

# **LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2010.**

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 two members of the public and D.Cllr. R.W. Jennings.

### **01/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none.

### **02/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

### **03/10 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009 were approved.

**Proposed: C.S. Innocent**

**Seconded: G.A. Fitchew**

### **04/10 REPORTS ARISING**

#### **a. Gate at Westhorpe**

It is presumed that the gate is the responsibility of Highways Department.

#### **b. Sheepridge Lane Accident Figures**

There was nothing further to report.

#### **c. Horses at Westhorpe**

They are being fed by the residents at Westhorpe and as they are being cared for, the RSPCA can take no action. The residents are to hold a meeting to decide on what action they will take in the matter.

#### **d. Waste at Westhorpe**

More has been dumped in the main field and in the adjoining fields.

**e. Kings Head Car Park**

Letters regarding the stones spilling onto Church Road have been sent by BCC.

**f. Drain Clearance**

This has not been done. A letter will be sent to BCC drawing attention to the safety issues of the road flooding.

**g. Fire Retardant Safe for Office**

This is being sourced.

**05/10 FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Income and Expenditure Accounts for 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009 and 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009. were approved.

November

Total Expenditure      £5917.26

Total Income              £ 591.55

December

Total Expenditure      £6023.61

Total Income              £2326.42

**Proposed: Mrs. B.K. Wallis**

**Seconded: Mrs. R.R. Taylor**

**06/10 PLANNING REPORT**

**Wycombe District Council Decisions**

1. 09/07041/FUL Barons Court, The Avenue  
First floor side extension  
Application Permitted
2. 09/07054/REN The Manor House, Little Marlow  
Extension of time limit to granted for application 07/05455/FUL  
Application Permitted
3. 09/07055/REN The Manor House, Little Marlow  
Extension of time limit granted for application 07/05456/LBC  
Application Permitted
4. 09/07138/FUL Land between A404 and Pump Lane North  
Erection of stable block with hay store, tack room and loose boxes  
Application Permitted
5. 09/07200/FUL April Cottage, The Avenue  
Raising roof height incorporating garage conversion  
Application Permitted
6. 09/07251/FUL Spade Oak Cottage, Coldmoorholm Lane  
Construction of single storey side fill extension and rear conservatory  
Application Permitted

7. 09/07257/FUL Thames Reach, Riverside  
Construction single storey side extension etc  
Application Permitted

### **New Applications**

1. 09/07362/ADV Wyevale Garden Centre, Pump Lane South  
Display 3 x non illuminated advertisement boards  
Comment: too big in proportion. Car wash business is subsidiary to main garden centre activity.
2. 09/07361/FUL Wyevale Garden Centre, Pump Lane South  
Change of use of car park for car washing facility and erection of shed  
Comment: No objection providing it does not affect access to recycling banks
3. 09/07348/FUL Land adjacent to Skyview, Marlow Road  
Erection of 1 x detached 4 bed dwelling  
Comment: Object – over development of site, materials not in line with Chilterns Design Guide, contrary to various planning policies.

### **Westhorpe Appeal Inquiry**

Mrs Wallis had circulated her closing submissions on the appeal. She was thanked by the Parish Council for all her hard work and thanks too were extended to Mr Northcroft for his work on behalf of Little Marlow Residents' Association.

The site visit by the inspector is to be on 26<sup>th</sup> January, and a decision is expected within 6 – 8 weeks.

### **07/10 ABBOTSBROOK HALL**

#### **a. Outside Area**

Mr Banfield and Mr Fitchew met with the builder contracted to replace the fencing. The location of the extra fencing was agreed. The existing fence is to be replaced with a hoop topped one and new gates will be installed at the rear and the existing gate at the front will be replaced.

#### **b. Floor**

A contractor has been asked to visit and give his suggestions as to whether the floor can be repaired or should be replaced.

### **08/10 PAVILION/RECREATION GROUND**

#### **a. Sports Club Use of Facilities**

This has been discussed by the sub-committee and new contracts will be drawn up and the clubs written to.

#### **b. Pathway Lighting**

We have received one quote for this at £920 ex VAT or £1540 ex VAT if the cabling needs replacing. We await the second quote before discussing this further.

## **09/10 BURIAL GROUND**

### **a. Chapel Refurbishment**

The light fittings have been installed and a heating engineer has agreed to send advice on suitable heating equipment and prices. The decoration has yet to be done. The toilet facility is being investigated by Mr Innocent and regulations and sizes are being sought. Due to its historic nature, permanent ramps are not required, however, removable ramps would be.

### **b. Spoil Dump**

This will be removed by the groundsman once the weather conditions improve.

### **c. Use of Chapel for Bucks Art Weeks**

It was agreed that the artists who had shown an interest may use the chapel from 12<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2010. The fee was agreed at £25 per week to cover electricity cost.

### **d. Survey of Woodland Trees**

We have received a reply from John Morris regarding the tree survey which does not provide a plan. This needs further discussion at the next Parish Council meeting.

### **e. Proposed Changes to Burial Regulations**

The changes to the Burial Regulations were approved and will come into effect immediately. The ownership period will be reduced to 50 years from 75 years, but there is an option to renew the ownership for a further 25 years at no extra cost (applies to grave spaces purchased after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010)

## **10/10 PARISH WIDE TREE AUDIT**

A written and illustrated report of the trees on Parish Council property needs updating. A report by an arboriculturist is needed for the trees on the Recreation Ground.

## **11/10 WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL'S REQUEST FOR OPEN SPACE INFORMATION**

This report has several areas omitted. Corrections will be sent to them.

## **12/10 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The meetings of the Parish Council will be held at The Pavilion on the following dates:

2<sup>nd</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 18<sup>th</sup> May. All meetings commence at 8pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at Abbotsbrook hall on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm.

### **13/10 REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**a. NAG**

Mrs Morton reported that these meetings are centred on problems in Wooburn and Bourne End and no consideration is given to the other areas. She asked that another councillor attend in her place occasionally. The NAG issue will be raised at the forthcoming Local Community Partnership meeting.

**b. Roads**

The condition of Winchbottom Lane will be raised with BCC. We do not have any further information on our request for speed humps. Mr Mash reported that the tree canopy in Monkton Lane needs trimming.

**c. BALC**

BALC are instigating a Parish Liaison Project and would like a response by the end of February. Mr. Banfield, Mrs Wallis and the Clerk will formulate a response.

**d. Community Leader Workshop**

This will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup> at Lane End Conference Centre. Councillors are invited to attend.

**e. Bucks Community Action**

BCA plans to merge with other community volunteer groups to come under one heading. We have a proxy vote and have no objection to the mergers and change of name.

**f. Marlow Archaeology Group**

This group are beginning a dig in Warren Wood.

### **14/10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Mr Clive Kent**

Mr Kent thanked Mrs Wallis on behalf of the Westhorpe Farm Lane residents for her hard and impressive work in respect of the Westhorpe Inquiry.

**D. Cllr R.W. Jennings**

Mr Jennings said that he would be asking for the planning application for the land adjacent to Skyview to go to Committee.

Chairman

