

LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST 2014.**

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

Mrs. G.J. Barclay, Clerk

Also present were D. Cllr. D. Johncock, and three members of the public.

Mr Ian Jones of the South Central Ambulance NHS gave a talk on the role of Volunteer Community First Responders and also explained how to use the defibrillators that the Parish Council has recently purchased.

85/14 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Mr Jason Downes was co-opted as the new councillor.

86/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from C.Cllr D. Watson and D.Cllr. J. Savage.

87/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

**88/14 REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES. SUB-COMMITTEES AND
OUTSIDE BODIES**

Mr Downes will fill the vacancies on the Budget Committee and the Burial Committee.

89/14 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

83/14 (d) should read that Mrs Brownridge also attended the Athletics Track opening event.

Proposed: G.A. Fitchew

Seconded: P.C. Emmett

90/14 REPORTS ARISING

a. Abbotsbrook Hall Floor

A working party will be arranged to carry out the floor treatment.

b. Open Event at Handy Cross Depot

Mrs Barclay and Cllr Fitchew attended this event,

c. Verge Cutting in Winchbottom Lane

We have not received a response to our complaint.

d. Clerk Vacancy

Although we have received a lot of interest, we have not had any applications to date.

e. Footpath LM4

We have not received any response on this matter yet.

91/14 FINANCE

a. Income and Expenditure

The Income and Expenditure Account for June 2014 was approved.

Income: £2058.00

Expenditure: £4168.61

Proposed: G.A. Fitchew

Seconded: Mrs. R.R. Taylor

b. Pre-Budget requests

Rather than meeting, request forms will be sent to all councillors with a closing date for budget suggestions. These will then be considered by the Budget Committee at a meeting to be arranged in October and then presented to the Council for budget approval.

92/14 PLANNING

a. Wycombe District Council Decisions

1. 14/06509/FUL Little Streams, Abbotsbrook
Construction of single storey extension
Application permitted
2. 14/06482/CTREE Quay House, Abbotsbrook
Tree works
Not to make TPO
3. 14/06419/CTREE Priory Ford, Abbotsbrook
Fell 2 Ash trees
Not to make TPO
4. 14/06331/FUL Mile Away, Pump Lane North
Single storey side and rear extensions
Application permitted

5. 14/6314/FUL Garden Cottage, School Lane
Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement dwelling
Application permitted
6. 14/06693/FUL White Friars, Farm Road
Erection of single garage and window alterations
Decision not yet received

b. New Applications

1. 14/06708/TPO Cedar Lodge, Coldmoorholm Lane
Side lateral reduction to Walnut tree
Comment: No objection
2. 14/06871/CTREE Lanterns, Sailing Club Road
Works to Walnut tree
Comment: no objection
3. 14/06872/CTREE The Chantry, Wharf Lane
Works to various trees
Comment: No objection
4. 14/06898/FUL Benedict House, Marlow Road
Single storey side extension
Comment: No objection
5. 14/06796/FUL Westhorpe House
Conversion to boarding School
Comment: No objection
6. 14/06797/LBC Westhorpe House
As above
Comment: No objection
7. 14/06968/FUL Hurstfield, The Drive
Part two storey, part first floor extension.
Comments to be submitted
8. 14/06992/FUL The Sanctuary, Abbotsbrook
Fell one ivy covered horse chestnut
Comment: no objection

c. Other Planning

The feedback on the WDC Local Plan has been analysed. Mrs Wallis and Mrs Brownridge will attend the J3A and Reserve Sites meetings respectively.

d. Neighbourhood Plan

Mrs Acres attended Wooburn and Bourne End's Local Plan meeting. Little Marlow Parish Council are invited to be part of this. However, it was agreed that we do not wish to do so.

93/14 BURIAL GROUND

a. Bell-Mouth

An email from WDC indicates that we should not need planning permission for this, but it was suggested that we submit a pre-planning application.

b. Flackwell Heath History Group Event

We will ask this group to make a small donation.

