

LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2012.

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

Mrs. G.J. Barclay, Clerk

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

117/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

118/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs Brownridge and Mrs Wallis declared an interest for Agenda item 6(i) Planning. 'The Ferns.'

Mr Fitchew declared an interest for Agenda item 6(ii), Proposed Athletics Track.

119/12 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 30th October 2012 were approved.

Proposed: G.A. Fitchew

Seconded: Mrs V.A. Brownridge

120/12 REPORTS ARISING

- a. Drain outside 'Lawnswood', Winchbottom Lane**
This appears to be working now.
- b. Tree Thinning at Burial Ground**
This has been completed.

121/12 FINANCE

a. Income and Expenditure Account

The Income and Expenditure report for 1st – 31st October 2012 was approved.

Income: £6713.87

Expenditure: £8972.35

Proposed: Mrs. B.K. Wallis

Seconded: G.A. Fitchew

b. Proposed Budget for 2013/14

Mr Fitchew presented the proposed budget for 2013/14 which was approved.

c. Precept for 2013/14

It was agreed that a Precept of £39,500 be requested.

Proposed: C.S. Innocent

Seconded: P.C. Emmett

122/12 PLANNING

a. Planning Report.

Wycombe District Council Decisions

1. 12/06993/FUL Old Thatch, Coldmoorholm Lane
Permanent permission for continued use of garden to be opened to the public for 48 days of the year with one room used for the sale of teas between May and August.
Application permitted
2. 12/07092/CTREE Herons Pool, The Avenue
Pollard one large and one small Willow tree
Not to make a TPO
3. 12/07214/CTREE Walnut Tree Cottage, Church Road
Fell and replace one Eucalyptus
Not to make TPO
4. 12/07261/CTREE Little Mell, Lockbridge Road
Fell one Eucalyptus
Not to make TPO
5. 12/07271/CTREE The Poplars. Farm Road
Tree works to one Copper Beech
Not to make TPO
6. 12/07279/CTREE Lucotts, The Avenue
Tree works to one Willow, one Ash and one Poplar
Not to make TPO
7. 12/07311/CTREE Treetops, Lockbridge Road

Fell two conifer trees and crown reduce one Copper Beech
Split Decision: a TPO put on the Copper Beech.

8. 12/07179/FUL Hurstfield, The Drive
Construction two storey front extension and front porch and new entrance gates.
Pending Consideration
9. 12/06767/FUL Land adjacent to Capel Cilia, Pump Lane North
Erection of winery building
Application permitted

New Applications

1. 12/07709/CTREE Abbots Thatch, The Avenue
Fell one Cherry tree
Comment: no objections
2. 12/07638/FUL The Ferns, Fern Lane
Demolition of existing garage and construction of new single storey detached outbuilding
Comment: no objections
3. 12/06383/FUL Land Rear 18, Abbey Road
Erection of 4 bed detached dwelling with integral garage and associated access (alternative scheme to 12/06383/FUL)
Comment: Our previous objections still stand
4. 12/07438/CTREE Withy Cottage, Lockbridge Road
Crown reduce and remove dead wood to one Walnut tree and pollard Crack Willow
Comment: no objections
5. 12/07409/FUL The Old Malt House, Marlow Road
Creation of new vehicular access and erection of 2m high brick wall and entrance gates.

b. Proposed Athletics Track at Westhorpe Farm Lane

This will come before the Planning Committee at next Wednesday's WDC meeting. Mrs Wallis will speak at the meeting to put the objections of Little Marlow Parish Council. There is a public exhibition which can be viewed at Handy Cross Sports Centre during normal open hours this week.

c. Neighbourhood Plan

We have had 15 responses to this which is insufficient to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan so Mrs Wallis suggested we register our interest in being involved in the WDC Local Plan. She will contact all those who have responded and explain what involvement is required and ascertain if they would like to participate in this.

123/12 ABBOTSBROOK HALL

Mr Fitchew and Mrs Barclay met with the Pre-School principal at the hall to look into storage issues.

A 'deep-clean' has been arranged for during the Christmas holidays.

We need to review the Terms and Conditions of Hire for all users of the hall. An Ash tree has shed a limb. The tree surgeon will look at the tree to ascertain its health and integrity.

124/12 BURIAL GROUND

The revised Regulations for the Burial Ground and the Memorial Application form have been completed and are now in effect. These have been sent to all local masons.

The hedge planting will be undertaken by Sheepridge Farms when weather conditions are suitable.

The track from Sheepridge Lane will have sufficient funds in the budget after 1st April 2013, so work can be considered for after this date. Planning permission will be required and this should be applied for before placing the order.

125/12 PAVILION/RECREATION GROUND

Mr Emmett, Mrs Brownridge and Mrs Barclay met with a representative from a play equipment company. The items chosen are above the allocated budget, so further fund-raising or grant applications will be needed. We will also look at alternative companies.

Quotes for cutting the hedge and the dead trees on the north side of the Recreation ground have been received.

126/12 SPADE OAK PICNIC SITE

The Heads of Terms have been gone through thoroughly by Mr Banfield, Mr Emmett and Mrs Brownridge. Certain issues have been addressed, but there were still concerns on the cost of maintenance. We will ask BCC to clarify costs.

Concerns were expressed if the site was closed.

127/12 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Meetings of the Parish Council will take place at The Pavilion at 8pm on the following dates:

8th January, 19th February, 9th April and 21st May 2013.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at Abbotsbrook hall at 8pm on Friday 10th May 2013.

128/12 REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Tree planting at the Recreation Ground

A request has been received from the family of the late Mr Hester to plant a tree on the Recreation Ground near to his old home. It was agreed that this could take place, but the tree would have to be a lime and preferably within the current tree line.

b. Fly-Tipping

There has been more fly-tipping in Winchbottom Lane. This will be reported.

c. Pollution of Stream

Dead fish have again been reported in the stream behind the Manor House. It has been reported to both the Environment Agency and Environmental Health.

d. Lafarge Liaison Meeting

Mrs Barclay and Mr Fitchew attended the recent Lafarge Liaison meeting. Our peppercorn rent was paid to Lafarge at this meeting.

e. Thames water Sewage Liaison Meeting

Mr Emmett attended this meeting. The matter of the dead trees in the tree screen was raised.

f. Winchbottom Lane

It was reported that a large van is frequently parked on the verge in Winchbottom lane and it has damaged the verge and knocked some of the setts off.

129/12 CLOSURE OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a. R. Boas

Mr Boas drew attention to likely increased congestion in Coldmoorholm Lane if the Spade Oak car park is closed

b. W. Northcroft

Mr Northcroft reported that there are loose kerb stones on the south side of The Triangle in the village.

c. Mrs V. Morton

Mrs Morton drew attention to the proposed Athletics Track report that stated there would be no problem with crime, but the police say there is an issue. She also had concerns re felling of the ancient oak tree at the entrance to Westhorpe Farm lane to create better access. She felt that responses to the issue were unacceptable.

d. Mrs M. Edmonds

Mrs Edmonds registered disappointment that residents of Winchbottom Lane have not been considered by WDC in the proposed Athletics Track application and reports. She has raised the matter with WDC.

Chairman