

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 5 June 2017, 6.00pm.

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

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

23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Mark Wilson.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Cllr. Gannon in item 19 Planning - Cestria.

25. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2017, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

26. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

Parish benches - Cllr. Gannon was inspecting the state of the benches. Cllr. Foley said that the one in Holy Trinity churchyard needed only cleaning and varnishing.

Parish website - the Clerk and Cllr. Gannon had devised a flyer to advertise the availability of 'alerts' when news was posted on the site. Cllrs. Richman, Courtney and Foley offered to distribute the flyers house-to-house in Well Lane/Bampton Road, Main Road and Lew respectively. D. Cllr. Woodruff kindly offered to produce a display sign.

27. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

The Chair congratulated C. Cllr. Fenton on his election and welcomed him to the meeting.

D. Cllr. Woodruff spoke of the start of work on the Downs Road (East) housing development.

28. FINANCE

Church grants

RESOLVED: to pay both St John and Holy Trinity £350 for maintenance of their churchyards, as per the budget.

Payments

RESOLVED: that the following accounts should be paid: WODC (various) £364.83; T Richman (Parish Hall drainage channel) £310.00; Castle Water (Parish Hall) £22.32; Clerk (June) £180.80; Cleaning (June) £64.00.

Bank balance at 31 May 2017: not available.

29. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 16/03990/FUL & 16/00314/FUL Lower Farm, Lew - discharge of conditions 3,4,6,7,8,9. Granted by WODC Planning
- 17/01318/FUL Glebe Cottage, Lew Road - construction 4 detached dwellings. COMMENT: fresh application still considered to be over-development in a rural location and, should it go ahead, the dwellings would better be built along the road rather than as a cul de sac.
- 17/01243/OUT Land east of Lord Kitchener - erection of up to 6 dwellings. RESOLVED: to object until such time that it is proved that the exit is not hazardous; over-development in a rural location.
- 17/01510/HHD Wises Cottage 1 Batts Row - erection of 1st floor extension. RESOLVED: no objections.
- 17/01318/FUL Cestria, Main Road - replace roof lights with 3 dormer windows. RESOLVED: no objections. Cllr. Gannon left the room for this last item.

30. PARISH HALL

The Clerk reported that he had signed the newer, lower cost, agreement with SSE in February. Recently, SSE had contacted him to say that the contract could not be invoked due to the type of meter in the Hall. Clerk investigating further.

31. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

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

RESOLVED: to order the ROSPA Inspection (cost last year £88.20) for July.

The Clerk had been investigating alternative suppliers for wood chippings. He reported that while the delivery charge from the existing supplier was high, the chippings themselves were much cheaper than elsewhere and taken together, Giffords were the best (cheaper) option (cost last year £540.00).

RESOLVED: to place the order with Giffords.

There was concern about the weeds in the Playground.

RESOLVED: to order 2 weed killing applications per annum from WODC at a cost of £112.20.

32. SUNDRY NOTICES

Earth bunding at The Chippings - the cost of the work done by C R Strainge was £550 plus VAT. While this was more than the Council had hoped, it did compare favourably with the other quote obtained, from Formec at £1,200 plus VAT.

RESOLVED: to pay the account at the next meeting, when the invoice had been received.

Next Meeting - Monday 10 July 2017.

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