting

This is taking place this evening and when the minutes are received, a summary will be circulated to councillors.

d. Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council were asked to ratify the members of the committee and formalise it as a sub-committee of the Council. The members were confirmed as ; Mrs Wallis, Mrs Brownridge, Mr W. Northcroft, Mr C. Innocent and Mr. H, Midgley. They had met with David Dewar at WDC. The committee wish to investigate further the viability of the project and would like to hold a meeting which would be open to the public. This would be advertised at the Little Marlow fete.

Mr. Emmett asked that when the Country Park was referred to, it should always be 'Proposed' Country Park.

77/12 ABBOTSBROOK HALL

There was nothing to report.

78/12 BURIAL GROUND

a. Locking of Gate

The gate has been locked between 8pm and 9am for a few weeks.
We need to install a better locking system so that the pedestrian gate is still usable when the vehicular access gate is locked.

b. Tree Felling in Woodland Area

Mr Fitchew reported that we would not need a felling licence if only 5cu.m of trees is removed instead of the proposed 6cu.m and it was agreed that this smaller amount would be felled . Firewood would be left on site for collection.

79/12 PAVILION/RECREATION GROUND

a. Play Area Inspection

This has been completed and the report shows that there are no major problems. The commemorative seat by the play area needs some attention and Mrs Brownridge confirmed that the Amenities Committee would meet any costs incurred.

b. Tree works

Phase one has been completed. The remainder of the trees will be done next year.

80/12 SPEEDING CONCERNS IN SHEEPRIDGE LANE

Residents have raised concerns to the accident rate in Sheepridge Lane. The issue will be raised at the Local Area Forum on 17th October.

81/12 LITTLE MARLOW FETE

The Parish Council will have a stand at the fete. The Neighbourhood Plan will be one of the main displays.

82/12 EMERGENCY PLAN

A meeting was held on 3rd July. We need to seek ‘area representatives’ and this will be in the Autumn Newsletter. Also, vulnerable people need to be identified.

83/12 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2012

Little Marlow has won the Gurney Cup. The presentation will take place on 8th September.

84/12 REPRESENTATIVE ON MARLOW COMMUNITY FORUM

It was agreed that a representative will attend the next meeting at Crowne Plaza at 2pm on 10th October.

85/12 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Meetings of the Parish Council will take place at The Pavilion at 8pm on the following dates:
11th September, 30th October, 4th December 2012 and 8th January 2013.

86/12 REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Recreation Ground Tree Works

A complaint was received that neighbours had not been informed of the works.

b. Proposed Athletics Track

Some trees at the entrance of Westhorpe Farm Lane on the A4155 do not have tree preservation orders.

c. Travellers at Westhorpe

Travellers have camped at Westhorpe and there have been concerns over their behaviour.

d. Cycle Lane A4155

The area of the cycle lane and footpath between Winchbottom Lane and towards Pump Lane South is reduced due to the hedge being overgrown. The cycle lane needs better signage.

e. Grass Cutting schedules

It was reported at a Marlow Society meeting that WDC are changing their grass cutting schedule.

f. WDALC

Mrs Brownridge gave a report on the recent WDALC meeting. Mrs Brownridge, Mr Midgley and Mrs Wallis attended the WDALC Budget Training evening.

g. Planning Forum at WDC

Mrs Wallis and Mrs Brownridge attended this.

h. Marlow Museum Meeting

Mrs Wallis attended this and reported that the Museum needs, money, volunteers and visitors.

i. Spade Oak Car Park

We have received a letter from BCC regarding the transfer of this

site. A 'heads of terms document' will be prepared for Little Marlow Parish Council to peruse.

87/12 CLOSURE OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a. D.Cllr. J. Savage

Cllr Savage advised the Council that he has a Ward budget of £490 and would like to hear of any good cause that he can support.

b. R. Boas

The double yellow lines are now in place at the lower end of Coldmoorholm Lane.

c. W. Northcroft

Mr Northcroft confirmed that an email from the Parish Council had been sent to residents regarding the commencement of the tree works at the Recreation Ground.

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 a vote was taken and unanimously agreed, to close the meeting in view of the special or confidential nature of the business to be transacted. The press and public were now excluded and were instructed to withdraw.

Chairman.

