

# **LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2009.**

Present: Councillors: D.D. Banfield, Chairman  
G.A. Fitchew, Vice-Chairman  
P.C. Emmett  
Mrs. V.A. Morton  
Mrs. B.K. Wallis  
P.A. Walmsley

Mrs. G.J. Barclay, Clerk

Also present were two members of the public and one member of the Press.

Mrs. Madeleine Howe, Area Co-ordinator, Buckinghamshire County Council introduced herself and her role at BCC. She covers the Chepping Wye Valley Partnership, of which Little Marlow Parish Council is a member. She drew attention to the devolved budgets that are available for projects and groups in the area.

The Parish Council voiced concern that Highways issues are not being carried out, and a list of these was given to Mrs Howe, some issues dating back over two years. BCC's contractor, Ringway Jacobs are now batching works and this may result in longer delays, and in some areas has caused frustration and further issues. Mrs Howe will ask for a Schedule of Works from the Community Gangs for this area and forward this to us.

Mr. Banfield thanked Mrs Howe for attending.

### **90/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from C.S. Innocent, R. Mash and Mrs. R.R. Taylor.

### **91/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr Fitchew declared an interest for Agenda item 6(i) Planning Report – The Old Vicarage.

### **92/09 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009 were approved.

**Proposed: P.C. Emmett**

**Seconded: Mrs. B.K. Wallis**

## **93/09 REPORTS ARISING**

### **a. Kings Head Car Park**

BCC will write to the Landlord on this matter.

### **b. Drains at the Pavilion**

These have been jetted.

### **c. Gate at Westhorpe**

The matter was passed to our LAT, and Mrs Howe will also look into it.

## **94/09 FINANCE**

### **a. Financial Report**

The Income and Expenditure Accounts for 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009 and 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009 were approved

Total Expenditure: £10497.47

Total Income: £8707.51

**Proposed: Mrs. B.K. Wallis**

**Seconded: Mrs. V.A. Morton**

### **b. Amendments to Financial Standing Orders**

It was agreed to increase the maximum value that the Clerk can sign cheques on the Petty Cash account to £200.

**Proposed: P.C. Emmett**

**Seconded: Mrs. B.K. Wallis**

## **95/09 PLANNING**

### **a. Planning Report**

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

1. 09/05837/FUL 7A Winchbottom Lane  
Loft conversion incorporating front and rear dormers.  
Application Permitted
2. 09/05972/CTREE Phaeton, The Avenue  
Fell 1 Yew Tree  
Not to make TPO
3. 09/06007/CTREE The Sanctuary, Sailing Club Road  
Remove 3 large branches to 1 ash tree  
Not to make TPO
4. 09/06048/FUL The Sanctuary, Sailing Club Road  
Construction single storey front/side extension  
Application Permitted
5. 09/06060/CTREE Willow Brook, Lockbridge Road  
Fell 1 Horse Chestnut

Not to make TPO

**New Applications**

1. 09/06443/FUL Bungalow, The Old Malt House  
Construction of rear conservatory  
Comments:No Objections
2. 09/06370/FUL Kingfishers, Riverside  
Raise roof height to form dual pitched roof  
Comments: Requires site visit  
(Mr. Walmsley declared an interest in this application)
3. 09/06363/AGH Handy Cross Farm, Wycombe Road  
Erection of agricultural building to store hay, straw and machinery.  
Comments: No objections  
This application has been withdrawn and a full planning application to be submitted.
4. 09/06309/FUL Manor Farm Barn, Church Road  
Construction of 2 storey extension  
Comments: No Objections
5. 09/06286/FUL White Barns, Sailing Club Road  
Replacement existing front gates to driveway  
Comments: No objections
6. 09/06249/FUL The Old Vicarage, Church Road  
Construction of detached triple bay garage.  
Comments: Object on green belt and flood plain grounds.

- b. WDC Consultation – Delivery and Site Allocations Development Plan**  
See appendix for Little Marlow Parish Council’s response.

**96/09 ABBOTSBROOK HALL**

**Car Park**

Letters to the residents of Well End Cottages will be sent out this week.

**97/09 PAVILION/RECREATION GROUND**

**a. Repainting of Swings**

This work was identified in the Playground Inspection Report and work is being carried out this week.

