

LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25TH JUNE 2013.

Present: Councillors: D.D. Banfield, Chairman
G.A. Fitchew, Vice-Chairman
Mrs. K. M. Acres
P.C. Emmett
Mrs. R.R. Taylor

Mrs. G.J. Barclay, Clerk

Also present were four members of the public, C.Cllr. J. Savage and one member of the Press.

62/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Paris Councillors Mrs V. Brownridge, R. Mash, H. Midgley and Mrs B.K. Wallis.

Apologies were also received from D. Cllr. D. Johncock.

63/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

64/14 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 21st May 2013 were approved.

Proposed: P.C. Emmett
Seconded: Mrs. R.R. Taylor

65/13 REPORTS ARISING

a. Sewage Spillage

Enforcement action is still being considered. Concern was raised that Thames Water appears to disregard residents' concerns. It is important to continue to put pressure on Thames Water and the Environment Agency to get the matter sorted.

b. Cutting of Vegetation at Road Junctions.

This has now been done by BCC.

c. Grass Cutting in Little Marlow Village

Further quotes need to be sought.

66/13 FINANCE

a. Financial Report.

The Financial Report for 1st to 30th April 2013 and 1st to 31st May 2013 were approved:

Income April	£29,706.24 (includes half Precept £19,957.35)
Expenditure April	£11,475.80
Income May	£ 3,980.18
Expenditure May	£ 5,823.24

Proposed: G.A. Fitchew

Seconded: P.C. Emmett

b. To approve Mrs K. Acres as a Bank Account Signatory.

It was agreed that Mrs K.M. Acres would become a signatory.

Proposed: G.A. Fitchew

Seconded: Mrs. R.R. Taylor

67/13 PLANNING

a. Planning Report

Wycombe District Council Decisions

1. 13/05834/CTREE Heron's Pool, The Avenue
Reduce by 5m to 4 Western Red Cedars and reduce height of Leylandii hedge.
Not to make TPO
2. 13/05847/CTREE Summer Cottage, Church Road
Reduce height of Leylandii/Thuja group
Not to make TPO
3. 13/05992/CTREE White Friars, Farm Road
Tree works to one Oak
Not to make TPO
4. 13/05690/FUL Wilton Farm House, Marlow Road
Construction of basement
Application permitted

New Applications

1. 13/06247/FUL New Farm House, Sheepridge Lane
Construction of gates, piers and retaining entrance walls.
Comment: no objection
2. 13/06303/FUL 9, Abbey Road
Construction front porch, part conversion of garage
Comment: no objection
3. 13/06320/CTREE Friars Cottage. 3, Elm Lane

Fell one cypress
Require site visit

4. 13/06198/FUL Land adjacent White Friars, Farm Road
Erection of one 3 bed detached dwelling.
Comment: no objection

Other Planning

13/06077/FUL New Farm Cottage, Sheepridge Lane
We did not comment on this application.

Athletics Track:

The s106 agreement has now been signed and can be seen on the WDC website. The points I have noticed from it are:

- The relationship with Lafarge who are the present tenants of the land still needs a bit of clarification;
- £25,000 is to be given by the Little Marlow Estate for ‘management and maintenance of the Little Marlow Gravel Pits Country Park.’
- WDC are to maintain the permissive paths while they are tenants;
- The footpaths and cycle tracks are permissive;
- The new permissive paths keep to the boundary of the Little Marlow Estate land i.e. the one across the middle of the southern section has been removed.

The planning decision notice is also on the website. The conditions are worth reading. I don’t know if we will be informed about all the things that have to be agreed with Wycombe e.g. sewage disposal; car parking; lighting scheme etc.

Wycombe District New Local Plan:

WDC are using the County Council Local Area Forum areas as their units for the local discussions of the new plan. This has been slightly confusing, however, we have had our meeting in Little Marlow (attended by 5 parish councillors, the chairmen of both residents’ association and 3 interested Little Marlow residents as well as representatives from Hazlemere, Chepping Wycombe and Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Councils and Hedsor Parish Meeting and several other residents associations from the area). Perhaps one of the other members who attended would like to report?? As I was chairing the meeting I did not take notes. I think it will eventually be on the WDC website, but probably not until after 2nd July when their last meeting is being held.

