

LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2009.

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 two members of the Public.

116/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from C.S. Innocent , Mrs. V.A. Morton and P.A. Walmsley, and from C.Cllr. M. Appleyard, and D. Cllrs. J. Savage and R.W. Jennings.

117/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr. Emmett declared an interest for Agenda Item 6 (i) Planning.

118/09 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a. Gate at Westhorpe

Although this has been repaired, it was not considered to have been good enough. A new gate is needed. This will be reported to BCC..

b. Abbotsbrook Hall Car Park

A further resident has paid for a car park licence.

c. Sheepridge Lane Accident Rate

Mr. Fitchew is collating figures.

d. Parking in Coldmoorholm Lane

There was nothing further to report.

e. Fly-Tipping at Abbotsbrook Hall

There has been none recently.

f. Horses at Westhorpe

The horses have been moved to an adjacent field, but there are still concerns for their safety, especially as ragwort is present in this field. The RSPCA reported that the death of the first horse was due to natural causes. We do not know the cause of death of the second horse.

The rubbish in the other field is still there. D. Grieve, MP and our County Councillors are aware of the matter and are putting pressure on the Environment Agency and Environmental Health to take action for its removal.

119/09 FINANCE

a. Financial Report

The Income and Expenditure Account for the period 1st – 30th September 2009 was approved.

Total Expenditure: £3422.09

Total Income:£25547.20 (This includes the half Precept of £19897.00)

Proposed: P.C. Emmett

Seconded: G.A. Fitchew

b. Audit of Accounts

The Annual Accounts for 2008/09 were successfully audited by the external auditor, Mazars, with no qualifications.

120/09 PLANNING

a. Planning Report

Wycombe District Council Decisions

- 09/06370/FUL Kingfishers, Riverside,
Raising roof height to form dual pitched roof.
Application Permitted.
- 09/06720/CTREE Barons Court, The Avenue
Tree works
Not to make TPO
- 09/06520/FUL Handy Cross Farm
Erection of Agricultural building
Application Permitted

New Applications

- 09/06807/FUL Wilton Farm, Marlow Road
Erection of replacement farm offices and double garage to serve adjacent farm dwelling.
Comments: No objections
- 09/06718/CLP Thames Reach, Riverside
Certificate of proposed lawfulness for insertion of dormer windows to North & East sides
Comment: none made
- Barons Court, The Avenue
Fell 3 Leylandii trees

Comment: No objections

4. 09/06719/FUL Thames Reach, Riverside
Insertion of dormers windows in South elevation
Comments: none made.

b. Westhorpe Application

The deadline for the letter to the Planning Inspectorate is 27th October 2009. A letter will be sent giving our views. Mrs Wallis is willing to speak at the Public Inquiry on behalf of the Parish Council.

c. Other Planning Matters

Buckinghamshire County Council is considering the future direction of Country Parks and Green Spaces, and these include Spade Oak Meadow and Car park. We will send a letter to BCC drawing attention to the fact that we were not consulted on an area within the parish.

121/09 ABBOTSBROOK HALL

a. Outside Area

The Abbotsbrook Pre-School have secured a grant for fencing of the outside area. Mr. Fitchew will meet with the Principal to discuss this further.

The pot holes by the gate are due to be filled this week.

The gutters are in need of clearing.

122/09 PAVILION/RECREATION GROUND

a. Use of Facilities

A date to discuss the use of the facilities has yet to be arranged.

b. Request for use of Recreation Ground for a Wedding Reception

This was discussed but it was agreed not to give permission for this because of concerns of setting a precedent.

123/09 BURIAL GROUND

a. Electrics

The electricity connection has been completed, and the ceiling lights in the vestry are installed, but those in the main chapel are still to be done. Mr. Emmett raised concerns over inappropriate use of the building once the refurbishment is completed. It was explained that the funding requirements meant that the building would need to have a wider use than merely a mortuary chapel, but use would be restricted to those events considered suitable.

Future considerations for the chapel will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

b. Wooded Area

The trees were originally planted by the Small Woodlands Company and Mr Morris from this group is willing to undertake a survey of the trees with a view to making this area a Woodland Burial site. There will be a cost involved, so this matter will be considered in full at the next Parish Council meeting.

124/09 ADOPTION OF TELEPHONE KIOSK

BT are seeking Parish Councils to adopt the telephone kiosks minus the telephony equipment for a nominal fee of £1.. As it is a listed building, it cannot be removed, so it was agreed not to adopt it.

125/09 LM SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS LIAISON MEETING

Mr Emmett reported on the recent meeting. Thames Water admit that the odours are caused by the composting facility. Due to the on-going nature of the problem, a certain amount of apathy is creeping in and complaints are getting fewer even though the odours remain. Mr. Emmett encouraged everyone to continue complaining.

126/09 SHEEPRIDGE LANE PROPOSALS FOR CHEPPING WYE VALLEY LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Mrs Wallis had met informally with Cllr Jeff Herschell of Chepping Wycombe Parish Council to discuss proposals for the continuation of the footpath in Sheepridge Lane and improved parking facilities at the Crooked Billet pub. A document outlining these proposals was circulated to all councillors. It was agreed to make a joint bid for funding with Chepping Wycombe Parish Council.

127/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at The Pavilion on Tuesday 8th December at 8pm.

128/09 REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Fly Tipping

This continues to be a problem in Winchbottom Lane. The fly-tipper who dumped waste in the cemetery has now been prosecuted. The Parish Council will receive £50 of the perpetrator's fine towards its costs.

b. Rural Forum

Mr Emmett attended the recent meeting and found the speakers to be very informative. He also attended the Chilterns AONB Conference.

c. 'Matters Arising'

In the recent edition issued by BALC there is a questionnaire that councillors were encouraged to complete and return.

d. Chilterns Conservation Board – Report of Executive Committee

Mrs Wallis reported that the Chilterns Conservation Board were seeking to charge Parish Councils with AONB areas within their parishes.. It was considered that the proposed charges may be too high for some very small parishes. Little Marlow Parish Council expressed reservations about this proposal.

e. Road Closures

Chapman lane will be closed for repairs on 23rd and 24th October and Sheepridge Lane will be closed from The Crooked Billet to Heath End Road from 26th October to 2nd November.

f. 'Walk Your Parish Paths'

BCC suggest that a Parish Paths walk become an annual event within the parish in order to be aware of the state of footpaths. This was considered a good idea and such an event may be organised for next year.

g. Parish Plan

A letter has been received from John Brownridge, formerly the chairman of the Parish Plan committee asking that the Parish Plan be updated. He was pleased to see that some of the issues raised at the time of making the Plan have been addressed.

h. Free Parking Days in Marlow

These have been fixed by WDC for Wednesday 9th and Wednesday 16th December.

i. Remembrance Sunday

Councillors were reminded that the Annual Remembrance Service will take place at St John the Baptist Church on Sunday 8th November at 10.45am.

129/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

Chairman

