

LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 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 D. Cllr R.W. Jennings and four members of the public.

100/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from C.Cllr M. Appleyard and D. Cllr. J. Savage.

101/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

See Planning.

102/10 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minute 98/10 Marlow Society, should read ' issues raised do not affect Little Marlow'

With this amendment, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th August were approved.

Proposed: Mrs B.K. Wallis

Seconded: Mrs. V.A. Morton

103/10 REPORTS ARISING

a. Drain Clearance

This still has not been done.

b. Abbotsbrook Hall Painting

The external painting has been completed.

c. Marlow Museum Exhibition

The Little Marlow Exhibition has now closed. The costs for the exhibition have been kindly donated by C. Cllr J. Savage from his Ward Budget.

d. Little Marlow Fete

This was a success again this year.

e. Rubbish at Westhorpe

This is still there.

f. The Bucks Debate

Mrs Wallis attended the meeting, which although intended for members of the public was mainly attended by councillors from different levels of local government,. Because of this, Mrs Wallis felt the meeting had not been worthwhile.

g. FOOV (Future of Our Village)

Mrs Morton did not attend the meeting as reported in the last meeting but discussed the group with a Bourne End and Wooburn Parish Councillor. However, she did consider that Little Marlow Parish Council would benefit from sending a representative to the meetings.

104/10 FINANCE

a Financial Report

The Financial Report for 1st – 31st August 2010. was approved:

Total Expenditure: £16585.58

Total Income: £ 1750.50

Proposed: P.C. Emmett

Seconded: Mrs B.K. Wallis

b. Completion of Audit

The 2009/10 Audit has been successful and returned by the auditors, Mazars unqualified. The papers are available to view on the Parish Council website.

c. Budget Setting Meeting

This will be on Tuesday 7th December 2010. at 7.30pm

105/10 PLANNING

a. Planning Report

Wycombe District Council Decisions

1. 10/06717/CTREE 1, Manor Cottages, Church Road
Crown lift and crown thin one willow tree
Not to make a TPO
2. 10/06714/FUL Coldharbour Cottage, Winchbottom Lane
Roof extensions, increased ridge height and dormer windows

- Application permitted
3. 10/06288/FUL Upper Thames Sailing Club, Riverside
Riverbank repairs and frontage improvements
Application permitted
 4. 10/06617/MINAMD April Cottage, The Avenue
Raising roof height
Application permitted
 5. 10/06753/CTREE The Grove, Marlow Road
Tree works
Not to make a TPO
 6. 10/06822/FUL The Stables, Pump Lane North
Retention of part of existing building as grooms rest/mess facility etc
Application permitted

New Applications

Mr Emmett declared an interest for the planning application for 3, Church Road

Mr Mash declared an interest for the planning application for Pump Lane South.

1. 10/07118/CTREE Abbots Thatch, The Avenue
Tree works
Comment: no objections
2. 10/06949/CTREE Bourne Court, The Avenue
Tree works
No objections
3. 10/07178/CTREE 3, Church Road, Little Marlow
Tree works
Comment: No objections
4. 10/07200/TCIF O2 Site, Pump Lane South
Installation of 1 additional instruments cabinet
Comment: No objections.

b. Wycombe Community Stadium and Sports Project Consultation

Mrs Wallis and Mrs Barclay will attend the meeting on October 12th. After which the Parish Council's response can be formulated and submitted. However, Councillors can also respond as individuals.

106/10 ABBOTSBROOK HALL

The seat on the disabled toilet keeps being removed. A robust replacement will be fitted.

107/10 PAVILION/RECREATION GROUND

The repairs to the play area have been completed with the exception of the tightening of the chains on the Burma Bridge.

108/10 BURIAL GROUND

a. Chapel

Mr Fitchew will speak to Building Control at Wycombe District Council regarding the installation of a toilet in the vestry.

b. Sheepridge Lane Gate

The Chairman thanked Mr Boas and Mr Mash and others who helped to install the gate.

