

LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2011.

Present: Councillors: D.D. Banfield, Chairman
G.A. Fitchew, Vice-Chairman
Mrs V. Brownridge
P.C. Emmett
C.S. Innocent
H. Midgley
Mrs B.K. Wallis

Mrs G.J. Barclay, Clerk

Also present were four members of the public...

117/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from R. Mash and Mrs R.R. Taylor. Apologies were also received from D. Cllrs. D. Watson, J. Savage and D. Johncock.

118/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs Brownridge and Mrs Wallis declared an interest for Agenda item 6(i) Planning Report – The Ferns, Fern Lane.

Mr Banfield and Mr Midgley declared an interest for Agenda item 10 Spade Oak Car Park.

119/11 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 25th October 2011 were approved.

Proposed: C.S. Innocent

Seconded: Mrs B.K. Wallis

120/11 REPORTS ARISING

a. Blocked Drains on A4155

Work has been carried out on these and they are functioning well. However, a problem was discovered on the stretch west of Winchbottom Lane as BT have drilled their wires through the drains and caused damage. BCC will get them to rectify this.

b. Cemetery Woodland Area

Mr Mash and Mr Banfield made a site visit.

c. Queens Jubilee Party

The date for the celebrations on the Recreation Ground has been set for 3rd June 2012.

d. Remembrance Day Service

Mr Banfield thanked those Councillors who had attended the service.

121/11 FINANCE

a. Financial Report for July, August, September and October 2011.

These were presented and approved.

July

Income £5070.46

Expenditure £9044.31

August

Income £4760.00

Expenditure £4493.72

September

Income £21975.17 (includes half Precept)

Expenditure £10976.84

October

Income £5080.97

Expenditure £7831.11

Proposed: H. Midgley

Seconded: Mrs. V. Brownridge

b. Budget 2012-13

The budget for 2012-13 was presented and discussed.

See attached budget summary.

Mr Midgley abstained, but the budget was approved by all other councillors present..

A Precept of £39,500 will be requested.

Proposed: G.A. Fitchew

Seconded: P.C. Emmett

122/11 PLANNING

Wycombe District Council Decisions

1. 11/07349/FUL 18, Abbey Road

Two storey side extension and single first floor extension etc

Application permitted

2. 11/07221/FUL Little Marlow Sewage Treatment Works
Erection of single storey modular classroom
Application permitted
3. 11/07175/FUL Wilton Farmhouse
Replacement conservatory to front
Application permitted
4. 11/07128/FUL Westover, Church Road
Erection of two storey rear extension
Application permitted
5. 11/07129/LBC Westover, Church Road
As above
Application permitted
6. 11/07025/FUL Ivy Cottage, Church Road
Single storey rear extension and insertion of dormer windows
Application permitted
7. 11/07013/FUL Priory Ford Lodge, The Avenue
Erection of rear conservatory extension and removal of current conservatory
Application permitted
8. 11/07012/TPO Well End Farm
Re-pollard group of six cracked willow trees
Application permitted

New Applications

1. 11/07734/CLP Wilton Farmhouse,
Certificate of proposed lawfulness for insertion of 5 x velux windows.
No comment required
2. 11/07714/FUL Westwinds, Chapman Lane
Construction of detached garage with office in roof space
Will make site visit
3. 11/07677/CTREE The Old Post, 10, Well End Cottages
Reduce to half current size one contorted willow
Comment: No objection
4. 11/07631/FUL Quoins, The Close
Two storey side extension, new porch and steps, and timber cladding to first floor
Will make site visit
5. 11/07636/REN Nissen Huts, Woodbarn Farm, Pump Lane
Extension of time limit to permission granted under 09/05123/FUL
Comment: Our original objections still apply.
6. 11/07622/FUL The Ferns, Fern Lane
Single storey side and rear extensions with alterations to first floor bat window
Comment: no objection
7. 11/07497/CTREE Santarella, Lockbridge Road
Remove one golden Lawson Cypress
Comment: No objection
8. 11/07470/CTREE Lanterns, Sailing Club Road
Prune one walnut tree and raise over road way one catalpa tree

Comment: No objection

9. 11/70440/CTREE White Barns, Sailing Club Road
Fell mixture of ash and sycamore trees.

