

# **CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 13 November 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, 3 Members of the Public.

### **75. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

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

The Clerk said he was concerned that at least 4 Councillors had homes near to the Curbridge Triangle and though they had no pecuniary interest, this could be construed as a "conflict of interest". Were they to abstain from matters appertaining to the Triangle, the Council would be unable to express a view or take decisions. He, therefore, recommended that the Councillors sign a "Dispensation consent form".

RESOLVED: that the Clerk be empowered to authorise the Councillors' consent forms.

Cllrs. Gannon, Courtney, Richman, M Wilson and T Wilson then completed and signed the forms.

### **77. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2017, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

#### Disaster Action Plan

The Clerk said that the matter was in hand.

#### Abbeymill Homes Development (Well Lane)

The Clerk said that the street names put forward to the District Council had proved to be unacceptable as they were being used elsewhere in Witney. "Dovecote" had been agreed as being relevant to the site.

#### Playground Sign

The "No Dogs" sign had been sourced and put up by Cllr. M Wilson.

### **79. CURBRIDGE TRIANGLE DEVELOPMENT**

The Meeting was opened to the public for this item.

RESOLVED: to incorporate the notes from the first meeting of the Working Party, held 23 October, into these minutes, as attached.

D. Cllr. Woodruff said that he had been in touch with the developers who had given him to understand that they had held a pre-application meeting with WODC; he also learned that the developers would be carrying out an ecology survey in the fields in the Spring.

The next meeting of the Working Party would follow immediately after this Council meeting.

The meeting was closed to the public.

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

C. Cllr. Fenton spoke about the new Oxfordshire Growth Board and its accelerated house building plan.

## **81. FINANCE**

### 6 monthly accounts

The RFO presented the accounts for the 6 month period ending 30 September 2017. He said that, so far as could be seen, given the seasonal imbalance of expenditure, the figures were very much in line with the budget. There was no overspend, while Parish Hall takings, with 2 elections and the Triangle Exhibition, were higher than budgeted.

RESOLVED: to adopt the 6 month accounts.

### Payments

RESOLVED: that the following accounts should be paid: Stocksigns (Playground) £23.71; Clerk (Nov) £180.80; Cleaning (Nov) £64.00.

### Receipts

The RFO reported that the second tranche of the Precept had been received.

Bank balance at 1 November 2017: £8,107.07.

## **82. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 17/02956/OUT Land East of Lord Kitchener - erection 2 dwellings, replacement stables and menage. Approved by WODC Planning.
- 16/02657/FUL Land off Well Lane - discharge Condition 7. Approved by WODC Planning.
- 17/01817/FUL Plot C Supergas Minster Lovell - storage of liquified gas. Approved by WODC Planning.
- 17/03002/AGR Duttons Farm Lew, construction of open haybarn. Approved by WODC Planning.
- 16/02721/HHD Willow House, Lew Road - discharge Condition 3. Approved by WODC Planning.
- 17/03252/RES & 16/01450/OUT Land at Downs Road - offices, hotel & 257 homes (details). RESOLVED: no objections.
- 17/03331/FUL & 17/01826/FUL Agricultural Building, Lew - revised scheme, building with bio-diversity works. RESOLVED: object on grounds of hazardous access, close proximity to old railway bridge.
- 17/03427/FUL Duttons Farm, Lew Road - conversion of stables into bedroom. RESOLVED: no objections.

### **83. PARISH HALL**

Redecorating of both doors and all the external windows to take place. Cllr. Gannon said he was concerned about the poor state of the kitchen and toilets that were making it unfit for hiring out.

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

The Council's Inspection for October was signed off by the Chair. The tyre had been repaired.

### **85. SUNDRY NOTICES**

Lord Kitchener events - the Council had been approached the LK to see if it could use the field to put on sporting events for groups in the Field, to be organised by a company called "Max Events". The LK was offering discounted charges to Villagers.

RESOLVED: to agree to the request, on proof of 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Liability insurance, but a charge to be made for hiring the field, rather than a residents' discount. The Clerk to investigate further.

Tree planting - the Clerk said that free trees were again available this year from the Wychwood Project.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk should arrange for the delivery of 100 saplings.

#### RAF Brize Norton Liaison Committee

The next meeting was on 5 December. Cllr. M Wilson offered to attend.

#### Road markings

It was pointed out that the markings and weight limit signs at the Main Road/Starham Lane junction needed attention.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk should contact OCC Highways.

**Next Meeting** - Monday 11 December 2017.

**Cllr. Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council**  
Signed 11 December 2017