

LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST 2008.

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

Mrs. G.J. Barclay, Clerk

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

79/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from P.C. Emmett and D.Cllr J. Savage.

80/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs. Wallis declared an interest for Planning (Chiltern House), and Mr. Mash declared an interest for Planning (Harleyford Marina).

81/08 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Item 66/08, Income and Expenditure Account for 1st to 31st May was removed. This account will be included in these minutes.

92/08 REPORTS ARISING

a. Road Markings, Parkway

We have received a response from BCC with reasons why new road markings cannot be installed.

b. Post Office Closures

Little Marlow Parish Council's comments have been sent and we have received a letter from Postwatch.

c. Wycombe Wildlife Group

Mrs. Wallis will contact them re the wildlife area at the Burial Ground.

d. Re-Siting of Seat on Recreation Ground

This has not yet been done.

e. C100

The grass has recently been cut enabling pedestrians to get off the carriageway, but needs regular monitoring.

f. Burial Ground Driveway

Repairs have been carried out.

g. Abbotsbrook Hall Car Park

There have been no further reports of the 'resident' living in the parked van.

93/08 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

The Income and Expenditure Account for the period 1st May to 31st July were presented and approved.

Proposed: G.A. Fitchew

Seconded: Mrs. R.R. Taylor

94/08 PLANNING

a. Planning Report

Wycombe District Council Decisions

1. 08/06346/FUL West Acre, Chapman lane
Retention of detached garage.
Application Permitted
2. 08/06296/CTREE The Coach House, Marlow Road
Tree works
Application Permitted

New Applications

1. 08/06846/FUL Willow Brook, Lockbridge Road
Construction single storey and first floor extensions.
Comment: No Objections
2. 08/06821/FUL Chiltern House, Fern Lane
Erection of detached outbuilding
Comment: No objections
3. 08/06819/LBC and 08/06818/FUL Storrs, Church Road
Retention of extension to garage (retrospective)
Comment: No objection
4. 08/06888/FUL Underidge, Chapman Lane
Extension to incorporate garage and existing garage conversion.
Comment: no objections
5. 08/06785/CTREE Penny Breeze, Sailing Club Road
Fell one holly tree
Comment: No objections
6. 08/06782/FUL 5, Wendover Road
Construction of single storey side and rear extensions

- Comment: Over development of site
7. 08/06771/CTREE Willow Hedge, The Avenue
Tree works
Comment: No objections
8. 08/06758/CAC and 08/06756/FUL16, Oakfield Road
Construction of single storey extensions
Comment: Over development of site and too close proximity to neighbouring property.
9. 08/06866/CONCC Land adjacent to Harleyford Marina, Marlow
Construction of landscaped lagoon
Details not yet available.

Amended Plans

1. Withy Cottage – Concerns re neighbouring property
2. 3, Abbey Road – still too big for site

b. WDC Planning Forum

Mrs. Wallis and Mrs Barclay attended the Planning Forum held by WDC on 22nd July.

c. South East Plan Consultation

Comments are due in October. This will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

d. Football Application

This still has not been determined. D. Cllr Jennings will ask D.Cllr Savage to look into the reasons for the delay.

95/08 ABBOTSBROOK HALL

a. Refurbishment Works

Mr. Fitchew reported that the works are on schedule. Certain extra works have been identified, but the costs remain under budget. There are also plans for new kitchen fittings. A soak away has been dug in the car park, but is not yet finished. Some small trees and bushes will be removed to improve the car park capacity.

Mr. Banfield thanked Mr Fitchew for his work on the hall improvements.

96/08 PAVILION/RECREATION GROUND

The pot holes in the car park are still not repaired. This is a safety issue and needs doing urgently. An alternative contractor will be approached.

97/08 BURIAL GROUND

a. Report on Meetings with Contractors.

Mr. Innocent and Mrs Wallis met with Mr. Taylor. Adverse weather conditions have meant that other than grass cutting, few other works have been undertaken. Next year's budget will recommend funding for significant works.

Mr. Wicks has been asked to quote for trimming the bushes and removing lower limbs from some trees.

b. Memorials

A large cross has been smashed onto a stone bench. It will be necessary to consider what action to take. Mr. Mash suggested that consideration be given to having new memorials being level with the surrounding ground and that owners should sign a maintenance agreement.

c. Road Surfacing

This has been done, but the contractor recommends that the surface be renewed every two years.

d. Cemetery Sign

Mrs. Wallis has spoken to the resident at 'Broadhaven' and they are willing to have the sign erected outside their property. This verge is Parish Council owned.

98/08 ROADS

a. Traffic Speed Indicator Device

Hire of this device will cost £100 per deployment. This will be considered again when the Area 9 Speed Limits are in force

b. Area 9 Speed Limits

.These come into force on 1st September 2008. Some of the Parish Councils recommendations have not been approved by BCC, but their explanations for this were given.

c. Devolvement of Road Sign Cleaning from BCC

We have a meeting with Eric Meek scheduled for 19th August. Mr. Mash asked if this would include footway signage. A report will be given at September's Parish Council meeting.

d. BCC's Review of Footway Maintenance in Buckinghamshire.

This was considered a good document overall.

99/08 CHILTERNS AND AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN

Deferred to next meeting..

100/08 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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

23rd September, 4th November and 16th December 2008.

All meetings commence at 8pm.

101/08 REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Road Surfacing and Noise

The Clerk has asked the BCC Local Area Technician to ascertain the policy for re-surfacing of roads in the area.

b. Water Fountain at The Pavilion

Mrs. Taylor reported that the Colts Cricket Team have asked if a water fountain could be installed at the Pavilion. The Clerk will make enquiries as to availability and health issues.

c. Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

Mrs. Morton reported that the meetings are not broad thinking enough and tend to be single-issue focused.

d. Licensing Notices

It was noted that we have not received a notification of change of licensee of hours for some time. The matter is to be raised at the WDC? /BCC Clerks' meeting in October.

e. Wheel Wash at Lafarge

This is no longer there, so mud and silt are being deposited on the road. Mr. Fitchew reported that the issue has been raised at the Liaison meetings with a request that the wheel wash remain as a permanent fixture.

f. Land-Fill Noise

It was reported that there has been increased noise from the vehicles reversing at the land fill site at Lafarge. Mr. Fitchew will raise the matter at the next Liaison meeting.

g. Archiving of Planning Applications

Mrs. Wallis reported that Jennifer Barclay had undertaken this task and recommended that she receive remuneration of £20 for the work which was agreed

h. Best Kept Village Competition

Little Marlow came joint runner-up in the competition. The comments were read to the meeting.

i. Buckinghamshire NHS Consultation Document

This document was received after the date of the local consultation meetings. However, the consultation does not close until mid October.

j. 'A New Deal for Buckinghamshire'

A copy of this document is available in the office.

k. The Abbotsbrook Company

This document relates to access to the Abbotsbrook Hall.

102/08 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. W. Northcroft

Mr. Northcroft asked what factors have changed in the Football Application and questioned the long period of consultation. Now in its ninth month.

D. Cllr. B. Jennings

Mr. Jennings advised that some of the work on the Football Application is being undertaken by outside consultancies. Mr. Jennings will look into the matter further.

Noise on the A4155. Mr. Jennings raised the issue in February 2003 and the reply he received from BCC at that time was that noise should not be a factor regarding resurfacing. Earlier this year, he approached the subject again to be told that the surfaces are subject to a National Standard throughout the county and not considered bad enough to require resurfacing.

Chairman