

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 13th April 2026, 6pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Glenn Gannon (Chair), Angela Boddington, Phil Boddington, Jenny O'Sullivan.

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 members of the public, 3 representatives from Gladman (for item 6), Thomas Ashby (County Cllr), Howard Higgins (Clerk & RFO).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Patrick Foley.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

3. RETIREMENT OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Following the retirement of Mark Wilson from his role as a Parish Councillor Glenn provided thanks as follows:

"I would like to thank Mark for his long service to Curbridge and Lew Parish Council. Like all of us who serve our community we feel we have a sense duty and responsibility do our best to keep our village a safe and pleasant place to live. Mark joined the council over 25 years ago he asked me to join a couple of years later and served as our Vice chairman. He has been someone I can call on day or night for any help and has always been there at a moment's notice. Thank you very much Mark."

Mark has kindly agreed to continue to monitor the defibrillators.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2026, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

6. PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON LAND NORTH OF BURFORD ROAD

Overview of the proposed development to build about 850-900 homes on this site provided by the representatives from Gladman. A planning application will be submitted in due course but the exact timing is not yet known. Glenn advised that the Parish Council would prefer to see a joint approach along with the proposed development to the West of Dry Lane (planning application ref: 25/02116/OUT). Gladman agent stated they have been liaising with the agent for that site. Of particular concern is the matter of sewage and water. Agents referred to possible Grampian clauses in developments but concern raised as to the real effectiveness of such clauses. Comments also made about the unsuitable nature of Dry Lane for the volume of traffic through Crawley.

A member of the public wishes to liaise direct with Gladman in respect of Nature and Archaeology given his extensive knowledge (approach supported by the Parish Council) and this agreed by the agent. A list of concerns raised by the Parish Council in respect of the neighbouring development and this will also apply to this proposed development - Gladman aware of this list.

7. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Thomas provided an update on County Council matters. Works are due to commence this year on the High Street in Witney including the installation of APNR cameras. Thomas is still pressing OCC in respect of the poor state of the footpath running between Lord Kitchener and the Main Road junction with the A4095.

- Glenn and Clerk met with Minster Lovell PC to discuss the WODC Spatial Area Consultation but nothing further to report;
- West Oxfordshire Lowlands Movement and Place Plan. Glenn and Clerk have produced a response to send back to OCC. This included what may be an uncertain future for the Brize Norton Road. RESOLVED: To be raised as a concern to OCC;
- Review of Financially Supported Bus Services (Services 233 & 234). These services that run along the Burford Road may be reduced in frequency;
- Update to Bus Service 409. This bus will now stop in Well Lane but only on request. Passengers will need to contact the supplier by phone in advance. Thomas is also in contact with Pulhams to see if an earlier service can be provided to Cheltenham (X52 service).
- Flood project funding Expressions of Interest - Oxfordshire County Council Priority Action flood projects 2026/27. A request for a Flood Warden to serve Curbridge and Lew would be desirable. A member of the public has expressed an interest in this role for which the Parish Council would like to express their gratitude;
- Local Highways issues update. Concerns expressed over the volume of HGVs serving the airbase. Thomas advised that these should only be using the A4095 and not Main Road. The Downs Road junction with Main Road is in a state of disrepair. RESOLVED: Request to be made to OCC for a weight limit along Main Road and Well Lane to stop HGVs.

No update on District Council matters (District Councillor not present).

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 26/00544/HHD & 26/00545/LBC - Alterations to existing modern garage to create an art studio for domestic use and installation of a new greenhouse. Manor Farm, Main Road, Curbridge. RESOLVED: No comments.
- 25/02765/FUL - Erection of single dwelling with garage and associated ancillary development (amended plans). Land South of Glebe Cottage, Lew Road, Curbridge. RESOLVED: No additional comments. Objection stands as previously stated.

Following application received after publication of the agenda:

- 26/00770/FUL - Proposed development of a broiler breeder farm comprising 4 agricultural buildings and associated works. Deanery Farm, Station Road, Bampton. RESOLVED: No objection.

9. FINANCE

RESOLVED: Payments: Wages (£386 & £60); Electricity (£225.07); Bus stop works (£385); Parish Hall toilet repair (£98.10); Insurance (£1,410); Parish hall drain root clearing (£336); PAYE & NI (£284.85); Parish Hall fire alarm and repair (£451.44).

£500 Refund received for solicitor deposit in respect of deed of easement. Insurance claim for drain at Parish Hall (£363.33).

Bank balance as at 31st March 2026 = £25,519.41.

10. WELL LANE PLAY AREA

March play area inspection signed by Chair. Further wood chippings may be needed. RESOLVED: Glenn to contact contractor to ascertain quantity required.

Grass will need cutting soon and the new contractor is due to start this month. However there has not been any contract signed and Clerk to chase and if necessary find an alternative contractor,

11. SUNDRY NOTICES

- March Parish Hall inspection signed by Chair. Repair made to fire alarm system and service carried out by contractor. The drain blockage now cleared. RESOLVED: Glenn to arrange for check of roof (possible loose tiles). RESOLVED: Full fire assessment safety check to be arranged;
- Some discussion about the possible future of St. John the Baptist Church but this is beyond the remit of the Parish Council;
- Asset Register. RESOLVED: agreed.
- Lord Kitchener field deed of easement. This is now completed. RESOLVED: When possible this land is to be formally registered with the Land Registry.

Meeting closed at 7.05 p.m.

Next Meeting - Monday 11th May.

**Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 11th May**