

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Virtual meeting using Zoom software, Monday 8th March 2021, 6pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Two members of the public, Howard Higgins (Clerk & RFO), Ben Woodruff (District Cllr.).

94. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Patrick Foley, Ted Fenton (County Cllr.).

95. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

96. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2021, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

97. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

98. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Ben provided an update on District Matters including a reminder on the removal of local recycling centres where such items should now be included with household recycling bins. Concerns raised about the amount of litter and refusal of WODC to provide a litter picking equipment. ACTION POINT: Ben to investigate why no litter picking equipment made available.

Thames Water had provided an update of the functioning of the pumping station at Curbridge and John advised flow of waste water now improved.

The Village Design Scheme has been revised following recommendations from WODC.

RESOLVED: VDS to be submitted to WODC as a supplementary planning document. The Parish Council thank all for their hard work in producing this document.

Steve Forde, the user of the site close to the Main Road/A4095 junction, attended the meeting and gave information about the use of the site. There have been concerns expressed to the Parish Council about the very recent ongoing activities and Ben advised WODC planning officers are aware. Steve advised the area is currently being used as a builders yard with an underlying intention to develop the same area for housing. There have been no plans submitted to WODC. There was no information provided in respect of the use of the area understood by the Parish Council to be agricultural land other than an expired option to develop the entire land. Option dropped by a potential developer due to no prospect of planning permission being granted for a larger scale development. RESOLVED: Ben will meet with Steve to discuss intentions.

99. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 21/00293/S73 – Variation of condition 3 of Planning Permission 20/01907/FUL to allow an extension in time to complete rendering works to porch elevations to 1 and 2 Peashell Cottages. 1 Peashell Cottage, Downs Road, Curbridge. RESOLVED: No comments.

The following application was received after publication of the the agenda:

- 21/00299/FUL - Conversion of ground floor of existing garage to create dental practice. The Cottage, Main Road, Curbridge. RESOLVED: No objections.

100. FINANCE

Cheque payments made: Parish Hall items (£241.97); Play Area fencing (£3,480); Play Area inspection (£30.31); OALC subs (£146.16); Litter picker (£21.98); Parish Hall decorating (£650).

Bank balance as at 1st February 2021 = £14,955.71 (latest bank statement not received).

Clerk advised funds sufficient to meet needs to the financial year end.

Clerk's wages discussed and continually working over contracted hours. RESOLVED: Wages to be increased to reflect an additional hour per week.

101. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

Play Area COVID-19 risk assessment reviewed and no change.

February inspection signed by Chairman.

Quotes received to install 2 'springy' play equipment. RESOLVED: Glenn to contact preferred installer to arrange installation on the understanding that funds will not be available for another month (in the new financial year).

102. SUNDRY NOTICES

- Parish hall has passed inspection in respect of building regulations following works.
- The Parish Hall will require a new heater. ACTION POINT: Mark to address later this year before onset of next winter.
- Clerk advised that OCC has still not confirmed the transfer of the 'urban' grass cutting despite submitting the documents in December and requesting progress since. RESOLVED: Clerk to chase OCC again.
- Transparency Code, Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment reviewed. RESOLVED: No changes.

Next Meeting - Monday 12th April.

Cllr. Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 12th April 2021