

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 9 May 2016, 6.00pm.

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

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

14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

D. Cllr. Ben Woodruff.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

16. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2016, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

17. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

Monies from local building development - the Clerk reported that he had received an email from Mr Simon Bullington of West Witney Developments about the proposed development adjacent to the Golf Course. The email had concluded, "As we have a limited impact on highways and will improve the flooding situation downstream, we are unable to provide funds for these areas. However, we have included an amount (to be agreed) in the heads of terms as a community infrastructure contribution which will go to you to use at your discretion."

Highways and potholes - the "Dragon Patcher" had been operating over the past few days in Main Road and Well Lane.

Horse grazing - the Clerk reported that the "Horses Prohibited" signs would be delivered by D. Cllr. Woodruff shortly.

18. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

C. Cllr. Mills spoke about the forthcoming Cabinet Meeting (24 May), at which the future of Child Care in the County was on the agenda, as was investment in the Witney to Oxford A40.

19. FINANCE

Annual Audit

RESOLVED: to accept the Internal Auditor's Report.

RESOLVED: to approve the Annual Governance Statement.

RESOLVED: to approve the Accounting Statements. Both Statements were signed off by the Chairman and the RFO.

Payments

RESOLVED: that the following accounts should be paid: CPRE (Annual subscription) £36.00, Zurich (annual insurance) £703.63, S Zollman (internal audit) £135.00, Clerk (May) £176.00; Cleaning (May) £64.00.

The Clerk reported that the first tranche of the Precept had been received (£5,500) leaving the bank balance at 29 April 2016: £10,838.08.

20. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

16/00825/HHD 2 Nursery Cottages, Malthouse Nurseries, Main Road - single storey extension and garage conversion. Granted by WODC Planning.

16/01347/FUL University Farmhouse, Lew - erection of grain store.

RESOLVED: no objections.

Black Bourton wood recycling plant - the Parish Council had been contacted by Black Bourton PC and a local Action Group. There are plans to expand operations at the Plant, which would, apparently, mean an increase in heavy traffic movements from 20 to 65 per week, with the possibility of many coming through Curbridge and Lew.

RESOLVED: to support the Action Group in opposing the expansion.

21. PARISH HALL

Cllr. Gannon reported that a quotation from a third Builder had finally been obtained. The Clerk said that he would now proceed with the grant applications - to WODC for the panelling and to WREN for the renovations.

22. THAMES VALLEY POLICE REPORT

None received this month.

23. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

The Council's Inspection for April was signed off by the Chair. Some repair work was required on the climbing net and swinging pole; quotes had been obtained from Creative Play.

RESOLVED: to accept the lower quote of £198.00 incl. VAT.

24. SUNDRY NOTICES

Lord Kitchener Party 12 June - the Parish Council are happy to support this event on the Recreation Ground. Cllr. Gannon to remind Mr de Petrucci that all people with activities must have their own indemnity insurance.

Woodland Trust - the Clerk announced that our latest application had been successful and that 105 'year round colour' saplings would be delivered in early November.

RAF Brize Norton Liaison Meeting 16 May - Cllr. M Wilson is unable to attend.

Parish Hall Defibrillator - Cllr. T Wilson queried why the light in the defibrillator was not lit up all the time? Apparently, the light inside is on constantly but there is an outside light that can sometimes be triggered by passing traffic.

Next Meeting - Monday 13 June 2016.

Cllr. Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 13 June 2016