

LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2008

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

Mrs. G.J. Barclay, Clerk

Also present were 5 members of the public.

134/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from P.A. Walmsley and D. Cllr J.Savage.

135/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs. R. Taylor declared an interest for Agenda Item 8 (a) Planning – 7a, Winchbottom Lane.

136/08 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 4th November 2008 were approved.

Proposed: C.S. Innocent

Seconded: G.A. Fitchew

137/08 REPORTS ARISING

a. Planning For Gypsies, Travellers and Show People

A response has been sent to this consultation.

b. Remembrance Day Service

The Chairman thanked those who had attended.

c. Thames Water Sewage Treatment Works

Mr. Mash attended the recent Liaison Committee meeting and gave a report... There had been a major sludge spillage on 18th November resulting in increased odour. During November and December, there had been more complaints regarding odour than there had been previously.

Work commences on 1st April 2009 to install new equipment. Sludge is to be tankered away in an aim to alleviate the problems. It was suggested that OFWAT be lobbied and it was noted that complainant's addresses would be passed to Thames Water.

138/08 FINANCE

a. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

The Income and Expenditure Account for the periods 1st – 31st October 2008 and 1st – 30th November 2008 were approved.

Total Income £3768.46

Total Expenditure £15907.71

b. Budget Proposals 2009-10

The recommendations of the Budget Committee were presented to the council. The costs of re-connecting the electricity to the chapel will be sought from grants.

It was recommended that the precept remain as last year's £39794.

The Chairman thanked the Budget Committee for their work.

139/08 PLANNING

a. Planning Report

Wycombe District Council Decisions

1. 08/07184/TPO Aspenden, The Avenue
Tree works to various trees.
Split decision: works to sycamore refused
2. 08/07186/CTREE Aspenden, The Avenue
50% reduction to reform hedge of yew trees
Not to make TPO
3. 08/07258/CTREE Abbey Way, Sailing Club Road
Works to cedar
Not to make TPO
4. 08/07303/FUL Thames Reach, Riverside
Construction single storey side/rear extension and
Insertion of dormer windows
Application refused
5. 08/07326/CTREE Abbots Mead, 18, Oakfield Road
Crown lift and reshape various trees
Not to make TPO
6. 08/07340/FUL 1, Spring Gardens, Marlow Road

Construction of dropped kerb

Application permitted

7. 08/07341/FUL St. Heliers, Marlow Road

Construction of dropped kerb

Application permitted

New Applications

1. 08/07673/FUL 7a, Winchbottom Lane

Construction of gable extension to rear, construction of front Dormer in connection with loft conversion

Comment: requires site visit

2. 08/07663/FUL Land between A404 and Pump Lane North

Erection of stable block comprising 7 stables, feed store, Tack room and hay store

Comment: Requires site visit – overdevelopment in AONB

3. 08/07651/CTREE Brooksedge House, The Drive

Fell 1 Fir tree

Comment: no objections

08/07630/FUL Land rear of 18 and 10-16 Abbey Road

Construction new 4 bed dwelling in rear of garden of No 18 and new access.

Comments: Requires site visit

4. 08/07609/CTREE Birchdale, Farm Road

Fell 1 Leylandii and 1 Ash tree

Comments: No objections

5. 08/07575/CTREE Solgarth, Marlow Road

Crown reduce and remove dead wood from 1 Cherry tree.

Comments: No objections

6. 08/7527/CONCC Spade Oak Quarry

Variation of condition 59 ref w/91/7037

Comments: No objections

7. 08/07518/FUL Cherry Tree Cottage, Marlow Road

Erection of single storey shed in garden

Comments: The new building should be ancillary to the existing building only and should not be accessed from Burroughs Crescent.

8. 08/07493/FUL The Old Malt House, Marlow Road

Creation of new vehicle access and erection of 2m high wall and entrance gates.

Comments: No objections (repeat application)

9. 08/07482/FUL Withy Cottage, Lockbridge Road

Construction two storey side extension

Comments: No objections

b. Other Planning

Football Application – Westhorpe. Amended Plans

These have not yet been received, Mrs Wallis and Mr. Mash went to a meeting with C. Steuert, WDC Planning Officer, and a report was given to the Council.

c. Daws Hill and Abbey Barn South

Mrs. Wallis summarised the proposals. There are three road options to connect with A404 to the south of the development that will all have an effect on the parish.. Two of these include Winchbottom Lane.

WDC Planning Officer would like figures of numbers of vehicles that use Winchbottom Lane. The Chilterns Society have already put in their comments on the proposals. It may be useful for the Parish Council to do the same, and object to the development of a road system to the south of the site.

140/08 ABBOTSBROOK HALL

Some residents of Well End Cottages are declining to pay their car park licence fee. This will be considered at January's Parish Council meeting.

