

LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 15TH MAY 2012.**

Present: Councillors: D.D. Banfield, 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 C.Cllr. D. Watson, D. Cllr. J. Savage and 10 members of the public.

Mr Charles Brocklehurst, Major Projects Team at Wycombe District Council gave a talk on the proposals to move the athletics track and cycleway to land owned by Little Marlow Trust.

Mr Brocklehurst explained that the current athletics track at Handy Cross is to be the site of the new sports centre, so a new location for this facility is sought. A parcel of land at Cressex, the 'Buckmaster' site has been considered but is not suitable for reasons of size, wind exposure, air pollution and sun angle. The area of land adjacent to Crowne Plaza near to the Marlow by-pass also is unsuitable due to the area not being large enough without some infilling of the gravel pit.

The field owned by Little Marlow Trust in Westhorpe Farm lane is large enough and is suitable as it is flat.

The barn would have internal pods for changing and office facilities and there would be restrictions on its use for other purposes. Car parking would be provided on-site and could have a dual use for the public visiting the Country Park. Flood lighting was raised an issue, but this would be low-level lighting for training events and flood lighting only for matches and the lights would be on retractable columns so that they would not be visible in daytime, and the lighting design would be low-spill. Loudspeakers would only be used for main events. Concern was raised over the development setting a precedent, but the only envisaged extra use of the area would be the inclusion of a cycle track, a jogging trail and grass football pitches as a future consideration. There would be tree planting schemes at the Eastern end. Visits to the facility were anticipated at 13,000 per year, but traffic movements in and out of the site and onto the A4155 were seen as a major issue.

There could be benefits for the Country Park project in that a public open space could be provided, permissive paths created and the possibility of using the car parking space and facilities.

All this is subject to the planners and highways engineers. The Planning Application for the Sports Centre will go in next week, so there is a certain amount of pressure to get the scheme underway.

The sports club invited residents to their next competitive meet on 16th June which will involve 4 clubs. This will take place at Handy Cross and would give residents the opportunity to observe noise and numbers at such meetings. . It was accepted however that it would not be possible to gauge the numbers of cars visiting as the parking was shared with the rest of the facility.

Mr Banfield thanked Mr Brocklehurst for the presentation.

Mr Brocklehurst, D. Cllr. J. Savage, C.Cllr D. Watson and two members of the public left the meeting at this point.

42/12 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. D.D. Banfield was elected Chairman.

Proposed: Mrs. B.K. Wallis

Seconded: P.C. Emmett

43/12 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr. G.A. Fitchew was elected Vice-Chairman

Proposed: P.C. Emmett

Seconded: Mrs. V. Brownridge

44/12 REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES.

See appendix.

45/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

46/12 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minute 37/12 should read 'Little Marlow Lakes Country Park Community Partnership.'

With this amendment, the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd April 2012. were approved.

Proposed: C.S. Innocent

Seconded: R. Mash

47/12 REPORTS ARISING

a. Works to Recreation Ground Outfield

The first treatment has been applied.

b. Pavilion Floor

The work has been completed and looks very good.

48/12 FINANCE

a. Income and Expenditure Account for March and April 2012.

The Financial report for 1st – 31st March 2012 and 1st to 30th April were presented and approved:

March

Income: £2969.11

Expenditure: £3960.77

April

Income: £23502.21 (includes half precept ££19750.00)

Expenditure: £6757.55

Proposed: C.S. Innocent

Seconded: P.C. Emmett

b. Annual Accounts for the Financial Year ended 31st March 2012.

The Annual Accounts were received and approved.

Proposed: P.C. Emmett

Seconded: Mrs. B.K. Wallis

c. Annual Governance Statement

The Annual Governance statement was approved.

Proposed: Mrs. B.K. Wallis

Seconded: Mrs. V. Brownridge.

The internal audit takes place on 22nd May 2012 and the external audit commences 4th July 2012.

49/12 PLANNING

Wycombe District Council Decisions

1. 12/05661/TPO Recreation Ground, Little Marlow
Tree shaping

- Not to make TPO
2. 12/05641/CTREE Santarela, Lockbridge Road
Removal of one golden cypress.
Not to make TPO
 3. 12/05510/CTREE The Poplars, Farm Road
Various tree works
Not to make TPO
 4. 12/05512/CTREE Cherry Tree House, The Drive
Crown reduce horse chestnut tree
Not to make TPO
 5. 12/05260/REN The Old Malt House, Marlow Road
Proposed time extension to permission granted under 08/07754/FUL
Application permitted
 6. 12/05323/FUL Quoins, The Close
Side extension to garage and raise roof to create storage room in roof space
Application permitted
 7. 12/05370/FUL Benedict House, Marlow Road
Construction of first floor front extension
Application permitted
 8. 12/05406/FUL New Farm House, Sheepridge Lane
Removal of existing garage and utility room and erection of part single/part two storey rear extension etc.
Application permitted

