

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly Curbridge Parish Hall Monday 13 May 2019 at 6.45pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. Glenn Gannon (Chair), John Courtney, Patrick Foley, Mark Wilson, Tony Wilson, 2 members of the public, Howard Higgins - Clerk & RFO.

MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Assembly held on 14 May 2018 be confirmed as true and correct and signed by the Chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council have had a very challenging year It is difficult to know quite where to start my Chairman's report.

As a result of the development at Windrush Place we now have two Flood Alleviation ponds should the building work up-stream of the Elmbank ditch cause excess flows of water into the village during periods of heavy rain.

A new roundabout on the A40 is causing problems for East-bound drivers who seem to be unaware of the road-signs, although for residents we now have a very convenient junction on to the Dual Carriageway. However we must mindful of traffic using Well Lane as a rat-run.

After successfully adopting the Local Plan at the end of September 2018 West Oxfordshire District Council unanimously rejected the planning proposal for the Curbridge Triangle at the December lowlands planning meeting.

I am extremely grateful to the Curbridge Triangle Working Party who worked tirelessly to get the best result for the Village. All that work has now been targeted to produce a Village Design Statement, which will hopefully be adopted by WODC as a supporting document and which will give the Parish Council its own framework for future development for the Parish.

Our Parish Clerk Nigel Parker sadly, suddenly passed away. Having to take on the role as Acting Clerk and dealing with Precept, PAYE and Planning applications etc. made me realise what a very challenging job it is. Our new Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer Howard Higgins has seamlessly stepped into his new role and I am pleased to say has efficiently stepped up to the mark.

After over 30 years of service, Councillor Sue Richman has retired, we are very grateful for all of her hard work and dedication to the Parish.

Finally I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their continued support throughout the last twelve months and now we look forward to another challenging year.

RFO REPORT AND PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

The accounts of the Council for the previous year were accepted. Increased surplus balance over previous year. Annual Governance and Accountability Return to be published on the Parish website.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL