

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 12 January 2016, 6.00pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: C. Cllr. James Wright, Nigel Parker - Clerk & RFO.

114. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Sue Richman, D. Cllr. Ben Woodruff.

115. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

116. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2015, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

117. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

North Curbridge/Downs Road development - meeting between Cllr. Gannon, D. Cllr. Woodruff and Mr Shaw of WODC Planning still to be arranged.

Event around HM The Queen's 90th Birthday - Cllr. Gannon suggested a Village Picnic on the Lord Kitchener Field on 11 or 12th June. Marquees had been offered and the Landlord would run a bar. This could be followed by a Barn Dance. These ideas were accepted gratefully by the Council - to be developed and publicised.

118. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

C. Cllr James Wright had kindly produced a comprehensive report on OCC matters. Of particular interest to the Parish Council were the further cuts in budgets/services and a delay in the finalisation of the WODC Local Plan, due to the Inspector's concerns that not enough housing sites had been identified.

119. FINANCE

2016/17 Audit

The Clerk said that he had been informed that the External Auditor's contract finished with this year and that, unless the Council wished to appoint its own external auditor, Curbridge and Lew would automatically become a part of a new scheme.

RESOLVED: to go with the new scheme.

The Clerk said also that Councils with a turnover below £25,000, while still having to produce an annual audit, will not have to submit this for examination. They still need to be registered with an External Auditor in case of queries being raised by Parishioners.

Payments

RESOLVED: that the following accounts should be paid: Clerk (Jan) £176.00; Cleaning (Jan) £64.00, HMRC (PAYE Q3) £239.80; Thames Water (Parish Hall) £20.76; J Gannon (Parish Hall bookings diary and receipt book) £11.68.

Bank balance 1 January 2016: £7,692.63

120. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

15/03954/LBC & 15/03953/HHD Charity Farm, Curbridge - single storey annexe. Approved by WODC Planning.

15/04342/HHD The Cottage, Main Road - single storey extension to form sunroof. RESOLVED: no objections.

APP/D3125/W/153137627 Land south of Burford road/east of Downs Road- the appeal against refusal to grant permission for house building on this site to be held on 2 February.

121. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr. Gannon reported that he was getting two quotes updated and was exploring a third. The Clerk said that three estimates would be needed also for the panelling replacement. The Clerk was pursuing grant applications to WREN and WODC Communities Facilities Grant.

122. ASSET REGISTER

Cllr. Gannon reported that he had found a legal document appertaining to the purchase of the Playground land. This had been at a nominal £10. The Clerk said that this amount should be added to the recently revised Asset Register, and that these changes should be reported in the Annual Audit. RESOLVED: to accept this recommendation.

123. THAMES VALLEY POLICE REPORT

Circulated previously. Councillors reported seeing the Police Speed Detector Van out and about in both Curbridge and Lew.

124. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

The Council's Inspection for December was signed off by the Chair.

125. SUNDRY NOTICES

Chairman/Clerk Review Meeting - the Clerk reported that he had met with the Chairman to discuss the running of the Council and its meetings. They were both happy about these, an opinion supported by the other Councillors.

Culvert in Top Field - there was concern about the amount of standing water above Curbridge and some discussion about the best ways of containing this and controlling its flow through the village.

RESOLVED: that Cllr. M Wilson would look at the culvert at Merry Horn, in the light of recent building works at this property, and that the Clerk should contact the Environment Agency with a view to them carrying out an inspection in the fields.

RAF Brize Norton Liaison Meeting - Cllr. M Wilson said that he was unable to attend the meeting on 18 January but that he would try to go to the next one.

Free Trees - the Woodland Trust were offering a further batch of trees for planting.

RESOLVED: to apply for the 105 tree package.

2016 Meeting Dates - Mon: 11 January, 8 February, 14 March, 11 April, 9 May, 13 June, 11 July, 8 August, 12 September, 10 October, 14 November, 12 December. The May date would cover the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Parish Assembly and the AGM of the Playing Field Charity.

Next Meeting - Monday 8 February.

Cllr. Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 8 February 2016