

# CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL

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## Ist Meeting Curbridge Triangle Working Party Monday 23 October 2017 - Notes

**Present:** Glenn Gannon (Chair), Sue Richman, John Courtney, Tony Wilson, Mark Wilson, Ed Stuart, Val Pole, Richard Smith, Roger Smith, