

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 8th April 2019, 6pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Glenn Gannon (Chair), Mark Wilson, Patrick Foley, John Courtney

IN ATTENDANCE: Ben Woodruff (district cllr.), Ted Fenton (county cllr.) Six members of the public, Howard Higgins (Clerk & RFO)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Tony Wilson

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2019, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

5. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Clerk advised that the vacancy has been advertised on the village noticeboards and Glenn has put the advert on the website.

6. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Ted Fenton provided an update on wider county matters including application for funds to improve the A40. The issue of the state of the roads in Curbridge has been passed onto Highways. Repairs to the A4095 through Lew is scheduled to be done (no dates provided). NOTE: where potholes etc. are marked with white paint then the repairs are to be completed within 28 days of marking. If red paint is used then the time frame reduces to 24 hours.

The new roundabout on the A40 has not yet been adopted by OCC.

Clerk reported that the lack of road markings at the A4095/Main road junction has been logged with OCC. Any line painting takes place between April and October but could not be confirmed if OCC will action in this time frame.

Ben Woodruff reported of possible plans for a new motor museum at Enstone. Clerk requested to resend e-mail about problem with Ash tree to Ben as there has been problems with receiving e-mails. Ben expected a planning application for housing on the land adjacent to the crossroads on the A4095 being the usual obligation of the option process but that the planning officer has already stated this will be opposed. Roger Smith has pictures of the damage done to hedgerows/trees on the proposed site and was requested to send these in to WODC.

Glenn raised the issue of the width of the road on the Well Lane development site, which was not part of the original plans, as this has been built as though it would be a through road. Ben advised this was done due to the possibility of the 'triangle development' although the local plan has since led to the triangle development

being rejected. This raised the question of why the Parish Council was not consulted about this change to the plans with the road. Glenn expressed the dissatisfaction of the Parish Council on this matter. ACTION POINT: Ben agreed the Parish Council should have been consulted and will look into this.

Brief update provided on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for developers which is expected to be introduced in 2020.

General discussion about SHELAA (strategic housing and economic land availability assessment) and whether or not land around Curbridge could be affected. This is where potential land for housing is considered where the current and proposed developments in WODC do not meet the expected number of dwellings required under the local plan. It was confirmed by Ted and Ben that where land is identified under SHELAA reviews then objections can be raised.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 19/00198/HHD - The Old Stables, Manor Farm Road - Erection of two single storey pitched roof extensions and new front porch. Application withdrawn.
- 19/00871/RES - Reserved Matters application for primary school on land at West Witney, Downs Road.

8. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Update provided by Richard Smith. An open day was held on Sunday 7 April 2019. There were 73 recorded attendees along with about 14 responses. The comments received were supportive and some small changes to the plan were recommended. Glenn thanked the VDS team for the professional manner of the open day.

Richard advised Ted and Ben the VDS is on the website. When the VDS is presented to WODC it is important to have the backing of the district and county councillors who both agreed. When a meeting is arranged with WODC the VDS team should be able to do a presentation with Ted and Ben being present. The aim is to make the VDS a supplementary planning document.

Roger queried if ecology is regarded as an important aspect of planning and Ted confirmed as such as there is a need to go through an ecology officer.

9. FLOOD ALLEVIATION PONDS

Clerk has contacted WODC for an update and also issued a reminder to WODC but has not received any response. John provided further info of landscaping from lowlands sub-committee report from 18th March 2013. ACTION POINT: Clerk to use this document and also primary school planning application reference (safety aspect with ponds) mentioned above to contact WODC again.

10. FINANCE

RESOLVED: Cheques for signing:

PAYE (£101.80); Keys (£18.00); Printing (£37.38); Water (£14.46); CPRE subs (£36.00); VDS expenses (£179.60); Play area repairs (£228.00); WODC (dog bins, inspections £252.83).

Bank balance as at 1st April 2019 = £6,986.50.

Clerk provided draft year end figures showing a surplus of £1,247 for the year. Accounts are subject to audit before these can be finalised.

11. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

Repairs undertaken by Creative Play. Further works will be required to replace shavings. Also funds will be available from S106 to update playground. Quotes requested by Glenn from a potential supplier.

March inspection signed by Chairman.

Mark has installed the new sign.

12. SUNDRY NOTICES

- Lord Kitchener Field.
 - Clerk has again contacted WODC for placing a dog bin but no response to date.
 - Field has been made available once a month for a vintage car club meeting at the Lord Kitchener.
 - The field is longer let to a dog trainer who has now found an alternative site.
- Parish Hall. Glenn will reapply to WODC to check the current refurbishment plans comply with building regulations.
- Clerk has contacted The Gigaclear contractor (MKJ) who has confirmed remedial works will be carried out following the cable works along Well Lane. This has been delayed until the weather conditions allows the areas to be tidied, topsoiled and seeded.
- RESOLVED: Date for June meeting moved to first Monday being 3rd June as clerk not available on 10th June.

Next Meeting - Monday 13th May. NOTE: The Annual Parish Assembly will follow that meeting.

Cllr. Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council

Signed 13th May 2019