

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 14 November 2016, 6.00pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: C. Cllr. James Mills, D. Cllr. Ben Woodruff, Nigel Parker - Clerk & RFO. One member of the public, for a Planning issue.

70. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

71. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

72. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2016, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

73. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

Cala Homes - the Clerk reported that his letter to the Chief Executive of Cala Homes remained unacknowledged despite three follow-up emails and one telephone conversation. The Council asked that the Clerk should keep trying and that he add to the request for compensation that the following should be put right: no dropped kerb on the pavement outside the 'estate', a narrowing of the path leading to the bypass bridge and damage to the road and kerb at the junction of Downs Road and Witney Road.

Housing development at Downs Road (East) – the Clerk reported that he had received reassurances from WODC Planning about the attenuation pond and tree screening but that no Section 106 money was available. The Council pointed out that the pond was originally planned for south of the bypass, not north as suggested by Planning. The Clerk to investigate further.

74. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

C. Cllr. Mills spoke about the Daytime Support services in the County and encouraged the Council to support their continuation.

D. Cllr. Woodruff spoke about the draft Local Plan consultation open until 23 December. There was some discussion about the merits of having a Neighbourhood Plan; Cllr. Courtney offered to research this.

75. FINANCE

The Clerk reported that he had returned for clarification the invoice from H A King & Sons for verge cutting; last year the hourly charge had been £30, this year £50.

Payments

RESOLVED: that the following accounts should be paid: WODC (Playground Inspection) £26.90, Clerk (Nov) £176.00; Cleaning (Nov) £64.00.

Bank balance at 1 November 2016: £10,578.20.

76. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 16/03438/HHD & 16/03439/LBC Thatched Cottage, Main Road - 1 storey extension, revised application. RESOLVED: no objections but strong concerns about dangerous on-road parking.
- 16/03441/HHD Longs Cottage, Main Road - 2 storey extension, revised application. RESOLVED: no objections but concerns over on-road parking.
- 16/03363/FUL Industrial Unit 5, Downs Road - new fence and lighting. RESOLVED: no objections.
Cllr. Gannon offered to contact Highways about these parking problems.

77. PARISH WEBSITE

Cllr Gannon signed the contract "Town and Parish Websites" as resolved at the last meeting. He said that he was busy collecting all the documents needed for the new site. The Clerk that he was applying for a grant to cover the costs; he said that one criterion is that the site is being set up with the purpose of complying with the Transparency Code.

78. LAND AT MAIN ROAD/A4095

After concern from a Parishioner about old cars being parked at the entrance to Curbridge, the Clerk had written to the owner of the land and these had now been moved out of sight.

Following a meeting between Cllr. Gannon and Mr Paul Wilson from OCC, it had been agreed that the railings could be moved to allow possible extra parking.

RESOLVED: to accept Mr Tom Richman's quote of £330 for doing this, but allow for a small amount extra as Cllr. Gannon thought that the cost of materials had been under estimated.

Cllr. Gannon was arranging for a delivery of topsoil to create a security bund at either end of this site, currently free-of-charge.

79. PARISH HALL

Cllr. Gannon said that there had been an electrical problem during the recent bye-election polling and that Tech Lech had been called out. He had also found some woodworm recently.

RESOLVED: that 5 litres of woodworm treatment be purchased.

The Clerk reported that he was in the middle of investigating the validity of the Building regulations that were about to expire. He was hopeful that an extension could be obtained.

80. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

Creative Play were in the process of carrying out some repairs, which were under guarantee.

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

81. SUNDRY NOTICES

Citizens Advice West Oxfordshire

RESOLVED: to make a donation of £100 to this Charity, to support its work in the community.

WODC/Town and Parish Meeting - Cllr Courtney offered to attend this meeting on 8 December.

BT Payphone - BT are proposing to remove 72 under-used boxes in West Oxon, including the one in Curbridge.

RESOLVED: the Council would not oppose this move.

Table Tennis table - the availability of a table in the Hall could encourage use of the Hall as well as being a Parish amenity.

RESOLVED: to purchase a table and equipment at a cost of around £150 .

Police - PCSO Tracy Waller had been in touch; the Council had no issues at present.

Hedge Planting - the Clerk had received 105 hedge plants from the Woodland Trust. Working party of Cllrs. Richman, T Wilson, Courtney, Mr F Richman and the Clerk to meet 1.00pm Monday 21 November to dig-in the plants.

Next Meeting - Monday 12 December 2016.

Cllr. Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 12 December 2016