

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 13 June 2016, 6.00pm.

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

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

25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Mark Wilson, D. Cllr. Ben Woodruff.

26. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

27. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2016, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

28. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

Horse grazing - the Clerk reported that the "No Horses Allowed" signs had been delivered; thanks to D. Cllr. Woodruff.

29. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chairman and Vice Chairman stood down. Cllr. Gannon was re-elected as Chairman, proposed by Cllr. T. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Folley; Cllr. M. Wilson was re-elected as Vice Chairman, proposed by Cllr. Gannon, seconded by Cllr. Courtney.

30. DOWN ROAD (WEST) DEVELOPMENT

Messrs. David James, Simon Bullingham and Andrew Carruthers from West Witney Development Ltd addressed the meeting, updating the Council on their planning application and the changes that had been made since they last met the Council on 14 March. Cllr. Courtney, who had reads through the application, asked a number of questions. The Developers had agreed to fund a £1.04m all weather sports pitch, most likely to be situated outside the Parish. They said it might be possible to make an unilateral payment for local and relevant 'facilities' within the Parish, outside any S106 agreement.

31. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

The Chairman congratulated C. Cllr. Mills on becoming leader of WODC. The latter spoke of the debate over the proposed new Unitary Authority in Oxfordshire, a meeting about which the Clerk had attended in Witney on 9 June.

32. FINANCE

Payments

RESOLVED: that the following accounts should be paid: WODC (various services) £102.14, SSE (Parish Hall) £110.59, HM Queen Birthday Celebrations Lord Kitchener Field £300.00, Clerk (June) £176.00; Cleaning (June) £64.00.

RESOLVED: to present cheques of £350 each at the next meeting for annual maintenance grants for St Johns and Holy Trinity churchyards.

Bank balance at 1 June 2016: £9,653.45.

33. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 16/01347/FUL University Farmhouse, Lew - erection of grain store. Approved by WODC Planning.
- 16/00496/FUL Yew Tree Cottage, Lew - change of use of buildings. Approved by WODC Planning, "Subject to legal agreement".
- 16/01469/FUL De Havilland Way - new distribution centre. RESOLVED: no objections.
- 16/01450/OUT Downs Road (West) - offices, hotel and homes. RESOLVED: no objections, with reservations over the flow of water from the site through Curbridge.
- APP/D3125/D/16/3144091 Willow House, Lew Road - the appeal against WODC decision not to grant turned down by the Secretary of State.
- 16/01733/HHD Longs Cottage, Main Road - garage conversion to bathroom with first floor over. RESOLVED: object pending clarification 1) whether it is an alteration or new build with footings etc, 2) that its use be by the occupants not for let, as concerns over access and parking.
- Brownfield sites - the Council discussed the list of sites provided by WODC; Clerk to respond accordingly.

34. PARISH HALL

Cllr. Gannon reported on the extensive work that the Clerk had done in preparation for an application to WREN. He and the Clerk had taken the decision not to proceed since they could not fulfil one of the fundamentals of the application - providing documented evidence of increased use after the work had been completed. It was agreed to convene a meeting of Parish Hall Working Party to decide next steps.

35. THAMES VALLEY POLICE REPORT

The Clerk reported that this was no longer issued but he understood that it could be found on the TVP web site. Agreed to delete this as a regular agenda item.

36. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

The Council's Inspection for May was signed off by the Chair. The WODC inspection had shown that the chain anchoring the tyre had become detached. RESOLVED: to have this repaired.

The Clerk reported that Creative Play were due to do the repair work on the climbing net and swinging pole on 14 June.

The Clerk reported that the ownership of the Playground land was now registered in the name of the Council at the Land Registry.

It was felt that the event on the Charity Field had been a success.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk should write a letter of thanks to Mr de Petrucci.

37. SUNDRY NOTICES

Well Lane bus stop refuse bin - there had been a request from a Parishioner that a bin be installed at this site.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk should investigate costs.

CPRE Membership - the Clerk announced that membership entitled members of the Council to a discounted entry to sites managed by CPRE, should any Councillors wish to use the membership card.

A4095 closure - the Council had been in contact with Stagecoach and had established that the road was still open to pedestrians and cyclists and that a shuttlebus service would run through Curbridge; Stagecoach had put signs at the bus stops to this effect. It was unclear how this might be co-ordinated to meet the SI schedule.

Parish Hall Working Party Meeting - Monday 20 June, 6.00pm.

Next Meeting - Monday 11 July 2016.

Cllr. Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 11 July 2016