94/14 PAVILION/RECREATION GROUND

a. Play Area Report

The sub-committee will meet to discuss the issues highlighted in the report.

b. Working Party

A date will be arranged for this and villagers will be invited to participate. A list of things that need doing will be made.

c. Cricket

The cricket clubs terms of use of the facilities needs to be reviewed as a lot more usage appears to be happening than originally known when the current terms were drawn up,

95/14 SPADE OAK CAR PARK

The proper lease has now been signed.

96/14 CHANGES TO DEVOLVED SERVICES

Mrs Brownridge and Mrs Barclay met with Madeleine Howe from BCC to discuss the proposals. Services we currently undertake on behalf of BCC do not appear on their spreadsheet. Mrs Howe will look into this and will attend our next Parish Council meeting on 23rd September.

Mrs Brownridge attended a presentation given by 'Blue Sky' at Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council. This organisation uses ex-offenders to carry out work.

97/14 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT WELL END

We have had issues about this crossing raised by residents. These include poor signage and impaired visibility for the crossing and dull beacons. There is also a barrier on the south side of the crossing, but not on the north side. Speeding is also an issue.

The Clerk has been in touch with both BCC and the police on some of these issues. A speed check was carried out by the police and 20 speed tickets issued. BCC say that the signage is adequate, but we will look into the

possibility of having brighter beacons installed. This may be funded by LAF but the school could also look into assisting with funding. A hedge cutting order will be sent to the owner of the garden where the tree that is blocking the signs is growing.

98/14 STANDING ORDERS AND COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE POLICY

Amendments to these as highlighted at the last meeting have now been made and adoption of these policies was agreed.

Proposed: P.C. Emmett

Seconded: Mrs. V. Brownridge

99/14 TOWN BUS

A meeting was held on 22nd July with Marlow Town Council, Marlow Bottom Parish Council, Little Marlow Parish Council, Buckinghamshire County Council and representatives from the bus company.

A suggestion that the bus might serve Elmtrees was made but was subsequently found not to be possible.

The first bus of the day comes to Little Marlow but later buses only come 'on demand'. A questionnaire will be formulated and results from this computed.

Issues regarding the bus service have not been resolved.

100/14 LAFARGE/THAMES WATER SERVICE ROAD

Concerns have been raised by residents of The Moor about the condition of the service road. The main services to The Moor pass under this road which is now crumbling, and lorries could break the pipes. The Clerk has sent letters to both Thames Water and Lafarge. Lafarge acknowledged receipt of the letter but Thames Water has not responded.

101/14 CHILTERN AONB CONSERVATION BOARD APPOINTMENT

Councillors were given the list of nominees and will let the Clerk know their preference before 9th September 2014.

102/14 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Little Marlow Parish Council support this.

103/14 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The meetings of the Parish Council will be held at 8pm at The Pavilion on the following dates:

23rd September, 28th October.9th December 2014 and 13th January 2015.

104/14 REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Riverside

The refuse is once again being collected from the properties rather than the wharf thanks to Mr Boas's intervention.

b. Overgrown Pavements

The pavements by Well End Farm are very overgrown. This has been reported to BCC and they are pursuing the land owner.

c. Marlow Community Forum

Mrs Brownridge attended the recent meeting. The current weight limit on Marlow Bridge is being reviewed.

d. WDALC

Mrs Brownridge and Mr Banfield attended this meeting.

e. Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition

Little Marlow was awarded a Certificate of Merit (Highly Commended) having gained 91 points out of 100.

105/14 CLOSURE OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a. William Northcroft

Mr Northcroft reported that there would be no further liaison meetings with Lafarge as it is now a closed site. Could a land registry search be done to establish the owner of the service road? Mr Banfield said he would do this.

b. D.Cllr. David Johncock

Cllr Johncock said he was aware that BCC/TfB is not doing a good job on grass and vegetation cutting.

c. Lisa Fleming

Mrs Fleming asked if residents of Abbotsbrook Estate could park in the Abbotsbrook hall car park during incidents of flooding. The Parish Council will give this further consideration, but would need to be aware of hall usage which must take priority.

Chairman