

LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2009.

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

Mrs. G.J. Barclay, Clerk

Also present were three members of the Public and two members of the Press.

Mr Matthew Thompson and Mr Peter Taylor from Thames Water gave a presentation on the improvements planned for the composting plant at the Sewage Treatment plant in Little Marlow. The process should be complete by December 2010, and odours relating to the composting activities reduced by 73%

A drop-in day, open to the public, will be held at The Pavilion on 3rd March 2010.

Mr. Taylor and Mr Thompson answered questions and Mr Banfield thanked them for attending.

130/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from R. Mash and P.A. Walmsley, and also received from C.Cllr. M. Appleyard.

131/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs Wallis declared an interest for Agenda item 6 (i) Planning , ('Wrens Nest,' Fern Lane).

132/09 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Item 123/09 b should read ' Chilterns Woodland Project' and not Small Woodlands Company.

With this amendment, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th October were approved.

Proposed: Mrs. B.K. Wallis

Seconded: G.A. Fitchew.

133/09 REPORTS ARISING

- a. **Gate at Westhorpe**
BCC are querying the ownership of the gate.
- b. **Sheepridge Lane Accident Figures**
There was no further information.
- c. **Westhorpe Horses and Waste**
We have received a letter from Tenon Recovery stating that all correspondence and requests should be sent to NWE Marlow Ltd (formerly Uxbridge 003 Ltd)

At this point the meeting observed a minute's silence to remember John Lunnon, a former Parish and County Councillor who had recently died.

134/09 FINANCE

- a. **Income and Expenditure Account**
The Income and Expenditure Account for the period 1st – 31st October 2009 was approved.

Total Expenditure: £5488.24

Total Income: £ 7076.22

Proposed: P.C. Emmett
Seconded: Mrs. R.R. Taylor

- b. **Report on Budget Meeting and Proposal for Precept 2010/11**
Mr. Fitchew presented the proposed budget and recommended that a Precept of £39794 be requested. This figure is the same as that for 2009/10. This was agreed.

Proposed: Mrs. R.R. Taylor
Seconded: P.C. Emmett

135/09 PLANNING

- a. **Planning Report**

Wycombe District Council Decisions

1. 09/06807/FUL Wilton Farm
Erection of replacement farm offices and double garage.
Application Permitted
2. 09/06718/CLP Thames Reach, Riverside
Certificate of proposed lawfulness for insertion of dormer windows.
Application Withdrawn
3. 09/06719/FUL Thames Reach, Riverside
Construction 5 dormer windows

- Application Permitted.
4. 09/06720/CTREE Barons Court, The Avenue
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Not to make TPO
 5. 09/07087/MINAMD Rafters, Coldmoorholm Lane
Permission for single storey side extension
Application Permitted

New Applications

1. 09/07257/FUL Thames Reach, Riverside
Single storey side extension, new porch etc.
Comment: No objections
2. 09/07251/FUL Spade Oak Cottage, Coldmoorholm Lane
Single storey side extension and rear conservatory.
Comment: No objections
3. 09/07208/CLP 12, Burroughs Crescent
Certificate of proposed lawfulness for single storey rear extension
No comment required
4. 09/07200/FUL April Cottage, The Avenue
Raising of roof height incorporating garage conversion
Comment: site visit required
5. 09/07174/FUL Wrens Nest, Fern Lane
First floor extension over existing garage
Comment: Object: over-development of site
6. 09/07318/FUL Land between A404 and Pump Lane North
Erection of stable block incorporating hay store, tack room and loose boxes
Comment: Object: contrary to Green Belt and AONB policies.
7. 07087/09MINAMD Rafters, Coldmoorholm Lane
Non-material amendment to permission for single storey side extension already granted.
Already decided by WDC
8. 09/0755/REN The Manor House, Little Marlow
Proposed extension to time limit. Permission granted under ref: 07/05455/FUL
Comment: No objections
9. 09/07054/REN The Manor House, Little Marlow
As above – no objections
10. 09/0741/FUL Barons Court, The Avenue.
Construction first floor side extension etc.
Comment: No objections.
11. 09/07027/CLP Liptons Yard, Marlow Road
Certificate of proposed lawfulness to site mobile home
Comment: No objections
12. 09/07007/FUL Well End Farm, Marlow Road
Erection of fence and gates to entrance to courtyard.
Comment: No objections
13. 09/06993/CLE Horton Wood, Winchbottom Lane
Certificate of existing lawfulness for retention of log cabin.
Comment: No objections.

b. Other Planning

Mrs Wallis attended a training event about Planning Enforcement at WDC.

c. Westhorpe Appeal

The Proof of Evidence has been sent to the Planning Inspectorate today (8th December 2009).

The Appeal starts on 6th January 2010. Mrs Wallis asked that as many councillors as possible attend on this day.

