

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 11 September 2017, 6.00pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: C. Cllr. Ted Fenton, D. Cllr. Ben Woodruff, Nigel Parker - Clerk & RFO, 10 Members of the Public.

53. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

54. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

55. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 August 2017, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

56. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

Meeting with Robert Courts MP

The Clerk informed the Council that Mr Courts was not available on Mondays, to attend a Council meeting. Agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Courts to arrange a suitably convenient alternative.

Planning Training Course

4 Councillors, namely Cllrs. Gannon, Courtney, M and T Wilson and the Clerk confirmed their participation on this WODC course on 13 December.

57. CURBRIDGE TRIANGLE DEVELOPMENT

The Meeting was opened to the public for this item. The Clerk presented the results of the Council's questionnaire, as attached to the minutes.

In the light of the overwhelming opposition to the proposed development, 82% of Respondents being "Against", the Council said that this would be their position in any planning application.

In response to a question from the public, Cllr. Woodruff re-assured the meeting that any list of items drawn up by the Council for S106 developer funding, would not compromise their opposition to the development.

The acceptance by the Inspector of the WODC Local Plan could have an affect on any planning application for this site. A decision was expected at the end of the year.

As things stood, nothing by way of opposition could be done until such time that an application was tendered.

There was some discussion about the document circulated to the Parish by the PR company working on behalf DLPC, Planning Consultants. This was felt to be entirely biased, the questions phrased and ordered in a manner designed to elicit the response that the company wanted.

RESOLVED: that the results of the Parish Council's questionnaire be published on the web site, be sent to the DLPC, be printed and distributed to Parishioners. £150 to cover the cost of both the questionnaire and the results.

58. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

D. Cllr. Woodruff suggested that the Parish should have a "Disaster Action Plan". The Clerk to investigate.

C. Cllr. Fenton said that the discussions over a Unitary Authority were not entirely dead but were in "the long grass". He informed the meeting that there had been a reprieve for Oxfordshire's recycling centres but that, in future, there would be a charge for domestic DIY waste.

59. FINANCE

Annual Audit

The Clerk reported the return of the Audit from the External Auditors, with a clean bill of health, with the one comment that all pages of the minutes should be initialled by the Chairman.

RESOLVED: that the Council approve and accept the Annual Audit and the Auditors' certificate.

HMRC PAYE

The Clerk reported that the Council had received notification of a £200 fine for late notification of the monthly PAYE deduction amounts for its 2 employees. All payments had been made on time. The Clerk apologised to the Council and said that he had appealed the fine on the grounds of recent ill health.

RESOLVED: in the event that the appeal was unsuccessful, to pay the fine.

Southern Electricity

The Clerk said that he was rather taken aback to receive a bill for the Hall for £557.10, considering that he had not so long ago negotiated a cheaper rate. On reading the meters and contacting SSE, he had, instead, received a Credit for £41.05.

Receipts

The Clerk reported a receipt from HMRC of £653.31 for the VAT refund and £200 from WODC for Hall hire for 2 elections.

Payments

RESOLVED: that the following accounts should be paid: Flying Press (questionnaire) £126.32; WODC (various services) £471.52; WEL Medical (defibrillator) £44.88; Executive Fire (Parish Hall inspection) £43.05; OALC (Planning training course) £210.00; BDO LLP (annual audit) £120.00; Clerk (Sept) £180.80; Cleaning (Sept) £64.00.

Bank balance at 1 September 2017: £5,848.61

60. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 17/01812/LBC Lew House (Morgans), Lew - internal alterations to remove wall. Approved by WODC Planning.
- 17/02045/HHD Christies Cottage, Main Road - 2 storey rear extension. Approved by WODC Planning.
- 17/02158/HHD Merry Horn, Main Road - erection of single storey orangery. Approved by WODC Planning.
- 17/01257/HHD Glebe Cottage, Lew Road - garage extension with annexe above. Approved by WODC Planning.
- 17/01318/FUL Land north of Glebe Cottage - discharge conditions 3,4,9,10,11. Part approved by WODC Planning, part refused.
- 16/02657/FUL Land at Well Lane - discharge conditions 3,5,6,8-12,14,17-19. Approved by WODC Planning.
- 17/02518/FUL Duttons House, Lew Road - erection detached dwelling, conversion barn to garage. RESOLVED: No objections.
- 17/02678/RES & 16/03082/OUT Trinity House, Curbridge Business Park - erection of warehouse & offices. RESOLVED: No objections.

61. PARISH HALL

Nothing.

62. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

Cllr. Gannon said that Creative Paly were due this month to make the changes recommended by ROSPA.

He thanked those, all from the Council, who had turned out to spread the bark chippings; he felt that this was such hard word, next year a team should be employed to do it.

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

63. SUNDRY NOTICES

Burford Heigh Street heavy lorries weight restriction - considered to have no impact on Lew or Curbridge, so no action required.

30 mph signs at Lord Kitchener - these were being moved to accommodate the entrance to the new housing at Well Lane. The Developers had assured the Clerk that the footpath would be made good and the new traps would not interfere with the footpath. They had agreed to replant the traps and Cllr. Richman said she would provide them with a list of plants.

Letter re Main Road bus shelter - the Clerk had received a letter from Mr Gunasekera about litter being thrown into his garden through the now redundant window space in the shelter. He wished to block this up.
RESOLVED: that Mr Gunasekera could go ahead and do this, in matching materials.

Abbeymill Homes - Well Lane development - Cllr. Richman drew attention to the use of Well Lane by contractors' lorries.
RESOLVED: that the Clerk should contact the Developers and ask them to stop this practice.

Damage to wall at Lord Kitchener field - the Chairman asked Cllr. Richman to thank Mr Frank Richman for repairing some damage to the wall.

Next Meeting - Monday 9 October 2017.

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