

LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH APRIL 2009.

Present: Councillors: D.D. Banfield, Chairman
P.C. Emmett
C.S. Innocent
Mrs. V.A. Morton
Mrs. R.R. Taylor
Mrs. B.K. Wallis

Mrs. G.J. Barclay, Clerk to the Council

Also present were 2 members of the public.

33/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from G.A. Fitchew, R. Mash and P.A. Walmsley.

Apologies were also received from C.Cllr M. Appleyard and D. Cllr B. Jennings.

34/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

35/09 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 24th February 2009 were approved.

Proposed: Mrs. B.K. Wallis

Seconded: Mrs. R.R. Taylor

36/09 REPORTS ARISING

a. RADAR Lock

The new lock is now in place at the Spade Oak Lake footpath.

b. Meeting with WDC and Parish Chairmen

Due to inclement weather conditions, this meeting was deferred to 11th March. A general dissatisfaction with Neighbourhood Action Groups and Local Community Partnerships was raised due to the ability of small pressure groups appearing to take control and parish councils, as elected bodies being bypassed.

c. Devolved Powers

We need to send another invitation to tender before we can consider placing a contract.

37/09 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

The Income and Expenditure Account for the period 1st – 28th February 2009 was approved.

Total Income: £ 1285.50

Total Expenditure: £ 3479.54

Proposed: P.C. Emmett

Seconded: Mrs. B.K. Wallis

38/09 PLANNING

Mrs Wallis, as chair of the Planning Sub-Committee expressed thanks to all who assisted in the Westhorpe planning application

Wycombe District Council Decisions

1. 07/07535/FULEA Land at Westhorpe Park.
Application for the provision of new community football facilities.
Application Refused.
2. 08/07630/FUL Land at rear of 10-16, Abbey Road
Construction of new 4 bed dwelling in rear garden of No.18.
Application Permitted.
3. 09/05227/FUL Timsah, Riverside
Retention of Summer House
Application Withdrawn
4. 09/05209/CTREE Lanterns, Sailing Club Road
Crown thin by 25% one walnut tree
Not to Make TPO
5. 09/05160/CTREE Herons Pool, The Avenue
Tree works
Not to make TPO
6. 08/07663/FUL Land between A404 and Pump Lane North
Erection of stable block
Application Permitted
7. 09/05295/FUL Witherly Cottage, Lockbridge Road
Construction 2 storey front extension
Application Permitted

New Applications

1. 09/05436/CTREE Sentosa, The Drive
Fell 4 Ash trees.
Comment: no objections
2. 09/05315/FUL Little Orchard, Fern Lane

Alternative scheme

Comment: No objections

3. 09/05579/FUL Timsah, Riverside
Retention of Summer House
Comment: No Objections
4. 09/06494/FUL Monkton Farm, Monkton Lane
Retention of caravan
Comment: No objections

Appeals:

1. 7A Winchbottom Lane
2. Saltings House, Pound Lane

Other Planning Matters

1. Householder Appeals Service.
This only applies in householder cases and is intended to speed up the Planning system. It comes into effect from 6th April 2009. A copy of this document will be retained in the office.
2. Wycombe District Council Development Control
This is now called the Planning Committee. Fewer applications will be referred to this committee.
3. Chilterns Buildings Design Guide
This document has been revised. We have a consultation copy and comments are sought.

39/09 ABBOTSBROOK HALL

- a. Car Park

Members of the sub-committee met with some of the residents of Well End Cottages. The condition of the car park is an issue and the residents were asked what improvements they would like to see. Mr. Fitchew will draw up possibilities with costs, and the residents will be asked what actions they would be willing to fund.

40/09 PAVILION/RECREATION GROUND

- a. Cricket Club's Request for Netting Barrier

Little Marlow Cricket Club have met with Mr Emmett to discuss alternative proposals for a netting barrier to prevent balls entering 'Tara' in School Lane. It was agreed that a net on temporary posts in permanent sockets will be erected when required, and removed when not in use. Once the visual impact is noted a review will take place. All works and maintenance will be at LMCC's expense.

b. Landing of Hot Air Balloons at the recreation Ground

After the recent landing, Mr. Innocent permitted the company entry into the Recreation Ground to retrieve the balloon, and was given a voucher to use for the Fete raffle. A small amount of damage was caused to the ground.

In future, we will make it clear to operators that landings, except in a case of emergency, are not permitted on the Recreation Ground, and should a landing take place, a fee of two balloon flight tickets will be required as a release fee.

41/09 BURIAL GROUND

A report of the sub-committee meeting had been circulated. There is to be another working party on the morning of 28th May primarily to work on the pond area and to repair the benches.

42/09 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2009.

It was agreed that Little Marlow Village would be entered into the competition again this year. An article will go into the forthcoming Newsletter.

Proposed: C.S. Innocent

Seconded: P.C. Emmett

43/09 HGVs ON UNSUITABLE ROADS

The Secretary of WDALC has asked for evidence of navigation devices taking HGVs along unsuitable roads. This is a problem in Church Road with large vehicles trying to access Thames Water.

44/09 TOWN BUS

Although the Clerk has requested a meeting with BCC and the other subscribers to the bus, none has been arranged. Therefore this has been deferred to the next meeting.

45/09 CHEPPING WYE VALLEY PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP

This was attended by Mrs Wallis and Mrs Barclay. The intention of the workshop was to create a 'community plan' for all the Partnership area. However, it was considered that the outcomes were somewhat artificial.

46/09 CONFERENCE REPORTS

Chilterns Woodland Conference

Mr. Fitchew and Mr. Mash attended this, but as both were absent from the meeting, a report was not given.

SLCC Regional Conference

Mrs. Barclay attended this and a report was circulated.

47/09 MARLOW MUSEUM PROJECT

Mrs. Wallis attended the recent meeting. The Museum is now housed in the Peacock Room at Court Garden, Marlow. It opens on 23rd May and will be open on weekends and Bank Holidays. The Project have asked for a donation and this will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.

48/09 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The meetings of the Parish Council will take place at The Pavilion on the following dates:

19th May, 30th June, 11th August, 15th September 2009. All meetings commence at 8pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Friday 8th May 2009 at Abbotsbrook Hall at 8pm.

49/09 REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Stones from Kings Head Car Park

These are causing a nuisance in Church Road. BCC will be informed.

b. NAG Meeting

Mrs Morton was unable to attend the recent NAG meeting but had forwarded our concerns regarding the switched off street lights at Handy Cross lay-by.

c. Temporary Speed Indicator Device

Recently, a TSID has been in place on A4155 near to Wilton Farm, this was placed there by BCC to monitor speed levels after the introduction of the 40mph limit. It was noted that it had reduced speeding.

d. WDALC

Mrs. Wallis and Mrs Barclay attended the recent meeting. Representatives from BCC, WDC and Thames Valley Police were present for a discussion on Local Community Partnerships, Community Action Groups and Neighbourhood Action Groups.. There were real concerns that unelected pressure groups were able to make requests at these meetings without using Parish Councils as the first port of call for any community issues.

e. Maidenhead and Marlow Passenger Association

Mrs Wallis attended the meeting.

f. Reporting Faults on Street Lights

Mrs Barclay suggested that we have stickers made to identify street lights owned by the Parish Council so that faults can be reported direct to us. An enquiry on costs will be made and this will be considered once these are known.

g. New Website

Councillors were asked to look at the new site and consider if anything needed changing or correcting. It is hoped that the new website will go live very soon.

50/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a. William Northcroft

Mr Northcroft drew attention to the fact that Sheepridge Lane is an approved route for HGVs yet has a sign at its junction with A4155 stating that it is unsuitable for HGVs. This anomaly has been pointed out to BCC.

b. Richard Boas

Mr. Boas asked if Marlow Angling Club are directed to park in the BCC car park in Coldmoorholm Lane as quite a few cars park on the road.

Chairman.