

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 8th June 2026, 6pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 3 members of the public, Thomas Ashby (County Cllr), Liam MacKenzie (District Cllr), Howard Higgins (Clerk & RFO).

24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

26. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Possible candidate but not from within the Parish of Curbridge (vacant position). The Parish Council would prefer a resident from Colwell Green in order to better represent that area.

RESOLVED: Further advert for the post to be placed at Colwell Green.

27. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2026, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

28. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

29. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Thomas provided an update on County Council matters.

- OCC consultation on a local Oxfordshire policy for community benefit contributions and community shared ownership. This relates to things such as contributions from solar farms. RESOLVED: Clerk to reply to consultation requesting straightforward allocation methods where such projects cross parish boundaries (default using land area). Funds from such projects to be passed directly to Parish Councils to manage and not to be subject to being held by local authorities under onerous processes to get those funds released (keep the process simple and allow the parishes to earn possible interest);
- OCC Quiet Lanes pilot programme - Expressions of Interest. OCC proposal to make Witney Road a Quiet Lane (no through road for vehicles between Curbridge and Brize Norton). Much discussion on this topic and irritation at how this road was listed for consultation by OCC. It is not known how this road became listed by OCC as nobody on the Parish Council is aware of any local request to make this a quiet road. RESOLVED: No expressions of interest. Reply to OCC stating the Parish Council is strongly opposed to the concept of making Witney Road a quiet road. Also to state concern as to why this road is listed for consultation where no expression of interest is known to have been made by local Parish Councils;
- Road Verge Nature Reserve (RVNR) - Burford Road update. The Parish Council fully supports and appreciates the efforts made by a member of the public to progress matters;
- Local Highways issues update. Thomas advised that surfacing works for the A4095 from Well Lane to Grey Gables Garage scheduled for August. It is noted that numerous HGVs are still using Main Road (and in some cases Well Lane) to service the airbase. This is not the

recommended route for those vehicles. RESOLVED: OCC Highways to be contacted on this matter as it is disappointing this continues to be a problem.

Liam provided an update on District Council matters. This included a possible housing development around Brize Norton that is due to include a relief road around the village. Liam is pressing for the road to be developed first to help alleviate construction traffic issues servicing the housing development. It seems likely that the solar farm (planning application ref: 24/03278/FUL) will be granted planning permission though this has yet to be confirmed.

30. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 26/01117/RES - Reserved matters application for the approval of details relating to access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline planning permission 21/03342/OUT (Appeal decision APP/D3125/W/22/3307358) for 75 dwellings, including details to discharge Conditions 5, 9, 10, 13 and 18. Land South West of Downs Road, Curbridge Business Park. Much discussion about the plans, as well as noting local objections by residents of Colwell Green. RESOLVED: The Parish Council makes the following points:
 - Concern expressed about the close proximity of the play area to an attenuation pond;
 - Sewage issues must be resolved as this is noted as a problem for current residents of Colwell Green;
 - There is only a single access point so steps must be taken to ensure safe emergency access at all times (this may mean provision of further parking such as for visitors);
 - The developers agreed with the Parish Council to the supply and installation of a noticeboard and defibrillator in phase one but these have not been provided. As a fallback, it is recommended that this be a condition of phase two to ensure these community assets are provided (at an early stage);
 - Landscaping has been a recognised issue at Colwell Green. Planning conditions must be strictly enforced in a timely manner.
- 26/01148/FUL - Erection of extension to existing stables; formation of internal access track between dwelling house and stables and between Lew Road and adjacent field with internal access gates. Part change of use of adjacent field to equestrian, installation of horse turnout area and horse walker together with associated works, operations and landscaping to include erection of lighting columns. (Part retrospective). Laurel House, Lew Road, Curbridge. RESOLVED: The OCC officer for Countryside access has made an incorrect statement about the footpath. In fact, the finger post has been moved and the original footpath access point from Lew Road did cross the entrance from Lew Road. The finger post has only been moved a few yards but this needs to be recognised so that any prospective/future gates, fences or hedging do not end up obstructing the slightly realigned footpath. The drop kerb to the road does not align with the new entrance.
- 26/01209/LBC & 26/01307/S73 - Alterations to change a window to a door and the addition of new window in previously approved extension. Manor Farm, Main Road, Curbridge. RESOLVED: No comments.
- 26/01203/LBC - External alterations to include renewal of thatched roof to rear elevation and roof ridge (part retrospective) - Thatched Cottage, Main Road, Curbridge. RESOLVED: No comments.

31. FINANCE

Quote received for Lord Kitchener field insurance (no hiring liability included). RESOLVED: accepted. RESOLVED: Payments: Wages (£386 + £48); Electricity (£197.83 & £103.13); Office software (£87.99); Parish Hall Fire risk assessment payment (£390).

Bank balance as at 1st June 2026 = £36,006.88.

32. WELL LANE PLAY AREA

May play area inspection signed by Chair. Glenn met with fence contractor about repairs to the gates and is waiting for quote. RoSPA inspection is scheduled for July.

33. SUNDRY NOTICES

- May Parish Hall inspection signed by Chair. New heater installed. Clerk to contact electricity supplier as off-peak meter is in effect obsolete.
- Grass cut discussed. Errors now seem to have been rectified but monitoring to continue (cuts to date have been towards the end of April and the end of May).

Meeting closed at 7 p.m.

Next Meeting - Monday 6th July.

Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 6th July