**b. Painting of Pavilion**

The far (eastern) end of the Pavilion has been repainted. The remainder has been power washed and quotations have been sought for re decorating the rear of the changing room block.

**c. Use of the Recreation Ground**

The Agreements between the regular users and the Parish Council need reconsideration and tightening. The Recreation Ground sub-committee will meet to look at these.

**98/09 BURIAL GROUND**

**a. Grant Funding**

This has been confirmed and work is due to commence 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Mr Banfield gave the Council's thanks to Mrs Barclay and Mr Innocent for their work in securing the funding.

**b. Memorial Bench Request**

We have received a request to place a memorial bench at the cemetery.

This was agreed in principle, but a meeting with the donor will be arranged to decide on where the bench can be situated.

**c. Membership of the National Association of Memorial Masons**

It was agreed not to become members of this organisation.

**99/09 SHEEPRIDGE LANE – ACCIDENTS**

There have been a number of accidents of varying severity, one fatal, on the bend near to Pigeon House Farm on this road. In 2008/09, there were known to be 15 accidents.. We will consult with BCC to see if better signage may be helpful.

**100/09 RESURFACING OF THAMES PATH – SPADE OAK AREA**

Mr Boas explained that funding has been secured from BCC to resurface the area of path from the Sailing Club to the Marina and asked if the Parish Council would be able to donate any monies towards the project. The Thameside Preservation Trust has donated £1000.

Regrettably, no funding can be given in this financial year, but it may be considered in 2010/11 budget.

**101/09 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

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

15<sup>th</sup> September, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 8<sup>th</sup> December.

All meetings commence at 8pm.

## **102/09 REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **a. NAG and Marlow Society**

Mrs Morton reported that there were no NAG or Marlow Society meetings recently. She asked for issues to be raised at the forthcoming NAG meeting in September. It was suggested that Allotment security be mentioned. She also reported that Medmenham PC is pursuing a 30mph limit on the A4155 through the parish.

### **b. Finance Seminar**

Mr. Fitchew and Mrs Barclay attended the Finance Seminar organised by BALC on 28<sup>th</sup> July. A report was circulated.

### **c. Chepping Wye Valley Local Area Forum**

Mrs Wallis attended this meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July.

### **d. Marlow Town Bus**

Mrs Wallis and Mrs Barclay attended this meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> July at Marlow Town Council. Various issues were highlighted, and Mrs Wallis asked for passenger figures for Little Marlow.. Another meeting is to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> October.

### **e. War Memorials Trust Conference.**

Mrs Barclay attended this conference on 15<sup>th</sup> July and a report was circulated.

### **f. Best Kept Village Competition**

Little Marlow received a Highly Recommended certificate and a total of 83 out of 100 marks.

### **g. Thames Water Sewage Composting Plant**

Composting is due to recommence. Any odour leaks should be reported to the Environment Agency.

## **103/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

### **Mr, Boas**

Parking in the lower half of Coldmoorholm Lane is continuing to be a problem. Mr Boas met with BCC Highways but has had no further contact from them regarding parking restrictions.

Mrs Howe suggested putting fire service leaflets on the windscreen of offending cars, and will let The Clerk know how to get a supply of these.

Chairman

## APPENDIX

Response to Wycombe Development Framework  
Update Consultation on Delivery and Site Allocations Development Plan  
Document - Summer 2009

1. Reference: Policy ID/ Paragraph No./ Consultation Question/ etc	2. Are you supporting or objecting? Supporting / Objecting	3. Comments
1.	Part support	Agree with the need to plan ahead, but should be flexible enough to respond to different levels in demand. E.g. out of town business developments at the Sports Centre and Abbey Barn South should not be encouraged if it means the town Centre will decline.
2.	Support	Yes, Flexibility is welcomed
3		Judging from the number of town centre offices to let in Marlow, there is an oversupply of this type of accommodation and other uses would be justified, but see answer to Q1.
4		A careful balancing act is needed. The additional previously developed land sites may be in back gardens or involve loss of green space in town centres. We can see no mention of Rural Exception Sites – although the numbers involved are small of reach site, the cumulative effect may make some contribution to the housing requirement.
6(a).		Abbey Barn South should only be developed as a comprehensive scheme with Daws Hill if it would result in a high quality development and the transport problems could be resolved. See comment son M40 Gateway below. There is no advantage in including Abbey Barn North in the development
9		We support Option 2, but would see a cycle path& footpath as a first step
11		There needs to be a clear distinction between cycling for pleasure and cycling as a means of getting to work and school. We see the path between the Queens Head in Little Marlow and Marlow Town Centre as a quick traffic-free route. It would mean ramps on the footbridge. We support the cycle path along the Thames path from Spade Oak to Bourne End. The shared path from Marlow to Coldmoorholme Lane is not pleasant and necessitates

