

# CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 12 December 2016, 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. One member of the public.

### 82. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Patrick Foley

### 83. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Cllr. Richman in Planning - Land off Well Lane, adjacent to her property.

### 84. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2016, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 85. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

Cala Homes - the Clerk reported that he had written again to the Chief Executive of Cala Homes but again had received no response.

At the instigation of Cllr. Gannon, the Clerk had met with representatives of OCC Highways to discuss dropped kerbs on the pavement outside the 'estate'. Highways had agreed that these should be installed by Cala Homes. No further action.

Housing development at Downs Road (East) - the Clerk was still awaiting a response from WODC Planning about the site of the attenuation pond. They had told him that they has a meeting with the Developers later in the week.

Verge cutting - the Clerk said that, following the last meeting, he had returned the invoice from HA King for clarification but had heard nothing since.

Posts at Main Road/A4095 - as advised by Cllr. Gannon, the cost of repairs and renewal of the posts were higher than the original estimate, £470 as opposed to £330.

Cllr. Gannon was arranging for a delivery of topsoil to create a security bund at either end of this site.

RESOLVED: to pay the supplier a small gratuity 'in kind'.

## **86. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

C. Cllr. Mills and D. Cllr. Woodruff spoke about the possibility of an Elected Mayor for Oxford and the ramifications of this for the County and the District.

They also explained likely changes to refuse collection.

## **87. FINANCE**

The Clerk had updated his Year-end estimate produced for the October meeting and he presented his budget for 2017/2018. This showed an increase in expenditure of around £1,000 to cover the purchase of playground equipment; this together with a budget figure of £2,000 for Parish Hall renovation (not spent this year) meant a deficit for next year of £2,914. The Clerk said that the Council could afford for this to come from Reserves, leaving the Precept application unchanged at £11,000.

RESOLVED: to accept the Budget for 2017/18.

RESOLVED: to apply for a Precept of £11,000 for 2017/18.

RESOLVED: to start the panelling renovation in the Hall in the current financial year (as per the estimate from Mr T Richman) up to a limit of £1,000.

The Clerk reported receipt of £100 from WODC for Bye-election day Hall hire.

### Payments

RESOLVED: that the following accounts should be paid: Tech-Lec (Parish Hall call out) £48.00; T Richman (posts repair and renewal) £470.00; Citizens Advice West Oxfordshire (charitable donation) £100.00; SSE (Parish Hall) £110.20; SLCC (annual subs) £67.00; WODC (various) £394.79, Clerk (Dec) £176.00; Cleaning (Dec) £64.00.

Bank balance at 1 December 2016: £10,496.30

## **88. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 16/03438/HHD & 16/03439/LBC Thatched Cottage, Main Road - 1 storey extension, revised application. Approved by WODC Planning. Cllr. Gannon said that he was still in negotiations with the owners and OCC Highways about the parking problems outside the property; some progress had been made with the former.
- 16/03343/LBC & 16/03333/HHD Morgans Farm, Lew - conversion of granary to annexe and cow sheds to garage/garden store. RESOLVED: no objections.
- 16/02657/FUL Land off Well Lane - erection of 14 dwellings. This, amended application had come from WODC Planning at very short notice with a deadline before the PC Meeting; the Clerk had canvassed the views of the Council and his response the response to Planning had remained unchanged, viz: "The Parish Council would like to object to this application. We consider that the number of houses are an overdevelopment of the site and out of keeping with the character of the rural nature of the Village". C. Cllr. Mills had reported earlier in the meeting that Outline Planning Permission had been granted for the Application. RESOLVED: that the Clerk should write requesting close co-operation during proceedings and that there should be access to the development onto the A4095.

## **89. PARISH WEBSITE**

Cllr Gannon reported good progress and that the site should soon be live. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr Paul Kelly for all his work on the Village site in the past.

The Clerk said that he had applied for a grant, available for new sites being set up in order to comply with the Transparency Code; he was hopeful of receiving £700.

## **90. PARISH HALL**

The Clerk reported that, following negotiations with WODC, the Parish Council had been granted an extension to the time limit on the Building Regulations and that they would not have to apply anew.

## **91. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD**

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

The WODC Inspection showed the need for weedkilling - Cllr. M Wilson agreed to carry this out.

## **92. SUNDRY NOTICES**

WODC/Town and Parish Meeting - Cllr Courtney gave a brief report on this meeting and said that he would debrief the Council more fully at the next meeting when WODC had published their own notes.

Table Tennis table - Cllr. Gannon said that the Council were now proud owners of a table, bought second-hand, in the Hall.

Land at Main Road/A4095 - Cllr. Gannon reported another incidence of unauthorised horse grazing on this land.

RESOLVED: to purchase 4 trees for planting, with large stakes, to deter this. Cllr. M Wilson agreed to organise.

2017 Meeting dates - Monday 9 January, 13 February, 13 March, 10 April, 8 May, 12 June, 10 July, 14 August, 11 September, 9 October, 13 November, 11 December.

**Next Meeting** - Monday 9 January 2017.

**Cllr. Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council**  
Signed 9 January 2017