

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 10 August 2015, 6.00pm.

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

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

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Patrick Foley

53. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Cllr. Gannon in Finance - wage adjustment.

54. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2015, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

55. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

Land alongside A4095 for building development - no further news.

North Curbridge/Downs Road development - nothing further had been heard from Barton Willmore, the Developers. A meeting is planned between Cllr. Gannon, D. Cllr. Woodruff and Mr Shaw of WODC Planning, to discuss the issues that the Parish Council had raised and to see how the Parish might obtain funding from future developments. D. Cllr. Woodruff said that any applications should not be general but for specific items and with costs. Cllr. Gannon said that while we wanted funds for traffic calming measures, WODC would reply that it was not their business but that of OCC Highways; at the meeting with Mr Shaw, he said he would take along some costs for Village Hall renovations.

56. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

D. Cllr. Woodruff alerted the Council to the OCC review of re-cycling sites. The Clerk said that he had received a letter from OCC to this effect.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk should respond, supporting strongly the continuation of operations at Dix Pit, Stanton Harcourt.

57. SPEEDING IN LEW

The Council discussed the correspondence between Mr Tom Delaney, a Lew Resident, and various OCC departments. It noted the considerable reduction in speeding since the introduction of the 40mph limit. The Clerk had been in touch

with the Police about the availability of the temporary "SpeedWatch" signs, about which Mr Delaney had been advised.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk should order some of the signs, request Mr Delaney to erect them in Lew, provide Mr Delaney with the rules for erection, erect some himself in Curbridge but first check with the PC Insurers that we are covered for this action.

58. FINANCE

The Clerk reported that he was still having issues with the Bank who were maintaining that they had no 'Personal Details' for Cllr. Foley and, until they had, they could not acknowledge the Clerk as being on the account. The Clerk said that Cllr. Foley had completed and returned the form twice and, despite letters and bank visits, he was going to have to ask the Councillor to complete the form for a third time.

The Clerk had requested that his and Mrs Gannon's wages be adjusted to a round figure. At present, because both sums contained odd pence, the tax changed every month, the Standing Order had to be changed and signed every month and the Clerk had to take the form into the Bank every month.

RESOLVED: that the changes be made, resulting in an increase for the Clerk to £220.00 pm, an increase of £6.84 pa, and for Mrs Gannon to £80.00 pm, an increase of £5.14 pa.

The Clerk reported that last month the Bank had incorrectly paid Mrs Gannon the amount paid to the Clerk; she had subsequently paid the amount back into the bank and a cheque was being issued for her July wages.

The Clerk reported that his long running dispute with WODC over their invoices had resulted in a Credit of £182.16 for overcharges for Field Cutting last year.

RESOLVED: that the following accounts should be paid: Clerk (Aug) £178.20; Cleaning (July) £63.58, (Aug) £65.28; WODC various services £490.12 and £188.33; Tech-Lec, Village Hall Electrical Inspection £330.00.

The Clerk reported the bank balance at 31 July to be £6,782.49.

Mr John Pole had approached the Parish Council, requesting a contribution towards the cost of tree lopping in the Churchyard.

RESOLVED: to contribute 50% of the cost, which would amount to £270.00 including VAT.

59. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

15/02382/FUL, Witney Lakes Resort - change of use of 1 unit.

RESOLVED: no objections.

15/02768/FUL, Manor Farm, Main Road - upgrade of mobile telecoms base.

RESOLVED: no objections.

15/02389/FUL, Meggetts Cottage, Lew Road - loose box for use as animal shelter.

RESOLVED: no objections.

60. VILLAGE HALL

The Electrical Inspection had been undertaken and a Safety Certificate issued until July 2020.

Following this Council meeting, there was to be a first meeting of the Village hall Working Party, the aims of which are to discuss and action any agreed plan for helping to make the Hall a more viable operation.

61. THAMES VALLEY POLICE REPORT

Their report had been circulated previously.

62. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

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

63. SUNDRY NOTICES

Risk Assessment and Asset Register - the Clerk reported that the Risk Assessment needed updating and that would be a good time to reconsider the Asset Register. In response to a query about valuations, he said that he would make enquiries about the difference between insurance valuations and asset register valuations and how the valuation of land held sat in all this.
RESOLVED: the Clerk and Cllr. M Wilson would carry out the work.

Brize Norton Parish Council - Cllrs. Courtney and T Wilson had attended a meeting at this Parish about building development. Subsequently, CLPC had been asked to sign up to the arguments and conditions being put forward to the Planning Inspectorate by BNPC. After debate, it was
RESOLVED - not to sign.

Next Meeting - due to a clash with Witney Feast, it was
RESOLVED - to change the next meeting date to Monday 7 September.

Cllr. Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 7 September 2015