<p><b>12</b> Para 4,6,22</p> <p><b>14</b> <b>15, &amp; 18 &amp; 19</b></p> <p><b>Q34-37</b></p>		<p>several crossings of the A4155</p> <p>Yes, we do support the proposals for road noise reduction and would like so see them extended to the A404 Marlow Bypass. We should like to suggest that the Spade Oak Lake becomes a Local Nature reserve</p> <p>Option 1</p> <p>We note Thames Water’s comments about the Little Marlow Sewage works (p17 &amp; 35 of appendix 3) but would like a date of the achievement of this objective. P35 suggests that further study is needed to ascertain the requirements for water and sewage with the planned development. This should be carried out without delay.</p> <p><u>M40 Gateway RAF DawsHill/Abbey Barn Area</u></p> <p>It is difficult to answer the questions in the order in which they are asked. It would only be possible to develop Abbey Barn South comprehensively with Daws Hill if there is a solution to the traffic problems.</p> <p>The only Option we could support is Option 1.</p> <p>Option 2 Our reasons for objecting are:</p> <p>(i)The Southern Link Road (SLINK)would have an adverse effect on the landscape and tranquillity of the Chilterns AONB and the northern part of Little Marlow Parish. This is contrary to the spirit of the Inspector’s Report on the Core Strategy where he ruled out any development to the south of the M40.</p> <p>Even if the part parallel to the M40 was very close to the motorway, the southerly part would be visible from a distance.</p> <p>(ii) The junction with the A404 would be too close to Handy Cross roundabout. (iii) As a new road the SLINK would attract traffic whether or not it served any new development. This would lead to more traffic on the A404 travelling north (as well as south),on the C100 and on Heath End Road.</p> <p>(iv) We disagree that a high profile entrance is needed to Abbey Barn South. (v)We are not convinced that it will reduce the traffic in Winchbottom Lane because people coming from Marlow to the East of High Wycombe perceive the A404 as being subject to peak hour delays .</p> <p>(vi)The viability of Handy Cross Farm as a mixed farm would be compromised because the road would effectively cut the farm off from approximately 15 hectares of land that is at present mostly used as pasture.</p> <p>The Forestry Commission should be consulted about the effect on Gillfield Wood.</p> <p>Option 3 : reasons for objecting</p> <p>(i) it is completely unacceptable to the residents of Winchbottom Lane. Any widening would lead to an</p>
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		<p>increase of traffic on the lane. A preferable option would be to provide traffic calming measures to discourage drivers from using the lane, thus making it safer and pleasanter for cyclists and walkers.</p> <p>(ii) 'Minor upgrades' are unlikely to remain as that. It is probable that the Lane would be widened throughout its length with a major impact on the AONB because of the engineering works required and the subsequent increase in traffic.</p> <p>(iii) 'Rural rat running' in Little Marlow is the <b>use</b> of Winchbottom Lane by people who want to avoid Handy Cross junction. Any widening of the lane will <b>increase</b> rural rat running.</p> <p>(iv) If the 'link through to the A4155 /Westhorpe interchange' was included, major junction improvements would be needed where Winchbottom Lane joins the A4155.</p> <p>(v) Improvements to the traffic flow in Winchbottom Lane would lead to an increase in traffic on the A4155 in <b>both directions</b>.</p> <p>Q34 Because of our answer to Q37 we would not like to see a large development at Daws Hill/Abbey Barn South unless it was a place where car use was discouraged in favour of public transport. Although 'modal shift' is referred to, it is not clear how this would be achieved unless the site could be developed as an 'eco-suburb' which would probably need the vision and commitment of the nineteenth century philanthropists who built Bourneville and Saltaire. Abbey Barn North should not be included in the comprehensive development.</p> <p>Q35 We agree that the avenue of trees should be kept and like the inclusion of sport's pitches.</p> <p>Q36 Office development at this site which is comparatively remote from the town centre would be inappropriate.</p>
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