The bin at the end of the footpath from Sheepridge Lane is now on the 'wrong side' of the gate and is not being emptied.

c. Survey of Extension Area

The intention is to flatten the area beyond the chain link fence. The need is not immediate. The wooded area will be surveyed by Mr Mash and Mr Fitchew with a member of the Burial sub-committee to identify trees that should be removed now whilst their removal is easily done.

109/10 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR AND VACANCY

In a letter dated 10th September 2010. Mr Patrick Walmsley has resigned as a Parish Councillor due to his moving out of the area. A letter of thanks will be sent to him from the Parish Council for all he has done for the Parish, particularly his photography.

Mr Walmsley's resignation leaves a vacancy. The closing date for the request for a poll is 18th October 2010. If no poll is called, we will hold an Extraordinary Meeting to co-opt a new councillor if nominations are received.

110/10 TREE AUDIT

This has yet to be done but is planned for early October. Once the report is received, a decision on any action needed will be taken.

The lime trees on the Recreation Ground should receive priority and a quote for their reduction by 50% will be sought.

111/10 LICENSING ACT 2003 – POLICY STATEMENT REVIEW

This does not directly affect village halls licensing. Changes to licensing hours and licensees in the area should be more easily available to parish councils so that they are able to respond where necessary. When the Act was previously considered, we were assured by WDC that we would be informed, but have not received notifications. Comments to this effect will be submitted to WDC.

112/10 GRASS CUTTING ON THE TRIANGLE

We have had a response from BCC on the matter of the grass cutting. They will not allow us to take on this under our Devolved Powers, but it will remain

on their schedules. However, as their grass cutting is infrequent, and The Triangle usually gets missed, the residents may continue to cut the grass should they so wish.

113/10 BCC RIGHTS OF WAY – WALK YOUR PATHS SURVEY

This event will be on Saturday 13th November, starting at 10am from The Pavilion. The walks will be divided up into shorter sections with a circular route where possible. Refreshments will be served at the Pavilion after the event, and it will be publicised on the website, in the Newsletter and on the notice boards to encourage the public to take part.

114/10 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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

2nd November and 14th December.

All meetings commence at 8pm.

115/10 REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. NAG

Mrs Morton felt that it was not useful attending the NAG as the entire meetings for some time have been totally focused on young people in Bourne End. One problem is that no agendas are issued. We will contact the NAG organiser to ask him for his comments and if the parish council can maintain a link without attending regular meetings that are irrelevant to Little Marlow.

b. Lighting of Pavilion Pathway

Mr Innocent asked that if the repair or replacement of the pathway lighting is not going to take place, we need to have the white tops on the posts repainted and consider the possibility of reflective strips to assist visibility.

c. Permissive Right of Way at Westhorpe

Mr Mash reported that the agreement relating to the path at Westhorpe had still not been signed by BCC..

d. Pot Holes, Winchbottom Lane

These will be reported to BCC

e. Fly-Tipping Winchbottom Lane

This has happened again and will be reported.

f. Chilterns Planning Conference

This takes place on 6th October. Mrs Emmett and Mrs Wallis will attend.

g. Annual Chilterns Forum

This takes place on 19th November 9.45am -1pm at Saunderton

h. Spade Oak lake

In a letter from Mr and Mrs Brownridge, they raised concerns from the anglers and walkers at Spade Oak Lake that dogs are not being kept under proper control. We will check our agreement with Lafarge to see if we can take any action. Notice boards may be considered.

i. WDALC

Mrs Wallis, Mr Banfield and Mrs Barclay attended the recent WDALC meeting. The new Chief Executive of BALC, John Gibbs introduced himself.

j. Standards Board

The Standards Board will be abolished later this year. Offences will be criminal offences in future and will go before a County Court .

k. Cemetery management Course

Mrs Barclay attended this recently and had circulated a report prior to the meeting.

116/10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a. Mrs V. Brownridge

Mrs Brownridge voiced her support for lighting of the Pavilion pathway.

b. Mr. R. Boas

Mr Boas asked that in view of Mr Walmsley's resignation as a Parish Councillor, a replacement as representative on The Thameside Preservation Trust as Mr Walmsley was a signatory.

c. D.Cllr R.W. Jennings

Mr Jennings told the meeting that he would not be standing for re-election in May 2011.