

# **LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2008**

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

Mrs. G.J. Barclay, Clerk

Also present were D.Cllr. B. Jennings and two members of the public.

Apologies were received and accepted from D.D. Banfield, C.S.  
Innocent, P.A. Walmsley, C. Cllr J. Savage and C.Cllr M. Appleyard.

### **63/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

### **64/08 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2008 were approved.

**Proposed: P.C. Emmett**

**Seconded: Mrs. B.K. Wallis**

### **65/08 REPORTS ARISING**

#### **a. Wycombe Wildlife Group**

Mrs. Wallis has not yet contacted the group regarding the wildlife area at the Burial Ground.

#### **b. Re-Siting of Recreation Ground Seat**

This has yet to be done.

#### **c. Parish Plan**

This has now been delivered to all households. Mr. Fitchew thanked all those who helped with the delivery.

#### **d. Chilterns AONB Grant**

We have received notification that we have been awarded a £350 grant towards the costs of the Spade Oak Lake Information Boards.

**e. Street Light Switch-Off C100**

We have received a response to our letter to BCC. Mr. Mash and the Clerk will make a site visit and take photographs of the problems. The grass verges are now overgrown again, and there is nowhere for pedestrians to get off the road.

**66/08 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

The Income and Expenditure Account for the period 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008 was approved.

**Proposed: P.C. Emmett**

**Seconded: Mrs. V.A. Morton**

**67/08 PLANNING**

**Wycombe District Council Decisions**

1. 08/05938/FUL Streamside, The Drive  
Part conversion of garage to playroom  
Application Permitted.
2. 08/06002/FUL Sooty's Hollow, Fern Lane  
Demolish existing outbuilding and construction conservatory  
Application Permitted
3. 08/06296/CTREE The Coach House, Marlow Road  
Tree works  
Application Permitted

**New Applications**

1. 08/06399/FUL 10, Wendover Road  
Construction single storey front and rear extensions  
Comment: No objections
2. 08/06346/FUL West Acre, Chapman Lane  
Retention of detached garage with two open bays  
Comment: no objections
3. 08/06258/FUL Three Horseshoes, Burroughs Grove  
Construction single storey rear extension  
Comment: no objections
4. 08/06548/ADV Three Horseshoes, Burroughs Grove  
Relocation of existing pub sign,  
Comment: No objections
5. 08/06578/ADV The Blacksmiths Arms, Wycombe Road  
Application for various signage, internally and externally illuminated,  
Comment: no objections
6. 08/06646/FUL Withy Cottage, Lockbridge Road  
Construction of conservatory to side  
Comment: requires site visit.

## **Other Planning**

### **Planning Training**

The Chilterns Conservation Board recently held planning training sessions which Mrs Wallis and Mr. Banfield attended. There is a copy of the leaflet 'Guidance on the Planning System for Parish and Town Councils' for each councillor.

Wycombe District Council is holding a 'Planning Forum' on 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

## **68/08 ABBOTSBROOK HALL**

### **a. Refurbishment Works**

Work is due to commence on 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

### **b. Damage to Cars**

Several cars parked in the car park were vandalised recently, and the gate has also been damaged in a separate incident.

## **69/08 PAVILION/RECREATION GROUND**

### **a. Play Area Inspection**

The report has been received from WDC and is overall a good report. Action to be taken is that the swings need rubbing down and repainting and the rabbit holes need filling in.

### **b. Depression near to main entrance to Recreation Ground**

Mr. Emmett has investigated the materials needed for this work and will carry it out in the near future.

## **70/08 BURIAL GROUND**

### **a. Repairs to Driveway**

Mr. Emmett has a contact who has planings and will arrange for this work to be done. There is a problem with access, so other vehicles will be required to carry the materials to the site.

## **71/08 ROAD SAFETY SIGNAGE**

Buckinghamshire County Council have requested views on current signage and to know whether we would like more, and if so, where it is to be located, and also to know where old signage is for removal.

It was generally agreed that these signs are badly designed and are a distraction rather than an aid to good driving and no more are wanted in the area.

## **72/08 NAME OF LANE TO WESTHORPE FARM**

The Little Marlow Trust would like a name given to the private road which leads to Westhorpe Farm and cottages as contractors are not able to find their new barn on this lane. It was recommended that the lane be known as Westhorpe Farm Lane. It was suggested that a condition of this lane having a name is that all the other signs on the fencing at the top of the lane be removed.

## **73/08 FETE**

The Parish Council will again have a stand at Little Marlow Fete on August Bank Holiday Monday. As the stand will be adjacent to the Local History Group's stand, it was suggested that the theme be historic with old and new maps on display and any history of the Parish Council from its beginnings to the present day. Mr. Emmett also suggested that there be a footpath map with details of what each category of footpath means.

## **74/08 RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

This is a reference document and will be retained in the Parish Council's office.

## **75/08 POST OFFICE CLOSURES**

This Consultation runs until 28<sup>th</sup> July. Under this plan, the post office in the Parade, Bourne End would close, but the office at Furlong Road would remain open. There were concerns that by closing the Parade office, elderly people living on the west side of Bourne End would have much further to go to get to a post office. Parking in Furlong Road is poor and the closure of the Parade office may cause usage of shops in this location to decrease and lead to closures as customers will use Furlong Road shops more.

## **76/08 DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

The Meetings of the Parish Council will take place at the Pavilion on the following dates;  
12<sup>th</sup> August, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> November and 16<sup>th</sup> December 2008.  
All meetings commence at 8pm.

## **77/08 REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **a. Abbotsbrook Hall Car Park**

Mrs. Taylor reported that there is a person living in a van in Abbotsbrook Hall car park. A letter will be put on the vehicle, then further action will be considered if necessary.

### **b. NAG Meeting**

Mrs. Morton was unable to attend the recent NAG meeting but will give a summary when she has received the Minutes.

**c. Parkway**

Mr, Mash drew attention to the road safety hazard in the part of Parkway that falls within this parish. There are no white lines, and a 'right turn' road marking is needed into the former Xerox site. The Clerk will inform BCC.

**d. WDALC**

Mrs. Wallis and Mr. Banfield attended the recent WDALC meeting. There was an update from Charles Meakings about the new structure for co-operation between District, County and parishes and other organisations.

**e. Marlow Museum Project**

Mrs, Wallis attended the recent AGM and reported that the Museum now has a 'home' in the small room outside Court Garden Leisure Centre's main entrance.

**f. Bonfires at Well End Farm development**

There have been a number of complaints about the number and length of bonfires taking place at the barn conversions at Well End Farm. An Abatement Notice was served on 27<sup>th</sup> June.

**78/08 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Mr. Boas**

With reference to footpaths, Mr. Boas considered that there appears to be no good reason for Lafarge's refusal to allow a permissive path across the field opposite Fern Lane. He will pursue the matter and asked that the Parish Council support him in general.

**District Councillor Bill Jennings**

Mr. Jennings has met with BCC on 10<sup>th</sup> June to consider how to improve and increase parking capacity at Coldmoorholm Lane public car park. Consideration has been given to removing some or all of the picnic tables. The picnic site notice has been removed from the top of Coldmoorholm Lane. He pointed out that visitors to 'Old Thatch' were not solely the problem of parking.

**Chairman**