

# **LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2008.**

Present: Councillors: D.D. Banfield, Chairman  
G.A. Fitchew, Vice-Chairman  
C.S. Innocent  
R. Mash  
Mrs. V.A. Morton  
Mrs. B.K. Wallis  
P.A. Walmsley  
  
Mrs. G.J. Barclay, Clerk

Also present were five members of the public.

### **117/08 APOLGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from P.C. Emmett, Mrs. R.R. Taylor and D.Cllr. B. Jennings.

### **118/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

### **119/08 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2008 were approved.

**Proposed: Mrs. B.K. Wallis**

**Seconded: G.A. Fitchew**

### **120/08 REPORTS ARISING**

#### **a. Delegated Budget Scheme**

We have no specific requests for this small BCC budget.

#### **b. Thames water Sewage Treatment Works**

We have received a letter from Dominic Grieve, MP, enclosing a copy of a letter from Lord Hunt, Minister of State. In this letter, the importance of logging complaints by telephone to the Environment Agency's 24 hour Hotline, (0800 80 70 60) was encouraged.

### **121/08 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

The Income and Expenditure Account for the Period 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008 was approved

Total Income £22210.77 (includes half Precept)  
Total Payments £8652.85

**Proposed: C.S. Innocent**  
**Seconded: G.A. Fitchew**

## **122/08 PLANNING**

### **a. Planning Report**

#### **Wycombe District Council Decisions**

1. 08/06997/CTREE The Chauntry, Wharf Lane.  
Crown reduce and cut back various trees.  
Not to make TPO
2. 08/06998/CTREE Streamside, The Drive  
Tree works to Thuja  
Not to make TPO
3. 08/07104/HEDGE Well End Farm  
Removal and replacement of 15m hedge  
To issue a hedge retention notice
4. 08/07105/CTREE Lanterns, Sailing Club Road  
Crown reduction of walnut and willow pollard  
Not to make TPO
5. 08/07007/CTREE Abbotsbrook hall, Marlow Road  
Fell Balsam poplars and other small trees  
Not to make TPO
6. 08/0753/TPO The Old Cottage, Church Road  
Fell 1 Giant Redwood  
Application permitted
7. 08/07078/CONCC Spade Oak Quarry, Marlow Road  
Application for variation of planning condition  
WDC has no objection (County Application)
8. 08/07056/FUL Bridge End, Abbotsbrook  
Construction single storey orangery  
Application permitted
9. 08/07140/CTREE River Thatch, The Avenue  
Tree works  
Not to make TPO
10. 08/07171/CTREE Electricity Sub-station, The Avenue  
Cut back overhanging branches  
Not to make TPO

#### **Buckinghamshire County Council Decisions**

08/06866/CONCC Spade Oak Quarry  
Variation of planning condition to allow extension to 30/09/2012  
Application permitted

## **New Applications**

1. 08/07184/TPO Aspenden, The Avenue  
Crown reduce and crown thin various trees  
Comment: No objections
2. 08/07186/CTREE Aspenden, The Avenue  
Reform hedge to 2 groups yew trees.  
Comment: No objections
3. 08/07258/CTREE Abbey way, Sailing Club Road  
Tree works to 1 cedar  
Comment: No objections
4. 08/07303/FUL Thames Reach, Riverside  
Single storey side/rear extension and insertion of dormers  
Comment: No objections
5. 08/07326/CTREE Abbots Mead, 18, Oakfield Road  
Tree works  
Comment: No objections
6. 08/07340/FUL 1, Spring Gardens, Marlow Road  
Construction of dropped kerb  
Comment: No objections
7. 08/07341/FUL St Heliers, Marlow Road  
Construction of dropped kerb  
Comment: No objections
8. 08/07365/FUL Abbots Mead, 18, Oakfield Road  
Erection of 1.8m high gates to existing vehicular access off Lockbridge Road  
Comment: no objections

## **b. Other Planning**

3, Abbey Road application to be heard by Wycombe District Council Planning Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> November. Mrs. Wallis will speak at the meeting.

## **c. Daws Hill/ Abbey Barn Area – Proposed Development**

Mrs. Wallis, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Fitchew and Mrs. Barclay attended the presentation on 20<sup>th</sup> October, and Mrs. Wallis had written a summary which was circulated to all councillors.

Mrs. Wallis and Mr. Mash are attending a workshop on 6<sup>th</sup> November. Following this, it may be useful to write to WDC and BCC to clarify possible new roads in this parish.