Mr Banfield voiced the Parish Council's thanks to Mrs Wallis for all her hard work on this matter.

136/09 ABBOTSBROOK HALL

a. Outside Area

Mr Banfield and Mr Fitchew are meeting on 17th December with the Pre-School principle and the builder to discuss final details for the fence.

b. Pot Holes

The pot holes at the entrance to the car park have now been filled in.

c. Hall Floor

The hall floor is now in a poor condition. Consideration needs to be given as to whether it is best to cover the floor or to completely replace it. Mr Banfield and Mr Fitchew will look into this further.

137/09 PAVILION/RECREATION GROUND

a. Sports Club's usage

A meeting has yet to be arranged to discuss this matter.

b. Safe

Mr Innocent asked that a fire proof safe or cabinet be purchased with some urgency for the Parish Council's irreplaceable documents. Funding for the purchase of this was budgeted in the current year.

138/09 BURIAL GROUND

a. Chapel

The lighting has now been installed and Mr Innocent thanked Mr Banfield on behalf of the sub-committee for his advice. Heating for the chapel is being considered. We have a quote for the re-decoration, but need to meet with the painter to discuss materials.

After a recent visit from an architect, it was realised that some form of protection for the stained glass is needed. A sum has been budgeted in the 2010/11 budget for this, plus a small sum for seeking quotes for toilet facilities, after which, if the idea is viable, we will try to seek grants.

The bell in the chapel was looked at recently and it was decided that it could be rung again with a few minor repairs.

It was noted that the Burial Ground has operated at no cost to the tax payers this year.

b. Woodland Area

Mrs Wallis spoke to the person who planted the trees in the woodland area and has asked him to undertake a survey. We need to ascertain what his fee covers. Will this also cover the topography as well as the trees? Once this has been established, we can make a decision on how much of the area it would be practical to use as a Woodland Burial Area, and how much would be required for a conventional burial ground.

We have sufficient space for burials in the current area for approximately 20 years, though if there is a big influx of burial requests, we may close the cemetery to non-residents.

139/09 PARISH PLAN

Mr J. Brownridge, who was the Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Parish Plan had returned from an overseas posting and was pleased to see that some issues highlighted in the Plan had now been addressed. However, the Plan needs to be a living document, and issues such as the Country Park need further work.

The Parish Council would like to see the Plan updated and carried forward, but it needs to be led by a Parish Plan committee and not the Parish Council.

140/09 BCC REVIEW OF SPEED LIMITS

BCC are reducing the speed limit on the A40 from 50mph to 40mph. Can the A4155 also have its speed limit reduced to 40mph as was our original request? The Clerk will look into this and report back to the next meeting.

141/09 BCC LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN

Responses to this are required by 31st December 2009. Councillors are urged to respond individually as there is not another Parish Council meeting before the closing date.

142/09 TARGET MAGAZINE – REQUEST FOR DONATION

We have a regular column in Target and we have been asked to make a financial contribution towards this. Currently, Winchbottom Lane and Sheepridge Lane do not receive copies, though other parts of the parish do.

It was agreed to make a donation of £100 to be reviewed annually.

Proposed: G.A. Fitchew
Seconded; C.S. Innocent

143/09 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The meetings of the Parish Council will be held at The Pavilion on the following dates:
19th January 2010, 2nd March, 13th April, 18th May. All meetings commence at 8pm.
The Annual parish Meeting will be held at Abbotsbrook Hall on Friday 14th May at 8pm.

144/09 REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Kings Head Car Park.**
The Clerk will ask the Area Technician for further information on this.
- b. Marlow Society**
Mrs Morton reported that the Marlow Society had placed their response to the Football Club appeal on their website.
- c. Drain Clearance A4155**
Mr Emmett reported that the drains on A4155 had been cleared today, but the work was badly carried out and he requested that we complain to BCC.
- d. Trees**
Following the fallen limb from the lime tree in the Recreation Ground, we will ask Alistair Cunningham from WDC to visit to see if the tree should be felled. We need to update our tree audit.
- e. Emergency Plan**
Mr Emmett asked that we arrange a meeting to bring this up to date.
- f. Winchbottom Lane**
Mrs Taylor reported that speeding in Winchbottom Lane is still an issue and asked that we investigate the installation of speed humps in the area near the houses.
- g. Spade Oak Community Partnership**
Mrs Wallis attended the recent meeting of this group. Marlow Angling Club have installed two bridges near the carp pit.
- h. Pathway Lighting at the Pavilion**
Mr Innocent asked that we investigate having this repaired or replaced.

145/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Northcroft.
Mr Northcroft had a letter on behalf of the Residents' Association regarding the safety of the trees along the Recreation Ground's border with School Lane.

Chairman