

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 10th August 2026, 6pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Glenn Gannon (Chair), Angela Boddington, Phil Boddington, Patrick Foley.

IN ATTENDANCE: 3 members of the public, Howard Higgins (Clerk & RFO).

44. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Jenny O'Sullivan, Thomas Ashby (County Cllr), Liam MacKenzie (District Cllr)

45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

46. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Some possible interest. Post remains vacant.

47. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2026, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

48. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

49. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

County Councillor and District Councillor not present. Written update provided by Liam including the 2043 local plan which is due to go out for public consultation later this month.

- Government Reorganisation decision by central government has resulted in the 3 councils option. For more information please refer to WODC/OCC websites.
- Statutory Consultation – [Public Space Protection Order \(PSPO\)](#) – Proposed Controls relating to Dog Fouling across West Oxfordshire District. RESOLVED: Clerk to complete questionnaire.
- Vehicle activated sign fault (Main Road). It now seems that OCC will put this on their list to repair although this fault was reported some time ago.
- Pavement slurry works. The Parish Council expressed their disappointment with the quality of the works and questioned why it was carried out when other areas in far more need of attention. RESOLVED: Comments to be sent to OCC.
- The recent A4095 resurfacing completed but the pavement and Dovecote Place need tidying following these works. RESOLVED: Comments to be sent to OCC.
- Possible traffic calming throughout Curbridge is being considered by OCC. A further meeting with an OCC representative is planned.
- Update provided to the Parish Council about the RVNR (Roadside Verge Nature Reserve).
 - Designated on 12 June and covers 1.6 miles along the Burford Road from Tower Hill to Dry Lane. Signage will be installed by OCC;
 - This also provides some impact with the expected housing developments to the East and West of Dry Lane. A Community Hub showcasing the natural and historical landscape has been proposed that could be funded through S106 contributions. This could be used for education and recreation purposes. RESOLVED: supported by the Parish Council and request to be made to WODC planning;
 - In addition the bus stops along this stretch of the Burford Road could be upgraded to modern shelters with living roofs to fit in with the RVNR status. RESOLVED: request to be

made to OCC and WODC planning. Thanks expressed to Peter Massam for the extensive effort put into this work.

50. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 26/01148/FUL - Erection of extension to existing stables, installation of horse turnout area and horse walker together with associated track, operations and landscaping to include erection of lighting columns. (retrospective)(amended description). Laurel House, Lew Road, Curbridge. Informative only in that the paddocks and access from Lew Road no longer form part of the original application and will be subject to either a separate planning application or planning enforcement.
- 26/01575/HHD - Demolition of existing front porch and erection of two storey front extension and entrance canopy. Conversion of outbuilding to form annexe, alterations to front boundary walling and creation of vehicular access. Dutton Cottage, Lew Road, Curbridge. RESOLVED: No objection.
- 26/01756/FUL - Removal of existing temporary welfare facilities (4no. steel containers) and 1no. polytunnel and the erection of buildings to provide replacement administrative and welfare facilities including office/kitchen/communal facilities and toilets with associated parking, landscaping and external works. Paradise Fields, Starnham Lane, Curbridge. RESOLVED: Approved but concern expressed about the area being subject to flooding.
- 25/02765/FUL - Erection of a single dwelling with garage and associated ancillary development. Land South of Glebe Cottage, Lew Road, Curbridge. Relisted by WODC planning. RESOLVED: Parish Council position unchanged and previous stated objection remains.

51. FINANCE

RESOLVED: Payments: Wages (£386 + £48); Grass cut (£356.40 x 3); Parish hall electrical works (£1,354.80, £256.80, £83.40); Water (£17.05); External audit (£252); Play Area RoSPA inspection (£109.20 x 2); Parish hall weed treatment (£90); Printer ink (£105.40).

External audit completed. Bank balance as at 31st July 2026 = £32,628.18.

52. WELL LANE PLAY AREA

July play area inspection signed by Chair. Rabbit-proof fencing installed. RoSPA report reviewed. The Multi-Play unit is again an issue with repairs. RESOLVED: rather than keep repairing better to upgrade multi-play unit and surfacing (subject to S106 funds being released and quotes).

53. SUNDRY NOTICES

- July Parish Hall inspection signed by Chair. A recent fire assessment has been carried out and report checked.
- Grass cut quote expected from a different contractor.

Meeting closed at 6.55 p.m.

Next Meeting - Monday 21st September.

Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 21st September