

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 7 September 2015, 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, 2 Members of the Public.

64. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

65. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

66. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 August 2015, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

67. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

North Curbridge/Downs Road development - meeting between Cllr. Gannon, D. Cllr. Woodruff and Mr Shaw of WODC Planning to be arranged.

Police speeding posters - the Clerk confirmed that he had obtained these and had given one set to Mr Delaney, who had displayed them in Lew. Others would be put up in Curbridge by the Clerk and Cllr. M Wilson.

Risk Assessment and Asset Register - to be conducted by the Clerk and Cllr. M Wilson.

68. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

D. Cllr. Woodruff said that the Local Plan Hearing date was to be 6 October, with the committee reconvening at the end of November. Cllr. Courtney offered to attend the Hearing.

C. Cllr. Mills updated the Council on various County matters, including Recycling sites and the closure of all the County's Children's Centres.

69. WORK ALONGSIDE A4095

Cllr. T Wilson reported that while the clear-up work done by Mr Valentine had made the area more pleasing on the eye, he had received several complaints that the pathway was now obstructed. The Members of the Public confirmed this, saying that loose earth had been laid over the concrete and it was now

very difficult for pedestrians, especially those with prams and pushchairs. Cllr. Gannon said that he had already spoken to Mr Valentine, with a view to getting a pathway cleared over the concrete. Cllr. T Wilson urged that this be done as soon as possible.

The Council had obtained a quotation for replacing 10 damaged posts in the same area; this amounted to £855, which the Clerk said was unbudgeted and such a sum was not, at present, available.

RESOLVED: to revisit this matter later in the financial year.

70. FINANCE

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Foley had now completed his 'Personal Details' for the third time; the Bank's response was to say that they did not have the Mandate Change Form that had been given to them back in November .

RESOLVED: that the following accounts should be paid: Clerk (Sept) £176.00; Cleaning (Sept) £64.00, SSE Village Hall £290.42; Executive Fire Protection service Village Hall £45.21; Playsafety annual playground inspection £85.20.

RESOLVED: that the grants for churchyard maintenance should be paid at the same level as last year: St Mary's Witney (for St John the Baptist, Curbridge) £350.00 and Holy Trinity, Lew £350.00.

71. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

15/02382/FUL, Witney Lakes Resort - change of use of 1 unit, granted by WODC Planning.

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

15/02524/FUL, Ditcham Farm, Lew - part conversion of barn to 1st floor self contained living accommodation.

RESOLVED: no objections.

15/02933/FUL, Witney Lakes - erection of Greenkeepers shed.

RESOLVED: no objections.

14/02214/HHD, Brookfield, 100 Well Lane. A possible breach of the planning consent had been reported to the Council and the Clerk had passed this on to WODC Planning. Response awaited.

72. VILLAGE HALL

The Clerk had produced minutes for the first meeting of the Village Hall Working Party, held on 10 August, attached to these minutes.

Cllr. Courtney offered to help the Clerk in researching possible grants.

Cllr. Gannon reported a recent booking enquiry but thought that this was unlikely to be secured due to the lack of parking.

73. THAMES VALLEY POLICE REPORT

Their report had been circulated previously. No comments.

74. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

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

The Clerk produced the ROSPA Inspection report that Cllr. Gannon would read and report back at the next meeting.

75. SUNDRY NOTICES

A4095 Main Road Junction to Witney Roundabout - Cllr. Courtney spoke of the obstructing, overhanging growth on the footpath. The Clerk said that he was in touch with OCC Highways about this.

Main Road - Cllr. Courtney reported what he thought to be subsidence in the road outside Grey Gable house.

RESOLVED: the Clerk should contact OCC Highways about this.

Daffodil Planting - Cllr. Richman said that she would purchase daffodils with some money left over from the Social Club funds and plant them in public areas around Curbridge. The Council thanked her for this.

Next Meeting - Monday 12 October.

Cllr. Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 12 October 2015