

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 12th August 2019, 6pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Glenn Gannon (Chair), Mark Wilson, Tony Wilson, John Courtney, Angela Boddington

IN ATTENDANCE: Four members of the public, Howard Higgins (Clerk & RFO)

44. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ted Fenton (County Cllr), Patrick Foley.

45. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Glenn declared interest in respect of planning application 19/02055/HHD in that relative lives next door and abstained from Parish Council discussion (see item 50). Glenn abstained from wages discussion for Parish Hall caretaker (spouse) - item 51 refers..

46. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2019, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

47. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

Clerk advised the information has been updated on the Information Commissioners Office website (data protection) and now indicates registration not required. RESOLVED: Clerk to keep on review but no further action for present.

48. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

County councillor and district councillor absent from meeting. General discussion over the A40 roundabout junction for Curbridge and continuous accidents. As far as all aware this junction has yet to be adopted by Oxfordshire County Council and as such still falls under the development consortium. ACTION POINT: Clerk to write to OCC highways department, development consortium, police and fire service about the volume of accidents and what safety action is proposed to reduce accidents and also before the advent of more serious accidents.

49. CURBRIDGE TRIANGLE

An appeal has been submitted but no further details are available. This is not yet validated by the Planning Inspectorate and no start date has been set for the appeal. General discussion including update on the Village Design Statement (new since original planning decision - 18/01724/OUT). Agreement that it would be useful to have a traffic survey following the impact of the A40 junction for Curbridge as there is an anecdotal evidence of an increase in traffic. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact OCC highways about a traffic survey as this may impact on any potential planning. This can be included under action point for item 48 above.

50. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

19/02055/HHD - Erection of single storey rear extension with a new first floor dormer. Addition of a new front porch and bay window to front elevation . 64 Well Lane, Curbridge. Glenn abstained from Parish Council decision. RESOLVED: no comments

51. FINANCE

RESOLVED: Cheques for signing: Wages (£224); Water (£15.35); Fire extinguisher service etc (£117.17); RoSPA play area inspection (£90.60).

RESOLVED: The Parish Hall caretaker wages are to be halved given the decreased hall usage (proposed by caretaker) - Glenn abstained from decision making by Parish Council. Standing order needs to be amended for these wages. Also standing order needs to be set up for Clerk wages. Angela to obtain forms from Bank.

Bank balance as at 1st August 2019 = £14,101.51.

52. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

July inspection signed by Chairman. Discussion over monthly WODC report as this is a service provided by Ubico who stated that some grass needed cutting and also removal of weeds (brambles are a separate matter). Some annoyance at these observations given that Ubico are contracted to cut the grass and do weed control. ACTION POINT: Clerk to contact Ubico as they need to action and should really say so on the report.

No start date provided for refurbishment.

53. SUNDRY NOTICES

- Glenn asked about the further S106 funds available from the Well Lane development and this had been again chased by Clerk but still no further forward. Agreed need to escalate. ACTION POINT: Clerk to chase again and escalate as necessary.
- Discussion about poor state of pavement running next to A4095 as this is one of a few possible scenarios for use of S106 funding. ACTION POINT: Clerk to contact OCC Highways over the state of the combined pedestrian/cycle path between Main Road and Well Lane along the A4095.
- The planter near Dovecote Close that was replaced by Abbeymill Homes is due to be replanted later this year by Abbeymill. As part of the contact with Kirsten Johnston of Abbeymill they were asked about their latest thinking on the land near the Bampton Road/Main Road junction. Kirsten asked for a meeting with the Parish Council only to discuss. Not deemed appropriate to have such a meeting behind closed doors for transparency (standing orders refer). ACTION POINT: Clerk to invite Kirsten to next Parish Council meeting.
- Date of next meeting moved by one week due to absence.

Next Meeting - Monday 16th September.

Cllr. Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 16th September 2019