

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 17 October 2016, 6.00pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: D. Cllr. Ben Woodruff, Nigel Parker - Clerk & RFO.

58. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Patrick Foley, C. Cllr. James Mills.

59. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Cllr. Richman in item 64. planning, Downs Road (East) and item 68. repair quote.

60. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2016, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

61. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

Cala Homes - the Clerk reported that he had written to the Chief Executive of Cala Homes requesting compensation for the inconvenience caused to Parishioners by the lengthy closure of the road at the A4095 roundabout, while drainage was installed for the new development. He had received no response, nor to an email enquiry; he would keep trying.

62. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

D. Cllr. Woodruff spoke about timescales on the West Witney (Football Ground); he said that Outline Planning Approval had just been obtained and he was optimistic about the Parish Council's S106 application.

63. FINANCE

The Clerk reported that the Annual audit had been signed off and returned; the Clerk had complied with all the publication requirements.

The Clerk presented the half year budget, saying that the reserves were very healthy - while the Playground budget was likely to be spent, that allocated for the Hall and for Contingencies remained unspent.

He also reported that since the half year, the second payment on the Precept had been received from WODC.

Payments

RESOLVED: that the following accounts should be paid: WODC (various services) £367.93, Thames Water (Parish Hall) £23.23, BDO LLP (annual Audit) £120.00, Creative Play (Playground) £234.00, HMRC (PAYE Q2) £180.00, Clerk's expenses Apr-Sept £56.79, Clerk (Oct) £176.00; Cleaning (Oct) £64.00.

Bank balance at 30 September 2016: £6,300.65.

64. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 16/02585/HHG & 16/02586/LBC Thatched Cottage, Main Road - various alterations. Application withdrawn.
- 16/02583/HHD Longs Cottage, Main Road - 2 storey & 1 Storey extension. Application withdrawn.
- 16/03298/FUL Land north of Glebe Cottage - 5 new dwellings. RESOLVED: to object on the grounds of over-development and backfilling not in keeping with Curbridge.
- 16/003262/FUL Land at Down Road (East) - common infrastructure. RESOLVED: no objections, but to seek clarification/confirmation of attenuation pond and tree screening, and to enquire about possible developer funding for the Village.
- 16/03082/OUT Storage Yard, Downs Road - new warehouse and offices. RESOLVED: no objections.

65. PARISH WEBSITE

Cllr Gannon reported that he had been investigating options for setting up the Council's own web site to replace its part of the current Curbridge and Lew website. The Council wanted something that could be more proactive and easier to communicate with Parishioners.

The Clerk had been in touch with the current 'Administrator', Mr Paul Kelly, who was equally happy to carry on or to see the Council take over.

Cllr. Gannon had been quoted around £400 set-up costs, £185 for data transfer and £10 per month for the domain name. He and Cllr. M Wilson agreed that they would manage the site and its contents.

RESOLVED: that the Council would proceed.

66. LAND AT MAIN ROAD/A4095

The County Council had repaired the railings that had been damaged by the Travellers. Cllr. Gannon had been looking into moving the bars at one end, to create some parking space; also, improving security with some form of ditch or mound. Cllr. Richman suggested that a ditch or mound surround would spoil the appearance of the area and it was agreed that, should this go ahead, it would be at the ends only. This item was then deferred, pending permission from the County Council, who own the land.

67. PARISH HALL

The Clerk reported he had submitted the application to WODC Community Fund for the building works but had been advised that successful criteria include evidence of need and support as well as evidence of increased use after the work. Since none of these were available, the application had been withdrawn.

68. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

A quote of £300 had been received for substantial repair to the timbers around the Multiplay.

RESOLVED: to go ahead with this.

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

69. SUNDRY NOTICES

Woodland Trust - the Clerk said that he had received an offer for Volunteers to help with the tree planting in Curbridge in November; it was agreed to take up this offer.

Next Meeting - Monday 14 November 2016.

Cllr. Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 14 November 2016