

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 13 March 2017, 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, 1 member of the public.

116. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

117. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Cllr Foley in item 122, Planning Application Morgans Farm; Cllr. Gannon in item 121, Employee wages (part).

118. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2017, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

119. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

Housing development at Downs Road (East) - the Clerk was following up with OCC Highways the proposed attenuation pond in the field south of the by-pass.

120. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

D. Cllr. Woodruff explained the new CIL system and said that it was of more monetary benefit to those Parishes who had a Neighbourhood Plan. He said that he would provide 'links' to more information on CIL and a toolkit for Neighbourhood Plans.

C. Cllr. Mills updated the Council on the protracted debate about the proposed Unitary Authority.

121. FINANCE

WODC Service

The Clerk reported that the District Council were increasing their charges for the services provided to the Parish by 3.2% from 1 April.

RESOLVED: to continue with the contract at the new rate.

Employee wages

The recommended annual increase for Clerks was 1%, the same as last year that had been voluntarily forgone by the Clerk.

RESOLVED: to increase the Clerk's remuneration by 1% for both years to £226 per month from 1 April; to hold Mrs Gannon's wages at £80 per month.

Payments

RESOLVED: that the following accounts should be paid: SSE (Parish Hall) £106.39; WODC (playground inspections) £80.71; OALC (annual subs) £133.07; SSE (Parish Hall, contract closure) £24.84; OPFA (annual subs) £40.00; Clerks & Councils Direct (annual subs) £12.00; T Richman (Parish Hall renovations) £160.00; Clerk (Mar) £176.00; Cleaning (Mar) £64.00.

Bank balance at 1 March 2017: £7,126.83.

122. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 16/03990/FUL Lower farm, Lew - erection of games room. Approved by WODC Planning.
- 16/03082/OUT Storage Yard, Downs Road - new warehouses and offices. Approved by WODC Planning, subject to legal agreement.
- 17/00812/HHD Morgans Farm, Lew - conversion of granary to annexe, cowsheds to garage. RESOLVED: no objections.
- 17/00814/LBC Morgans Farm, Lew - refurbishments and erection of glass link to annexe. RESOLVED: no objections.
- 17/00482/HHD Glebe Cottage - erection of single storey extension. RESOLVED: no objections.

123. PARISH WEBSITE

The Clerk had produced a flyer to publicise the new website. Cllrs. Richman, M Wilson and the Clerk took flyers to distribute throughout the Parish.

124. PARISH HALL

RESOLVED: that Cllr. Gannon should obtain a quote for replacing the remaining panels in the Meeting Room, or merely painting them to match those just replaced. The Clerk to investigate timing on the S106 funding.

125. ASSET REGISTER

RESOLVED: to adopt the Register unchanged for Audit.

126. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

The Council's Inspection for February was signed off by the Chair. Cllr. Gannon to look into the cost of refurbishing the Parish's outside benches.

127. SUNDRY NOTICES

Community Led Plan meeting - Cllr. Courtney had attended a meeting chaired by the Mayor of Witney, to elicit views on living in and around Witney. To date, no feedback had been forthcoming.

Community Fibre Broadband - the Clerk had been contacted by BT about setting up a scheme for Parishioners to pay for faster broadband connection. It was felt that this was not needed in Curbridge but that a basic faster connection was needed in Lew. The Clerk to investigate with BT Openreach.

Building proposal adjacent to the Lord Kitchener - the Clerk had been approached by West Waddy ADP about a proposal to build 6 dwellings and stables. They asked to explain the proposals at the next PC meeting. Agreed.

Next Meeting - Monday 10 April 2017.

Cllr. Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 10 April 2017