Comment: No objection

10. 11/07789/FUL Tree Haven, Lockbridge Road
2 storey rear extension and loft conversion

Site visit required

Community Infrastructure Levy Consultation

Mrs Wallis will meet with a sub-committee to discuss and formulate our response.

Neighbourhood Plans

The Localism Act has been passed by Parliament and will come into effect in April 2012. A sum has been placed in the budget towards considering formulating a Neighbourhood Plan

123/11 ABBOTSBROOK HALL

The Drains are still a problem and need attention.

124/11 PAVILION/RECREATION GROUND

Mr Emmett will get further quotes for the ground works which have been budgeted for.

125/11 BURIAL GROUND

A sub-committee meeting will be arranged to discuss various issues including the layout of the new ashes area. The existing roadway needs measuring for repairs. Viewing of a window protection needs to be arranged as a sum for a protection of the chapel window is in the current year's budget. The contracts need reviewing.

Mr Mash has recommended that every other tree in the woodland area be removed.

126/11 SWITCHING OFF OF STREET LIGHTS TRIAL CONSULTATION

The areas of the C100 by Pump Lane North and Handy Cross are under review. It was agreed that if the street lights are to be removed a footway, similar to that in Sheepridge Lane should be installed and a good maintenance programme produced to include regular and frequent cutting of the verges and hedges to allow pedestrians to walk unimpeded.

127/11 STAFFING

Mrs Brownridge recommended that a sub-committee be formed to review the current contracts as after attending recent training, she is aware that our existing contracts need reviewing and proper procedures for grievance put in place.

Rebecca Mowat, Buckinghamshire County Council's Employment Solicitor can provide legal advice at a cost of £90 per hour. It was agreed that Mrs Brownridge would draft a proposed contract and we will obtain a quote from Mrs Mowat on costs.

128/11 SPADE OAK CAR PARK

BCC are seeking to transfer the management of the car park to the Parish Council on a 99 year lease at a peppercorn rent. It was considered a valuable resource that would benefit the Country Park

A vote was taken and Mr Banfield and Mr Midgley declared an interest so did not take part.

The voting result was 3 for and 2 against and therefore the motion was carried to agree to take on the site.

129/11 STANDARDS BRIEFING

Mrs Brownridge attended a recent briefing event held by BALC on what will happen now the Standards Board has been discontinued. It was agreed that we would wait and see if WDC and BCC draft a model code which we can adapt and adopt.

130/11 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The meetings of the Parish Council will take place at The Pavilion, Little Marlow on 10th January, 28th February, 3rd April and 13th May 2012.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at Abbotsbrook Hall on Friday 11th May 2012.

All meetings commence at 8pm

131/11 REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a Parish Plan

Mr Innocent asked if this should be updated.

b. Security

Mr Emmett attended a meeting between the Police and the Country Landowners. The message was that the public should be aware of securing their property so as to make it much more difficult for criminals to commit crimes.

c. Daws Hill Reference Group

Mrs Wallis attended a recent meeting. The representative of the Development Planning Partnership was due to attend today's Parish Council meeting but due to ill health has cancelled but will attend on 10th January,

d. Bus Meeting

Mrs Barclay attended the meeting of the Town Bus group this afternoon. The new operator has meant the contribution rate from all three partner councils has reduced slightly. A new timetable has been produced and will be put on our website and the notice boards on the route and delivered to those houses on the route.

e. Police Drop –In

The next police drop-in meeting will be held on Friday 16th December 7pm – 7.30pm at the Recreation Ground.

f. Review of Polling Districts

There will be no changes to the Flackwell Heath and Little Marlow area.

g. BALC Planning Policy Training Event

Mrs Brownridge attended this and has produced a report,

h. BALC

Mr Banfield reported that the Chairman of BALC has resigned.

132/11 CLOSURE OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

R. Boas

Mr Boas reported that a lorry delivering piling to Spade Oak Wharf damaged the gate to the level crossing and that a new one has been installed.

Chairman