The works to the kitchen have been completed apart from re-decorating.

141/08 PAVILION/RECREATION GROUND

a. Use of Football Ground

Bourne End Junior Sports Club have an exclusive use contract, but another club is regularly using the field even though they have been asked to stop. A meeting was held with the leader of this group requesting that they cease using the field,, but he has declined to stop. It was made clear to him that the ground is owned by the Parish Council and that he does not have a right to use it.

b. Outside Play Area for Little Marlow Pre-School

Mr. Emmett has ascertained the needs of the Pre-School and is happy that the area can be fenced off whilst the pre-school is in session. The posts and netting will be removable.

142/08 BURIAL GROUND

a. Maintenance

General maintenance has been affected by time being devoted to keeping the grass cut, but in recent weeks, progress has been made.

b. Working Party

A working party will be held towards the end of January. The aim is an overall tidy-up and the removal of the old shed. A skip will be ordered for the day.

143/08 LITTLE MARLOW GRAVEL PITS COUNTRY PARK

A meeting of the steering committee was held. Mrs Wallis gave a report. It is necessary to 'flag up' those things already there as part of the envisaged 'Country Park'. Support was given for some sports facility provision, but not those that include a stadium as community use of such is not envisaged. Mrs. Wallis will circulate the minutes of that meeting seeking comments.

144/08 ROADS

a. Switching Off of Street Lights C100

Concerns have been again raised over the switching off of the street lights at Burroughs Grove junction with Pump Lane North which is considered to compromise safety on this stretch of road. Pedestrians have to walk on the road as in several parts, there is no refuge on the verges.

However, Buckinghamshire County Council do not agree with these concerns. A letter will be sent again to BCC drawing attention to the condition of the verges which are not maintained to sufficient standard to maintain pedestrian safety.

This stretch of road would benefit in the long term from having an informal footpath constructed, or for the lights to be on until midnight. The Chairman of Marlow Bottom Residents Association also raised concerns over the speed of vehicles on this stretch of road.

b. Mowing of 'The Triangle'

This area is owned by BCC. It was suggested that the Parish Council ask that the mowing of this area be devolved to Little Marlow Parish Council, but it would need to be separated from other BCC grass cutting contracts.

145/08 EMERGENCY PLAN

Mrs. Barclay, Mr. Fitchew and Mr. Emmett attended a desk top exercise at WDC. Issues realised was the need to appoint area co-ordinators in various parts of the parish. Mrs. Barclay is attending a training course in Manchester in January, and it was suggested that the Parish Council's Emergency Plan be up-dated after this.

146/08 RE-ACCREDITATION OF QUALITY STATUS

The Parish Council's Quality Status is now due for re-accreditation. It was agreed that we should re-apply.

Proposed: G.A. Fitchew

Seconded: P.C. Emmett

147/08 FIDELITY GUARANTEE FOR COUNCILLORS

The level of cover available has not yet been resolved.

148/08 AGREEMENT WITH ABBOTSBROOK ESTATE

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman met with the members of the Abbotsbrook Estate. It was decided not to enter into a lease with them, but agreed to an exchange of letters. Any changes in the fees will be in accordance with RPI.

149/08 CHEPPING WYCOMBE FOOTPATH

Chepping Wycombe Parish Council have created a circular walk which passes through part of this Parish. Little Marlow Parish Council are in favour of this.

150/08 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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

24th February 2009, 7th April, 19th May.

All meetings commence at 8pm.

151/08 REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Speed Limit

Mrs Taylor raised the concern of residents of Winchbottom Lane that the requested 30mph limit had been refused by BCC. It was suggested that the residents write direct to BCC with their concerns.

b. NAG Meeting

Mrs Morton reported that at the recent NAG meeting that she had attended, she had asked that the Clerk be given direct contact details for our neighbourhood police officer or Community Police Support Officer. This was refused by Inspector Wilks. We will write to Inspector Wilks raising our concerns as in other NAG areas, the clerk has direct contact details.

Police are asking for volunteers to use the Community Speedwatch Devices.

c. WDALC

At the recent meeting of WDALC, Mrs Banfield was re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

d. Chilterns AONB Plan 2008-13

We have received a copy of this document and it is available for viewing in the office.

e. Sheepridge Lane Footpath

It was agreed that Little Marlow Parish Council would back Chepping Wycombe Parish Councils bid for funding for extending this path.

152/08 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a. Mr. W. Northcroft

Mr. Northcroft noted that the new oven at Abbotsbrook Hall was not large enough. This was noted.

b. Mr. R. Boas

Mr Boas reported that The Thames path between Spade Oak Wharf and Sailing Club Road had been resurfaced but the area beyond the Marina is in a poor state. Various bodies have been approached to do this work, but no funds are available. The estimated cost is £3500.

Chairman