New Applications

1. 12/5669/FUL Wyevale Garden Centre, Pump Lane South
Erection of portacabin (retrospective)
No comments made
2. 12/05780/CTREE Well End Farm
Reduce height horse chestnut
Comment: no objection
3. 12/05873/CTREE Abbots Mead, 18, Oakfield Road
Fell one silver birch
Comment: This tree contributes to the Conservation Area. We suggest crown lifting rather than felling.
4. 12/05925/CLP Quoins, The Close,
Certificate of proposed lawfulness for the construction of two storey extension.
Comment no comment required
5. 12/05944/TPO Willow Hedge, The Avenue.
Crown thin to lower canopy to one Hornbeam and two willow trees.
Comment accept the opinion of the tree officer.
6. 12/05953/FUL The Old Barn Cottage, Church Road
Various conversion works
Comment no objection
7. 12/05973/CTREE 2, Well End Cottages, Marlow Road
tree works to one lime tree
Comment accept the opinion of the tree officer

8. 12/ 06062/FUL The Farriers, 4, Spade Oak Farm
Installation of a velux window
Comment requires site visit
9. 12/06406/CTREE Old Barn Cottage, Church Road
Felling one mature hazel
Comment requires site visit
10. CC/12/9003/CM and SN/12/06125/CONCC Spade Oak Quarry
Extension of time limit
Comments will be sent to both authorities

Other Planning

Mrs Wallis attended the Daws Hill Reference group meeting and other members of the council attended the exhibition. Mrs Wallis gave a report of the meeting. The Southern Link road and upgrading of Winchbottom Lane are not included in the plans, but a new junction, Junction 3A on the M40 may be a possibility.

Neighbourhood Plan

The meeting will take place on Tuesday 22nd May at 8pm at Abbotsbrook Hall.

Mrs Wallis is attending the WDC briefing tomorrow.

50/12 ABBOTSBROOK HALL

A working party will be arranged to sort through the furniture and attend to other small matters.

51/12 PAVILION/RECREATION GROUND

The tree works will take place commencing first week of June. There is a pot hole by the entrance to the car park and a notice needs to be put on the height barrier.

52/12 BURIAL GROUND

The sub-committee met with Steve Underwood of BCC to look at the possibility of opening the Sheepridge Lane entrance to vehicles. It would be a possibility but shrubs would need removing to create a clear site line. Mr Emmett has concerns about this and objected to the proposal due to the potential for traffic to use this as a through route to Fern Lane.

The order has been placed for works to repair the driveway from Fern Lane up as far as the composting bins.

The order for the stained glass guard for the chapel has also been placed.

53/12 TREE SCREENING AT THAMES WATER SEWAGE WORKS

The tree screen that had been planted has died in several places leaving the plant very visible from the Berkshire side of the river. Planning permission stated that the tree screen should be maintained. This will be reported to BCC.

54/12 ADOPTION OF DATA PROTECTION POLICY

This was approved for adoption

Proposed: P.C. Emmett

Seconded: Mrs R.R. Taylor

55/12 EMERGENCY PLAN

This needs updating. A meeting will be arranged to look at it and decide what needs to be done.

56/12 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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

12th June, 7th August, 11th September, 23rd October and 4th December.

57/12 REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Pavilion and Recreation Ground Car Park

This is being used for day-time parking by those not using the Pavilion or Recreation Ground.

b. Thameside Preservation Trust

Mr Mash and Mrs Barclay attended the recent meeting. The matter of whether Spade Oak Meadow and car park should be considered as part of the Country Park was discussed and it may be possible that the Country Park Committee may consider taking these on.

c. Sheepridge Lane – Accident rate

We have received emails from residents of Sheepridge Lane regarding the frequency of accidents in this road which can often be attributed to speed. This matter could be raised with the Local Area Forum and we will ask BCC to consider this matter.

d. Use of Church Road by Thames Water

It has been noted that staff of Thames Water are using Church Road for access to the site. A letter will be sent to them on this matter.

e. ‘Matters Arising’

This recent publication has an article on Powers of General Competence which applies to this Council.

f. Chilterns Planning Training

Mrs Brownridge will be attending this, but it is open to all councillors should they wish to attend.

58/12 CLOSURE OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr William Northcroft.

Mr Northcroft asked if Lafarge can extend their time limit again after the tree year extension they are applying for now. He was concerned that it could go on and on.

Mr Mike Overall

Mr Overall also expressed concern over the Lafarge application.

Chairman