Briefly: there were presentations by 2 members of the WDC planning team: Ian Manktelow on the background to the preparation of the new plan and the district wide problems that have to be addressed – particularly the surprising increase in population shown by the 2011 census and the need for Wycombe to predict its own housing needs following the scrapping of the South East Plan, and Chris Schmidt-Reed on the problems for the Chepping Wye Valley LAF area. This was followed by workshops where we had a discussion about the various issues. If nothing else we highlighted the sewage problem.

2013 Wycombe Planning Forum:

Valerie Brownridge, William Northcroft and Mrs Wallis attended the Annual Wycombe Planning Forum on 6th June. As usual it was an excellent event. After a report on the Quality Counts Tour we heard presentations on National Planning Policy, some of which is very new, a review of the year 2012/13 and a look ahead to 2013/14. Questions were answered at each stage and we received a useful pack of information which can be found on the WDC website: go to Council Services: Planning and Development: Planning Service and Performance.

68/13 ABBOTSBROOK HALL

Car park

A meeting was held with a resident of the cottages to discuss the car park issues. It was made clear that the residents do not have any rights with regard to the car park area, and also that drainage is a problem now that surface water cannot be discharged into the water course.

Some repairs will be made to the car park surface and much of the vegetation that is encroaching on the area will be cut back.

The matter of non-payment of car park fees will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

69/13 BURIAL GROUND

a. Track Works

Members of the Burial Ground Committee will meet with a contractor and a funeral director to discuss future works.

b. Bucks Arts Week

The glass artists had a successful exhibition and are considering hiring the chapel for an extra exhibition later this year, and have also requested to use it again next year.

70/13 PAVILION/RECREATION GROUND

a. Recreation Ground

The weed-killing has been done, but not the fertilising.

b. Upgrading of Play Equipment.

It was agreed to go ahead and order the new piece of equipment and the safety surfacing at a total cost of £4365.00 (exc VAT)

Proposed: Mrs R.R. Taylor

Seconded: Mrs. K.M. Acres

71/13 Spade Oak Car Park

Despite chasing up the agreement, we have received nothing further from BCC.

72/13 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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

13th August, 10th September, 22nd October, 3rd December 2013, and 14th January 2014.

73/13 REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Bus Meeting

Mrs Barclay attended a meeting at Marlow Town Council to discuss the Town Bus service.

Also discussed at this meeting were the 3 free parking days in the town.

b. Future of Our Village (FOOV)

Mrs Acres said she was willing to attend these meetings as a representative of Little Marlow Parish Council.

c. Thames Water Sewage Treatment Works

It is understood that the leak has been attended to . Mr Emmett has spoken to Rt Hon. D. Grieve, QC, MP about the incidents.

d. Rural Forum Meeting

Neither Mr Emmett or Mr Fitchew were able to attend the recent meeting.

e. Land at Westhorpe

The grass has been cut in the field owned by NWE

f. Road Markings A404/A4155

Some of the road markings have not been replaced after the works to the surface were undertaken earlier this year.

g. WDALC

Mr Banfield and Mrs Wallis attended the recent meeting. Isabella Fraser, Chairman of BMKALC gave a talk.

h. Village Notice Board

The new notice board will be erected in the village against the Manor House wall. Other notice boards in the Parish need replacing.

i. Clerks' Meeting with WDC and BCC

Mrs Barclay attended this recent meeting and had circulated a report.

74/13 CLOSURE OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a. Mr. Richard Boas

Mr Boas asked who should be maintaining Spade Oak Car Park in the interim before BCC hand it over.

b. Mr. William Northcroft

Mr Northcroft asked for confirmation that the new trees will be planted on the southern Recreation Ground perimeter in the Autumn and the fence repaired.

c. D. Cllr. John Savage

Cllr savage suggested that we ask for a 'road show' to come to the parish, possibly to Abbotsbrook Hall to explain the new recycling regime which begins in the Autumn.

d. Mr. Brian Hutchins

Mr Hutchins asked if he could see the NPPF report. He also asked if we could obtain any feedback on the speed check undertaken on the A4155 in Well End.

Chairman