

LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 2ND MARCH 2010.

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

Mrs G.J. Barclay, Clerk

Also present were D. Cllr. R.W. Jennings, one member of the public and one member of the press.

15/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from C.S. Innocent, Mrs V.A. Morton and D.Cllr. J. Savage.

16/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

17/10 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 19th January 2010 were approved.

Proposed: P.C. Emmett

Seconded: Mrs. R.R. Taylor

18/10 REPORTS ARISING

a. Waste at Westhorpe

There is still a considerable amount of waste on the site.

b. Drain Clearances

These still have not been cleared despite constant requests from the Parish Council. The A4155 is suffering from severe flooding and this may cause an accident from motorists trying to avoid the flooded areas. Another letter will be sent to Bucks County Council

c. New Fence at Abbotsbrook hall

This is now in place and was funded by a BCC grant and Abbotsbrook Pre-School.

d. Abbotsbrook Hall Floor

Mr Banfield is to meet with a contractor to discuss the best solution for the floor.

e. Gate at Westhorpe

This has now been taken off its hinges and it is proposed that it is not replaced.

19/10 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Income and Expenditure Account for the period 1st – 31st January 2010 was approved.

Total Expenditure: £4543.20

Total Income: £3981.24

Proposed: G.A. Fitchew

Seconded: P.C. Emmett

20/10 PLANNING

Wycombe District Council Decisions

1. 09/07362/ADV Wyevale Garden Centre
Display of 3 non-illuminated advertisement boards
Application Permitted
2. 09/07361/FUL Wyevale Garden Centre
Change of use of car park for car washing facility and erection of shed.
Application Permitted
3. 09/07174/FUL Wrens Nest, Fern Lane
Construction first floor side extension over existing garage.
Application Refused

New Applications

1. 10/05285/FUL Quay House, Sailing Club Road
Ground floor front infill extension and porch etc.
Comment: Site visit needed
2. 10/05228/FUL 6, Abbey Road
Replacement part of garage with 2 storey side extension
Comment: Site visit needed
3. 10/05191/CLP Liptons Yard, Marlow Road
Certificate of proposed lawfulness to site one mobile home
This is a legal matter. No comment needed
4. 10/05113/CTREE 2, Well End Cottages, Marlow Road
Prune to crown clean, raise canopy and remove epicormic growth to one lime tree.
Comment: No objections
5. 10/05343/REN Apple Tree Lodge, Church Road

Extension of time limit for planning application 05/06533/LBC

Comment: No objection

6. 10/05342/REN Apple Tree Lodge, Church Road

Extension of time limit for planning application 05/06392/FUL

Comment: No objection

Other Planning

Sky View, Marlow Road. Amended plans have been submitted.

Westhorpe Appeal

This has been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate. The members of the council expressed their thanks to Mrs Wallis and Mr Northcroft for their hard work on the Appeal.

21/10 ABBOTSBROOK HALL

The large pothole at the entrance to the car park will be repaired. Mr Fitchew is obtaining quotes for the work.

22/10 PAVILION/RECREATION GROUND

a. Request for permission to erect a shed from Little Marlow Cricket Club

We have received a letter from LMCC asking for permission to erect a shed on the Recreation Ground. There were concerns re ownership as if the shed is a permanent structure it would need to be in the Parish Council's ownership. If it is portable, then the Cricket Club would have ownership. A letter will be sent to LMCC explaining these options.

b. LMCC Contract

We have received a letter from LMCC in response to the new contract sent to them. They do not accept the new terms and fee. However, this cannot be reconsidered as the decision has been taken by the Parish Council.

c. Internal Redecoration

This has now been completed.

23/10 BURIAL GROUND

a. Topographical Survey

An initial survey of the trees can be carried out by members of the Parish Council but a topographical survey will still be needed when the woodland area comes into use for burials. We will also need a species and location map. In the first place, it is necessary to identify and remove those trees that are either dead or in poor condition. This should be possible to do by a working party in late April or early May.

24/10 BCC COUNTRY PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.

We have advised BCC that we may have an interest in the car park at Coldmoorholm Lane. The transfer costs would be borne by the Parish Council, but there would be no purchase costs. However, continuing maintenance costs would be the Parish Council's.

We have expressed an interest, but it will need to be considered further once more information and terms are known.

25/10 NEXT NEWSLETTER

Copy is required by 17th April with delivery during last week of April.

26/10 LITTLE MARLOW GRAVEL PITS COUNTRY PARK

Mr Northcroft gave his proposal to the Parish Council which is to consider purchase of the North West Estates. Mr Northcroft asked that the Parish Council write to the administrators with the proposal. However, it was considered that a letter from the Parish Council may imply that the Parish Council were in a position to put up the money to purchase the land which is not the case. There was also concern that the land, which is known to be contaminated, could become a liability. The Parish Council would not object to an approach being made to the administrators by the Little Marlow Residents' Association.

As to the progression of the Country Park, the Little Marlow Gravel Pits Community Partnership meet regularly, but now needs to be put on a more formal footing with a constitution. The number of representatives from each interested organisation has been considered and it was agreed that the Parish Council could have two representatives, but would accept one with a deputy. It was agreed that Mr Mash would represent the Parish Council at the meeting of the LMGPCP at the meeting on 10th March.

Mr Mash reported that the permissive path from the river to the footbridge over the bypass was near completion.

27/10 SHEEPRIDGE LANE FOOTPATH

Cllr Jeff Herschell of Chepping Wycombe Parish Council has drawn up two possible routes for the lower part of the footpath from the cemetery gate to the junction with A4155.. Funding has been allocated by BCC for this. An alternative route was however preferred which would be on the east side on the existing verge which is reasonably wide if the hedge is cut well back, subject to any legislation relating to path widths.

28/10 ADDITION TO DEVOLVED SERVICES

BCC have agreed that Little Marlow Parish Council can take on slip cutting and maintenance. The formal legal agreement was signed by the Chairman and will be sent to BCC Legal Services.

29/10 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2010.

It was agreed to enter the competition.

30/10 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL DONATION TO SPADE OAK LAKE FIXED BINOCULARS

Little Marlow Village Amenities have asked the Parish Council if they would be willing to donate money towards their project to install fixed binoculars at Spade Oak Lake.

This was declined by the Parish Council.

31/10 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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

13th April and 18th May. The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Friday 14th May at Abbotsbrook Hall. All meetings commence at 8pm.

32/10 REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Network Rail Mast

Network Rail have informed us that they are going to erect a 20m high monopole on the railway line south west of the sewage composting shed.

b. Chamber of Trade

Mr Emmett attended the recent Chamber of Trade meeting

c. Chilterns Access Conference

Mr Emmett also attended this conference.

d. Litter on A404

This is particularly bad.

e. The Pound

An agreement has been sent to the proprietor of The Queens Head regarding his use of the Pound. The signed copy has not yet been received.

f. Chepping Wye Valley LCP

Mrs Wallis attended this. There was a report on winter conditions. It was reported that the NAG will give monthly updates.

g. Community Leader's Workshop

Mrs Wallis also attended this.

h. Thames Water Drop-In Afternoon

This will be held at The Pavilion on 3rd March 3.30 – 7.30pm and will give details of the upgrading of the composting system.

33/10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

William Northcroft

Mr Northcroft reported that the LMGPCP may be renamed Little Marlow Lakes.

Mr Northcroft also queried the clearance works underway at Liptons Yard.

Chairman