

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 21st September 2026, 6pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Glenn Gannon (Chair), Angela Boddington, Phil Boddington, Jenny O'Sullivan, Peter Massam (for item 59 onwards).

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

54. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Patrick Foley

55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

56. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th August 2026, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

57. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

58. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Updates provided by Thomas and Liam in respect of County Council and District Council matters.

- Local Government Reorganisation is now on pause. Botley Road open and be aware of [traffic filters](#) in Oxford. [Electric blanket](#) testing is available. Witney High Street works discussed;
- A community and governance review is expected that may affect the parish boundaries in a few years time. Concern at Colwell Green with the possible effect of dry vegetation and wildfires. The issue is being looked into by WODC. Update on planning - a greater number of delegated decisions will be made by planning officers;
- Public consultation on the draft West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2043 is now open. Much discussion. RESOLVED: Chair and clerk to meet and submit response to consultation before deadline;
- Thomas provided an outline of the possible traffic calming measures for the village of Curbridge. Glenn waiting for possible solutions following the meeting with OCC highways representative, which may also include chicanes at Lew;
- Follow up from OCC requesting feedback for the 20mph introduction to Well Lane (was 30mph). RESOLVED: response to be sent that this has not made any difference to traffic speed;
- The response of the survey of residents for Bampton/Lew Road supports the introduction of 20mph and traffic-calming chicane. RESOLVED: 20mph request to OCC for the whole village of Curbridge;
- Speedwatch discussed but this needs sufficient volunteers to be viable;
- Following the roadworks on the Bampton/Lew Road the debris left from these works (pavements & Dovecote Place) has not been cleared despite being reported. ACTION POINT: Thomas will chase up with OCC as to why this has not been done;
- Quiet Lane enquiry received from a member of the public about making Mount Owen Road in Lew a quiet lane. This road also goes through Bampton Parish Council who oppose the introduction of any quiet lane. RESOLVED: No further action as agreement with all councils would be required before being able to consider a quiet lane;

- Some discussion about the narrow pavements within the parish. Keeping any vegetation and mess clear would be beneficial. RESOLVED: The Parish Council to ask a contractor if they can do this work along the stretch of Bampton Road near the post box.
- Street lighting discussed in respect of Bampton Road but no further action as such matters usually fall under the remit of OCC;
- WODC Open Space Study. The clerk had to complete a survey at the persistent request of WODC. Clerk made Liam aware of what seemed to be flaws in the survey.

59. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

RESOLVED: Peter Massam has filled the vacancy and welcomed to the Parish Council.

60. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 26/01905/PN56 - Demolition of barns in poor condition and conversion of 4 agricultural buildings to create eight dwelling houses with associated building operations. Land and Buildings South West of University Farm House, Lew. RESOLVED: Need to have safe access to and from the A4095. Any development must be in keeping with the environs of Lew.

61. FINANCE

RESOLVED: Payments: Wages (£386 + £48); Grass cut (£356.40); Hedgecutting (£264); Play area signs (£19.99 & £88.55); Play area rocking horse seats (£100.40); Printing paper (£13.98); Parish hall alarm & lighting service (£108); Play area inspections x 3 (£135.10); LK field bin emptying (£261.14); Water (£17.63 x 2); Electricity (£10.34).

External audit completed. Bank balance as at 31st August 2026 = £31,509.15.

62. WELL LANE PLAY AREA

August play area inspection signed by Chair. Multi-Play unit and rocking horse subject to repair. Chippings applied across the play area. New signs to be put up.

63. SUNDRY NOTICES

- August Parish Hall inspection signed by Chair. Recent roofing check showed no issues;
- Discussion about parking on the Lord Kitchener field. The Parish Council acts as trustees for the field (recreation ground charity). A recent event was prohibited from using the field for parking. The use did not comply with the briefing from the Open Spaces Society guidance. Parking may be exceptionally allowed with strict conditions if this is for a local establishment. A recent request has been received from the Lord Kitchener Public House to use the field as an overflow car park for a specific event. RESOLVED: allowed subject to strict conditions (reparations, use as a recreation ground retained at all times, parking subject to ground conditions, cars only). To include a request for a donation to help with the continued cost of maintaining the field.
- Grass cut quote from a different contractor accepted. If problems persists with the current contractor this may be changed for the remainder of this year's grass cuts;
- Peter provided an update on the possibility of improved bus shelters on the Burford Road, which is approved in principle by the respective council subject to funding.

Meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.

Next Meeting - Monday 12th October.

Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 12th October