## **123/08 ABBOTSBROOK HALL**

### **a. Deed in Respect of Abbotsbrook Estate.**

The Chairman is to meet with the Chairman of Abbotsbrook Trustees to discuss this matter, following which, a decision can be made as to whether we should enter into this lease.

**b. Refurbishment Works**

This is now complete apart from a few minor painting jobs.

There are further works that need doing, such as external decoration and this will be budgeted for in the next financial year with a regular maintenance budget.

**c. Deep Cleaning**

After the works were completed, a 'deep clean' was carried out by a contractor. Mr. Fitchew has looked into this becoming a regular contract. However, costs are high at £1150 per annum. If this is to be done, regular users would have to be willing to pay increased hiring charges to cover the cost.

**124/08 PAVILION/RECREATION GROUND**

**a. Use of Football Ground by Clubs**

The meeting was temporarily closed to allow Colin Cox of BEJSC to speak.

The ground would not be able to take extra usage by another football group. An 'Exclusive Use' agreement had been entered into with BEJSC in 1989, and although it has no end date, it was considered to be still binding. It would be difficult to stop other groups using the ground, and there was no objection to casual users, but organised groups should not be permitted. It was therefore agreed that BEJSC should retain formal use of the ground. However, the agreement should be reviewed at the end of the current football season.

Attention was drawn to the fact that the Recreation Ground is not a public open space.

**125/08 BURIAL GROUND**

**Removal of Shed**

The shed in the Burial Ground is in a poor state and is not used and is a fire risk. It was agreed that it should be removed. However, there is some history attached to the shed, so it was agreed that Mr. Walmsley would take photographs of it for posterity.

Once this area is cleared, it would provide a turning place for vehicles.

A working party is planned for late January 2009.

**126/08 ROADS**

Costs and insurance regarding the Devolvement of Powers from BCC have been considered, and we are now ready to take on the works.

## **127/08 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT – MODEL SCHEME**

Little Marlow Parish Council have adopted the original Freedom of Information Act, but will adopt this new Model Scheme. The scale of fees will be comparative to those charged by WDC.

## **128/08 LITTLE MARLOW GRAVEL PITS AREA**

Mrs. Wallis had prepared a report on the recent meeting of the steering group. They would like to investigate how to designate the area a Local Nature would like Little Marlow Parish Council to promote information on what the area has to offer.

WDC Rangers will be asked to put 'Little Marlow Country Park' on details of any walks in the area.

A letter should be sent to WDC to ask where the Country Park issue has got to.

## **129/08 FIDELITY GUARANTEE FOR MEMBERS**

The current insured rate is £30,00 for members and employees, which was considered to be too low. Zurich Municipal have been asked for advice regarding raising the sum, BALC will be contacted for their advice.

## **130/08 PLANNING FOR GYPSYS, TRAVELLERS AND SHOWMEN – CONSULTATION**

This will be scanned to all councillors for comment.

## **131/08 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Meetings of the Parish Council will take place at the Pavilion on the following dates:

16<sup>th</sup> December 2008, 13<sup>th</sup> January , 24<sup>th</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009.  
All meetings commence at 8pm.

## **132/08 REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **a. Village Amenities Committee**

The Committee have allocated £600 as a contribution to installing electrics at the Chapel.

### **b. Drinking Fountain at The Pavilion**

£500 was pledged by the Amenities Committee, but as mains water is already available from the outside tap, it was considered to be unnecessary to install a drinking fountain. There were also Health and Safety issues to be considered. A notice saying 'Mains Water' will be put on the outside tap.

**c. NAG Meeting**

Mrs. Morton is unable to attend the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November.

**d. Remembrance Sunday**

Councillors were reminded that the Remembrance Day service will take place at St John the Baptist Church at 10.45am on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

**e. BALC Meeting**

Mr. Banfield attended this meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October. Subscriptions are being raised by 4%. He reminded the council that its Quality Status needs renewing every 4 years.

**133/08 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**a. Mr. W. Northcroft**

Mr. Northcroft reminded councillors that the Environment Agency is responsible for the composting licence, and WDC for the Sewage. Remember to get a reference number when reporting odours.

The area known as The Triangle is currently mown by Mr. Roger Wicks on a voluntary basis. He will continue to the end of the year, but would then like to have a formal agreement.

**b. Mr. R. Boas**

The Environment Agency's use of Spade Oak Wharf will not now go ahead as Network Rail have refused them permission to cross the railway.

Mr. Boas has spoken to WDC regarding parking issues at the river end of Coldmoorholm Lane. The possibility of double yellow lines will be considered by them in April next year. Alternatively, the Fire Service can provide headed letters that can be placed on parked cars.

**Chairman**