

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 16th September 2019, 6pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Seven members of the public, Kirsten Johnston & 2 others (Abbeymill Homes), Ben Woodruff (District Cllr.), Howard Higgins (Clerk & RFO)

54. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ted Fenton (County Cllr).

55. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None

56. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th August 2019, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

57. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

58. LAND ADJACENT TO THE CROSSROADS ON THE A4095

Representatives from Abbeymill asked if there any compromises to be had on the potential development of the land. General response from PC and floor is development of the brownfield area only and no development of the greenfield area and perhaps they should renegotiate with the landowner. Abbeymill advised they had not taken option on land before the installation of the gateway at the end of The Chippings. Roger Smith pointed out the ecology of the area included protected bee species, 31 species of bird and 10 species of bat. There was also concern over the ecological approach by Abbeymill at the Well Lane development for which Abbeymill offered apologies.

The development of the greenfield area is not in the WODC local plan. This is also contrary to the linear development of the village. Ben advised Abbeymill unlikely to get approval for greenfield development from planning officers but all aware position may change depending on the outcome of the Curbridge Triangle appeal.

59. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

The issue of the boundary hedging for Dovecote Close was raised with Abbeymill but no action has been taken. This is a planning condition under 16/02657/FUL and is shown in the soft landscaping proposals. ACTION POINT: Ben to take up with planning officers (clerk to send e-mail copy of conditions to Ben).

Noted new signage installed at the A40 roundabout junction for Curbridge. Clerk has written to OCC about the state of the pavement/cycle path running adjacent to the A4095 between Main Road and Well Lane and awaiting response. This was also reported on 'fixmystreet' though that response did not indicate any action to be taken by OCC. ACTION POINT: Clerk to chase OCC if no response to letter in next 2 weeks.

The crossroads at the A4095/Main Road still requires the road markings to be addressed by OCC. ACTION POINT: Clerk to chase OCC highways to fix especially in the light of a recent accident attended by the emergency services.

60. CURBRIDE TRIANGLE

An appeal has been submitted and is now logged with the planning inspectorate. Details of the appeal can be viewed on the WODC website under planning application reference 18/01724/OUT. General discussion about appeal. RESOLVED: agreed for a separate meeting on Monday 23 September to discuss the way forward.

There is concern over the state of Elmbank Ditch. A working party is looking further into why it is drying up and it was noted that the attenuation ponds are virtually empty. Further research is required.

It was noted that a tree has fallen across the ditch and may be a potential blockage in the event of higher water levels. The landowner is aware of the need to remove.

61. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

There has been a meeting between WODC planning officers and representatives from the VDS team. Update provided and the meeting was viewed as being productive and WODC seemed supportive of the document. WODC are currently reviewing the VDS and are due to respond with recommendations.

62. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 19/02513/ADV - Erection of two informative signs. Land North Of Conway House Downs Road, Curbridge Business Park. RESOLVED: no comments.
- 19/02306/S73 - variation of 17/03252/RES. Land at Downs Road, Curbridge. RESOLVED: no comments.

63. FINANCE

RESOLVED: Cheques for signing: Wages (£224); Defibrillator (£500); Playground repairs (£25); Electricity (£123.76).

Bank mandates yet to be completed as delay due to Barclay's processes.

Bank balance as at 1st September 2019 = £13,590.39.

64. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

August inspection signed by Chairman. Works carried out to Rocking Horse to remove sharp metal. Ubico have been contacted by Clerk as requested in last month's minutes to try and get internal Ubico departments to talk to each other.

Expected start for refurbishment in October but no specific date..

65. SUNDRY NOTICES

- The funds have reached the target amount for the defibrillator at the Lord Kitchener. Thanks have been published on the Parish website. The defibrillator installation will be arranged by the landlord of the Lord Kitchener.
- Clerk has received information about the use of the S106 money from the Well Lane development. This can be included as part of the Parish Hall refurbishment (being the element for sporting/recreation activities). The funds need to be used by 2029.
- There are various meetings to which the Parish Council have been invited. This brought to the attention of the Parish Councillors who may wish to attend.

Next Meeting - Monday 14th October.

Cllr. Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 14th October 2019