

**LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012.**

Present:           Councillors:   D.D. Banfield, 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 C.Cllr D. Watson, D/ Cllr. D. Johncock and 31 members of the public.

**88/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from G.A. Fitchew and from D.Cllr J. Savage and C.Cllr M. Appleyard.

**89/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mrs Wallis declared an interest for Agenda item 6(i) Planning 1-2 Fern Cottages and 'The Ferns', Fern Lane.  
Mrs Brownridge declared an interest for Agenda item 6(i) Planning, 'The Ferns' Fern Lane.

**90/12 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minute 73/12 has had the word 'disciplinary' omitted.

With this amendment, the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2012 were approved.

**Proposed: C.S. Innocent**  
**Seconded: Mrs. B.K. Wallis**

**91/12 REPORTS ARISING**

- a. Glass Guard at the Chapel**  
This has now been installed.

**b. Tree Felling at the Cemetery**

This is scheduled for the Autumn.

**c. Little Marlow Fete**

The Chairman thanked the Fete Committee for letting the Parish Council have a stand, and thanked all those who helped.

**d. Best Kept Village Competition**

The Gurney Cup was presented to Little Marlow on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September as winners of this year's competition.

**e. Travellers at Westhorpe**

The travellers have moved on.

**f. Cycle Lane/Footway A4155**

The overhanging hedge has now been cut.

**g. Spade Oak Car Park**

The draft 'Heads of Terms' agreement has been received from BCC. This will be looked at by a sub-committee.

**92/12 FINANCE**

**a. Income and Expenditure Account**

The Income and Expenditure report for July and August 2012 was approved:

July

Income: £5,359.70

Expenditure: £6,665.49

August

Income: £ 219.10

Expenditure: £10,808.87

**Proposed: C.S. Innocent**

**Seconded: Mrs. R.R. Taylor**

**b. Donation to Marlow Museum**

It was agreed to make a donation of £50

**Proposed: H. Midgley**

**Seconded: R. Mash**

**93/12 PLANNING**

**Athletics Track Application**

Mrs Wallis introduced the matter and summarised relevant points as follows:

- **Response to the pre-application consultation.** I have circulated Charles Brocklehurst's response to the letter we sent to him after the last PC meeting. He has helpfully listed the documents that contain the information we asked for. To things are still outstanding and they are not available for this meeting: they are the map of where members of the athletics clubs come from (asked for so we could judge the route they might take) and the Site Options appraisal report (so we can decide how Little Marlow was decided on).
- **Winchbottom Lane.** No information about traffic on Winchbottom Lane is included in the application documents – either present or projected. Charles Brocklehurst gives the response of 'his' highway consultants.
- **Analysis of the application.**
  1. The Athletics track has to move from Handy Cross, because that site will be redeveloped. Although the application has not yet been decided, we must concentrate on the application before us.
  2. The application is for an 8 lane running track with space in the middle for other athletics and a long jump pit to the east. The site will be levelled so that the track is flat and there will be a bank on the east where spectators can sit. There is no mention of any seating being provided. There is extensive tree planting all round the site. There will be a car park for 98 cars at the southern end of the site and an extension car park adjacent to it for a further 116. This part can double as a picnic spot. There will be disabled parking and coach parking at the northern end of the site. The access will be from the A4155 via the northern end of Westhorpe Farm Lane using the present access to the site that will be widened. There will be an interior two-way road from the access to the car park. There will be a gate at the south end into Westhorpe Farm Lane, but that will be for emergency vehicles and pedestrians only. The site will be lit by 10 floodlights that will be 10m tall when in use but retract to 7m when not in use. There is no mention of any extra lighting of the car park.
  3. Access: the A4155 will be widened to allow a longer right turn lane and the entrance to Westhorpe Farm Lane will be widened to accommodate the entrance of coaches and provide an improved vision splay. This will include the felling of another oak tree. There will be a pedestrian refuge in the centre of the A4155 to the east of the entrance to Westhorpe Farm Lane and another in the lane adjacent to the site entrance. Pedestrian and cycle access will use the shared path on the north of the A4155 or the pavement on the south. Pedestrians will also be able to access the site from the south using the PROW These two means of access are deemed 'adequate' for people coming by foot or by bicycle from Marlow.
  4. The existing building will remain and changing rooms etc will be provided by prefabricated pods which will be brought to the site and

inserted. Although the centre of the building will remain open it will be closed by gates when not in use. There will be a public toilet that can be used when the rest of the building is not in use.

5. I try to deal with other points that people may like to ask.
6. Recommendation. We can either postpone our decision until we have all the information we asked for or

After discussion, it was determined to object to the proposals and Mrs Wallis undertook to produce the grounds of objection including;

- The siting of an athletics track for Wycombe District at the junction of the A4155 and Westhorpe Farm Lane is likely to lead to an unacceptable and dangerous increase in traffic on those roads and in Winchbottom Lane.
- There is no safe access to the site by pedestrians or cyclists.
- The landscape report takes no account of the setting of the Chilterns AONB
- No indication is given as to how the Athletics Track will help the establishment of the Country Park.

The meeting was then temporarily closed so that members of the public could speak.

Issues raised by the public were:

Wildlife habitats and ecology of site

Lighting in AONB

Public footpaths

Evidence for placing the development in AONB

Possible future development of the site

Many faults in the application

Accident rates on A4155

The meeting was re-opened and Mr Banfield thanked Mrs Wallis for all her work on this application.

#### **a. Planning Report**

##### **Wycombe District Council Decisions**

1. 12/06657/CTREE Greengates, Church Road  
Tree works to one ash tree  
Not to make TPO
2. 12/06600/CTREE White Barns, Sailing Club Road  
Tree works to one sycamore  
Not to make TPO
3. 12/06539/FUL Santarella, Lockbridge Road  
Construction of single storey side/rear extension  
Application permitted
4. 12/06369/FUL 20, Wendover Road  
Construction single storey front extension

- Application permitted
5. 12/06348/TPO Priory Ford Lodge, The Avenue  
Tree works
  - Application permitted
  6. 12/06288/CLP Wilton Farmhouse, Marlow Road  
Single storey side extension  
Grant certificate of Proposed Use.
  7. 12/06258/FUL Hay Barn, Pump Lane North  
Insertion of roof lights to front slope of cart shed garage and conversion to habitable room.  
Application permitted
  8. 12/06258/FUL Birchwood Cottage, Chapman Lane  
Single storey timber garage  
Application permitted

### **New Applications**

1. 12/06962/CTREE Spinney View House, The Drive  
Tree works to ash tree  
Comments: Accept tree officer's recommendations
2. 12/06946/FUL The Ferns, Fern Lane.  
Demolition of existing garage and construction of new 2 storey outbuilding  
Site visit required
3. 12/06293/FUL 8, Elm Lane  
Construction part 2 storey part single storey front and side extensions  
Site visit required
4. 12/06884/R9FUL Land between Westhorpe Farm Lane and Gravel Works, Little Marlow  
Creation of athletics track with floodlighting, landscaping, car park etc.  
Comments to be submitted
5. 12/06863/FUL 7, Wendover Road  
Construction of detached garage and studio/store room  
Site visit required
6. 12/06864/FUL Stanbrook Cottage, Sailing Club Road  
Demolition of car port and construction of new car port with ancillary accommodation over  
Site visit required
7. 12/06868/FUL Abbots Corner, The Avenue  
Construction single storey front extension  
Comment: No objection
8. 12/06862/CLP 1-2, Fern Cottages, Fern Lane  
CLP for construction of single storey rear extension  
No comment required
9. 12/06842/CTREE Orchard Cottage, The Avenue  
Fell one Acacia Tree  
Comment: Accept tree officer's recommendation
10. 12/06767/FUL Land adj Capel Cilia, Pump Lane North

Erection of winery building, tractor/equipment store, associated parking and vehicular access.

Comment: Little Marlow Parish Council objects to the new plans for the winery in Pump Lane North. We recognise the need for a winery building in conjunction with the vineyard, but the proposed design does not meet the high standard we would expect to see in the Chilterns AONB. Without the relevant information we are unable to comment on whether the size of the buildings are appropriate for the enterprise. Whilst we appreciate the need for a winery to service the vineyard this is a very visible site in the Chilterns AONB and we feel that the proposed building seems over large in the Green Belt.

We would want to see measures taken to reduce light and noise pollution from the use of heating and cooling equipment.

We are not sure there is adequate parking on the site and would need additional information.

11. 12/06703/FUL Walton House, Marlow Road

Construction of front porch and single storey rear extension and erection of detached double garage to front.

Comment: No objections

**b. Neighbourhood Plan**

In view of the limited interest expressed during the fete a letter will be sent out to all residents in the next Newsletter asking if we should undertake a Neighbourhood Plan.

**94/12 ABBOTSBROOK HALL**

There were no matters to report.

**95/12 BURIAL GROUND**

**a. Size of Ashes Memorials**

We have received a letter drawing attention to the sizes of ashes memorials which are reported to exceed the permitted size.

This will be looked into closely and if necessary, the Regulations clarified.

**b. Grass Cutting**

Due to adverse weather conditions this year, grass cutting has been a problem and on occasions, cut grass has spread onto graves. The issue has now been resolved.

**96/12 PAVILION/RECREATION GROUND**

There were no matters to report.

## **97/12 CODE OF CONDUCT**

The members accepted the Code of Conduct. Forms need to be completed and returned to the Clerk within 28 days.

## **98/12 NEXT NEWSLETTER**

The next Parish Council Newsletter will be delivered 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October. Articles are required no later than 30<sup>th</sup> September,.

## **99/12 SAFETY ISSUES C100**

It has been agreed by BCC that the lighting on this stretch of road will be removed. Due to lack of maintenance of the verges and hedges, pedestrians have to walk in the road.

The issue will be raised at the forthcoming LAF and we will ask Marlow Bottom Parish Council to raise it at their LAF. It may be possible to have a path, similar to that in Sheepridge Lane installed on the verge.

## **100/12 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

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

30<sup>th</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012 and 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

The pre-budget meeting will take place at The Pavilion at 7.30pm on 25<sup>th</sup> September.

## **101/12 REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **a. Donation to Target Magazine**

BEBCA thanked the Parish Council for their recent donation to Target magazine.

### **b. Earthworks at Westhorpe**

The bund will soon be completed,.

### **c. A4155/A404 Roundabout**

The white lines and road markings need re-painting on the roundabout and its approaches. This will be reported to BCC.

### **d. The Chilterns Conservation Board Planning Conference**

This will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

### **e. Best Kept Village Competition**

We have received a letter from Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils thanking us for the reception they received at the Best Kept Village presentation on Saturday.

### **f. Bucks Playing Fields Association AGM**

This will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm.

## **102/12 CLOSURE OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

### **a. Mr. S Herbert**

Mr Herbert expressed concerns over the size of memorial stones on ashes plots at the cemetery and drew attention to some that are reported to exceeded the regulatory size.

**Chairman**