

# CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 10 April 2017, 6.00pm.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Nigel Parker - Clerk & RFO, 1 member of the public.

### **01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

C. Cllr. James Mills

### **02. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

None.

### **03. MINUTES**

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

### **04. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Housing development at Downs Road (East) - the Clerk had heard from the OCC Drainage Engineer about the proposed attenuation pond in the field south of the by-pass, to the effect that, "I can assure you that you will be getting a new pond in the field before the old culvert. I know that I have checked their design and insisted that it was made larger to cover more of the field and less deep, therefore safer. I assume that it will be constructed at the same time as the roundabout works on the A40. I am afraid that I have no date for the works."

Parish Benches refurbishment - the Chairman said that he had received a quote of £150 per bench. Matter deferred until the next meeting, pending receipt of written quote.

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

None.

### **06. FINANCE**

#### Year End Review

The Clerk reported on the results that he had prepared for the Annual Audit: Income and Expenditure pretty well matched, this despite the £2,000 increase in the Precept; this extra money had been spent on repairs to the Parish Hall and the work done around Curbridge Village Green; the cost of setting up the new Parish web site had been offset by the grant obtained. The Clerk would now prepare the Annual Audit for inspection by the Internal Auditor and presentation at the next PC meeting.

## Payments

RESOLVED: that the following accounts should be paid: HMRC (PAYE Quarter 4) £180.00; WODC (various) £231.54; Community First (annual subs Hall) £50.00; Clerk's Expenses (Oct -Mar) £70.42; Flying Press (wed site flyers) £49.00; Clerk (Apr) £180.80; Cleaning (Apr) £64.00.

Bank balance at 31 March 2017: £6,329.82

## **07. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 16/02721/HHD Willow House, Lew Road - erection 2 storey extensions. Approved by WODC Planning.
- 16/02657/FUL Off Well Lane - erection of 14 dwellings. Approved by WODC Planning, subject to legal agreement.

## **08. PARISH WEBSITE**

The Chairman thanked those who had hand-delivered the flyer. He said that he had received an enquiry about alerts being sent to subscribers when something new had been posted.

RESOLVED: to instruct the web hosts to install this at a price of £40.

## **09. PARISH HALL**

The Clerk had been investigating the timing on the release of S106 funds from the Downs Road (west) development and had been told by WODC Planning, "You will see that we are seeking 30k payable to you before the 150th occupation (but that may change dependent upon the developers response to the draft). Developers usually build at around 50 per year so it would be 3 years or so from first occupation that it would be required from them."

Quotes had been received for a drainage channel alongside the Hall to prevent damp (£310) and for further work on the panelling in the Meeting Room.

RESOLVED: to accept the £310 quote and to have the remaining panelling refurbished to match that already done, at a maximum cost of £200.

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

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

There was some discussion about an enquiry from The Lord Kitchener as to whether the PC would be prepared to rent out some space for car parking, both for Kitchener patrons and for staff at Richmond Village. The Clerk said that any decision to proceed could only be taken at the Charity Field AGM or at a special meeting; he said that the legal position was that "the Field shall be for the use of inhabitants of Curbridge for social and recreational purposes" and, "any income arising from the Charity is applied by the Trustees towards the costs of maintaining the playing field." The general feeling was that the Field belonged to the Village and the Villagers, was an open green space and, while seldom used, should remain as it is.

## **11. SUNDRY NOTICES**

May Meeting - the Clerk reminded that the May meeting was the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, the Annual Parish assembly and the AGM of the Charity Field. The Chairman and Vice Chairman are elected at these meetings.

June Meeting - RESOLVED: to change the date to Monday 5 June, due to holiday commitments.

Next Meeting - Monday 8 May 2017.

**Cllr. Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council**  
Signed 8 May 2017

### **Note**

Before the meeting opened, there was a presentation by Steve Pickles and John Ashton of West Waddy ADP about a proposed development alongside and behind the Lord Kitchener. This is for 6 homes (incl. 2 low cost starter homes), stables and menage. The Council was concerned about further development, following and close to the 14 house Well Lane development, the fact that it would extend the boundary of building in Curbridge and that the access was considered to be a hazard.