

# LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at the Pavilion commencing at 13.00.

## CONFIRMED

<b>Present:</b> Cllr K Acres (KA), Cllr A Crabtree (AC), Cllr S Kershaw (SK), Cllr J Downes (JD) – arrived 13.17		
Mrs J Murray, Parish Clerk		No Members of the public present
Minute Ref:	Agenda Item	Action
EC36/22	<b>1. Apologies for Absence</b> Cllr V Morton (VM),	
EC37/22	<b>2. Declarations of Interest – personal or prejudicial</b> None	
EC38/22	<b>3. To approve the minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b> The Committee <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept the minutes and the Chairman signed to approve.	
EC39/22	<b>4. Public participation – maximum 15 minutes</b> None	
EC40/22	<b>5. To consider meeting with Allotment holders to discuss Environmental Policy</b> The Committee agreed that Cllr Anna Crabtree would attend the Allotment Holders meeting (date to be confirmed) to introduce the Parish Council’s Environmental Policy; in particular to encourage water collection and discourage use of pesticides.  The Committee would review water usage, costs and charges.  An Allotment Warden would be sought at the Allotment Holders meeting.	
EC41/22	<b>6. To consider Buckinghamshire Council Local Plan</b> A survey was carried out by Buckinghamshire Council in February, with the aim to complete plan by 2024/25. The Committee would keep an ear to the ground and feed into Full Council. The Committee agreed to find out about “light version” of Local Plan and feedback to Full Council.	
EC42/22	<b>7. To consider Community Alert for sewage spillage into the Thames</b> Cllr Sam Kershaw reported that there is an Oxfordshire scheme to alert residents when there is a sewage spillage into the Thames. Cllr Sam Kershaw made contact and asked whether it was possible to do one in the local vicinity but had not had a reply.  The Committee agreed that Cllr Sam Kershaw would talk to Buckinghamshire Councillor David Watson about an alert system.  The Committee discussed communication methods to alert residents and it was agreed that the Clerk would report to representatives of local resident groups to forward information via whatsapp: Pump Lane North (GR), Abbotsbrook, Little Marlow village (JD,KA), Coldmoorholme Lane (SK/KA), Westhorpe (GC),  Councillor Anna Crabtree requested that if information is due to be sent via whatsapp to send via whatsapp rather than email.  The Committee agreed to convene a Social Media Committee meeting (as members of the Environment Committee are part of the Social Media Committee) to discuss further local communications and the use of Twitter/Facebook.	

<b>EC43/22</b>	<b>8. To consider working with Wild Marlow on general wildflower planting &amp; biodiversity at the Burial Ground: pond improvement &amp; planting</b> Cllr Anna Crabtree is due to meet with Wild Marlow on Saturday and will discuss cemetery priorities: pond, bird boxes. Cllr Jason Downes would make contact with Wycombe Wildlife Group.	
<b>EC44/22</b>	<b>9. To consider LED streetlight project</b> The Clerk would forward SSE quote to all on the Environment Committee and create a Teams area to store all information.  Cllr Sam Kershaw offered to assist with project management of the LED streetlight project and offer technical assistance.  It was noted that as part of the project recycling of old equipment should be included, as well as environmental impact of lights, placement of lighting, non- dazzling LEDs.	
<b>EC45/22</b>	<b>10. To consider bike rack installations</b> Cllr Anna Crabtree had confirmation from the Community Board that works should be commenced and invoiced afterwards.  Clerk & Cllr Jason Downs to request quote from Countryman Builders: 4 hoops in three places. Spade Oak: to the right hand side of the gate entrance. Recreation Ground: to left of path. Abbotsbrook Hall: under kitchen window.  The Committee delegated the ordering of bike racks to the Clerk.	
<b>EC46/22</b>	<b>11. To consider agenda items for the next meeting:</b> The Clerk at Hughenden shared positive outcomes with Cllr Jason Downes of involving sporting bodies on sub-committees and working parties. Cllr Jason Downes & the Clerk would follow up and report back. Cllr J Downes would like to suggest use of ipads during future meetings to save on paper.	
<b>EC47/22</b>	<b>12. Correspondence</b> None	
<b>EC48/22</b>	<b>13. Items of NOTE</b> None	
<b>EC49/22</b>	<b>14. Date of next meeting</b> – 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	
There being no further business to be transacted the meeting was closed at 1.50pm		

**Abbreviations:**

LMPC Little Marlow Parish Council

BC Buckinghamshire Council

Signed: .....

Chairman

Date: .....