

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

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

33. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

C. Cllr. Ted Fenton.

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

35. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2017, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

36. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

Parish benches - Playground bench refurbished, the remainder as needed.

Parish website - the Clerk reported that following the distribution throughout the Parish of the news alert flyer, only 2 people had signed up.

37. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Both the Council and D. Cllr. Woodruff had just received a letter from Dominic Lawson Bespoke Planning about proposals for building housing on the fields in the middle of the Village. There was some initial debate about this, although no details are as yet available. D. Cllr. Woodruff said that this land was not included for building in the Local Plan and therefore, in his view, any application was unlikely to succeed; he offered to sound out the Chief Planning Officer. RESOLVED: to acknowledge the letter and to canvass Parish opinion when more details become available. The letter to be posted on the Parish web site.

38. FINANCE

Payments

RESOLVED: that the following accounts should be paid: HMRC (PAYE Q1) £183.60; C R Strainge (Chippings bunding) £660.00; Giffords Recycling (Playground bark) £540.00; Cottsway Housing (Rent) £5.00; WODC (various) £196.31; T Richman (Playground repairs £300, Parish Hall panelling £200) £500; Castle Water (Parish Hall) £22.17; CPRE (annual subs) £36.00; St Mary's Church (for St Johns, Churchyard maintenance) £350.00; Holy Trinity Church (Churchyard maintenance) £350.00; SSE (Parish Hall) £307.33; Clerk (July) £180.80; Cleaning (July) £64.00.

Bank balance at 30 June 2017: £8,978.51

39. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 17/00812/HHD, 17/00814/LBC Morgans Farm, Lew - discharge of conditions 3,4.5,7. Approved by WODC Planning.
- 17/01510/HHD Wises Cottage, 1 Batts Row - erection of first floor extension. Approved by WODC Planning.
- 17/01318/FUL Glebe Cottage, Lew Road - construction 4 detached dwellings. Approved by WODC Planning.
- 17/01318/FUL Cestria, Main Road - replace roof lights with 3 dormer windows. Approved by WODC Planning.
- 17/01817/FUL Plot C Supergas Ind Est Minster Lovell - installation of 9 LNG powered generators. Complicated application researched by Cllr. Courtney. RESOLVED: to object on grounds of noise, fumes, safety and increased traffic; also to query working hours and prevailing wind calculations.
- 17/01826/FUL Agricultural Building, Lew - erection of agricultural building with bio diversity works. RESOLVED: to object on grounds that the site is not big enough and that the site access is hazardous.
- 17/01257/HHD Glebe Cottage, Lew Road - garage extension with annexe above. RESOLVED: no objections.
- 17/01724/HHD Silvermere, Main Road - loft conversion & front entrance porch. RESOLVED: no objections.
- 17/01664/FUL Lower Farm Lew - conversion of games room to holiday let. RESOLVED: to object on the grounds that Parish Council did not object to the January 2017 application for the erection of the games room “with the proviso that it is not later converted to accommodation”; the Council is concerned also about the effect on the local community by the large number of holiday lets n now on the site, believed to accommodate around 100 people.
- 17/02002/FUL The Bungalow, Lew road - remove bungalow and erect dwelling. RESOLVED: no objections.

40. PARISH HALL

The Clerk reported that he had sorted out the glitch in the new, lower rate, contract with SSE.

41. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

The Council’s Inspection for June was signed off by the Chair.

The weeds had been sprayed, the bark could now be ordered and the ROSPA inspection was due in July.

42. SUNDRY NOTICES

Pony & Trap event - this had passed off without incident, with around 200 traps at the Lord Kitchener, some laying up in the Charity Field.

Hedge cutting - Cllr. Gannon had obtained a quote for cutting back from Main Road/A4095 to the bypass bridge @ £90.00 + VAT.

RESOLVED: to go ahead with this.

Main Road (south) sewage - the Council had received an email from Mr R Baker enquiring whether the sewer pipe might be upgraded. Cllr. Courtney said that he was in contact with Thames Water who had been clearing out the pipe behind the houses. Thames Water had told him that the sewage pipe was designed to accommodate 200 dwellings and at present there were only 90 using it. The Clerk to reply on these lines.

Next Meeting - Monday 14 August 2017.

Cllr. Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 14 August 2017