

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 9th December 2019, 6pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: One member of the public, Ted Fenton (County Cllr), Howard Higgins (Clerk & RFO)

88. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

89. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None

90. MINUTES

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

91. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

Clerk confirmed grant applications made for Vehicle Activated Signs.

92. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Ted provided an update on OCC matters including a campaign to encourage fostering, safe driving events for young drivers, flu vaccinations and resurfacing of Main Road. The resurfacing of Main Road has one lane which is a new material for testing and is expected to be more resistant to potholes.

District Councillor not present and Clerk advised no update in respect of the lack of hedging surrounding the Well Lane development (item 70, minutes for 14 October refers).

93. CURBRIDGE TRIANGLE

The planning appeal hearing took place on 19th November and the findings of the Planning Inspectorate have yet to be released.

94. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Nothing new to report.

95. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 19/03045/S73 - Non compliance with condition 2 of planning permission 19/01460/S73 to allow changes to the design and layout. Caswell House Hall And Events Venue, Caswell Lane, Brize Norton. RESOLVED: No comments.

- 19/03052/S73 - Non compliance with condition 2 and 4 of planning permission 19/01457/S73 to allow changes to the design and layout. Caswell House Hall And Events Venue, Caswell Lane, Brize Norton. RESOLVED: No comments.

96. FINANCE

RESOLVED: Cheques for signing: CAB grant (£100), Subs (£92), WODC various (£590.85), Water (£7.80), Website (£90), Electricity (£49.93), Defibrillator battery& expenses (£250.57). Bank balance as at 1st December 2019 = £18,756.65.

Budget for 2020-21 discussed and figures approved (£15,000) - unchanged from last year. RESOLVED: Clerk to submit precept to WODC.

VAT claim has not yet been submitted for 2018-19. This is being held to submit a larger claim to cover the playground repairs when invoiced.

97. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

November inspection signed by Chairman. Refurbishment is now underway.

The play area is not to be used as an access to the fenced neighbouring field (it is not a public right of way). Dogs are not permitted in the Play Area (other than assistance dogs). Possible need for improved barrier between Play Area and field.

98. SUNDRY NOTICES

- Parish Hall defibrillator battery replaced. There is a problem with a connection in the cabinet and Mark will investigate.
- The e-mail system for notifying subscribers of the website news updates has changed due to a failure with the website provider's system. This is now being notified through the Mailchimp system (free provider). ACTION POINT: Mailchimp could also be used to provide a monthly update service and Clerk to research.
- Clerk produced information on a system known as what3words which is a mobile phone app. This is a system whereby the emergency services can use a preset 3 word combination to locate a precise location.
- The ceiling in the Parish Hall gents toilet is in need of repair. There is a general need for refurbishment of the Parish Hall. Some S106 funds will become available but may take some time. There is a possibility of staged works to match funds becoming available. RESOLVED: Glenn to contact architect about the Parish Hall refurbishment and if previous plans still adequate.
- The Parish Council has been informed of the sad news of the passing of former Parish Councillor Bob Knight who served the Parish for many years.

Next Meeting - Monday 13th January.

Cllr. Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 13th January 2020