

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 12th July 2021, 6pm.

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

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

29. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ben Woodruff (District Cllr.).

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

31. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2021, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

32. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

Clerk advised that some wayleave payment is due to the Recreation Ground Charity in respect of the electricity poles (part already paid in the past). RESOLVED: to be accepted as an annual payment rather than a lump sum.

33. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Ted provided an update on County Council matters with the main focus being the high rise in COVID numbers in Oxford.

No update on District Council matters as District councillor not present. Ted did provide information in respect of the treatment of planning enforcement and general planning consents with each being treated as separate matters. Some discussion about the state of the land close to the Main Road/A4095 junction and the slow progress has been due to the large number of enforcement cases with West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC). Mark has been in discussion with the case officer at WODC who has confirmed ongoing enforcement action (WODC ref 21/00034/PENF).

34. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

The Parish Council has finally received a very detailed and critical review of the VDS from WODC. John has reviewed the comments and a lot of work is required. This will require resources and probable financial outlay that is not available to the Parish Council. General discussion about the way forward. RESOLVED: VDS to be held as a local resource. It may be reviewed at a future date should the resources and finance be available.

35. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 21/02118/FUL – Erection of a two storey replacement dwelling with parking and associated landscaping. Far Horizons, Lew. RESOLVED: No comments.
- 21/02175/FUL – Erection of four dwellings, with garaging and parking along with upgrading of the access onto the Lew Road and associated works. Land West Of Glebe Cottage, Lew Road, Curbridge. RESOLVED: No comments other than repeating comment about pavement as stated under 20/01655/FUL (see item 34 under minutes 10/08/2020).

The following application was received after publication of the agenda:

- 21/02265/FUL – Change of use from annex to Bed and Breakfast. Willow House, Lew Road, Curbridge. RESOLVED: No comments.

36. FINANCE

Clerk provided an update on quarter one finances.

A request for increased funding was received in respect of the Churchyard maintenance at Holy Trinity. Funds have to be considered carefully for such expenditure due to legal restraints outside the control of the Parish Council. This will be considered further when the budget is due to be set.

Cheques for signing: Wages addition (£32); PAYE (£216); Play area equipment (£2,364); Play area and Parish Hall signs (£21.68); Halls advice service (£50); Weedkiller (£29.80). Direct debit payment: Electricity (£366.20). Standing order wages total (£256).

Bank balance as at 1st July 2021 = £8,850.46.

37. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

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

June inspection signed by Chairman.

Additional play equipment has been installed. Following a recent inspection this needs a small amount of work and brought to the attention of the installer to address.

38. SUNDRY NOTICES

- Mark has obtained quotes for lighting and fire alarm system for the Parish Hall. RESOLVED: further quote required.
- WODC have confirmed the road connecting Curbridge and Ducklington is now locally recognised as 'Starnham Lane'.
- The Parish Hall and Lord Kitchener field may require registering with the Land Registry; RESOLVED: Clerk to action as necessary.
- Some repairs are required to the post and rail bordering the corner of A4095/Main Road junction. Awaiting quote for repair.
- After many years service Tony Wilson is retiring from his position as a Parish Councillor. Glenn thanked Tony on behalf of the Parish Council for his unwavering service.

Next Meeting - Monday 9th August.

Cllr. Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 9th August 2021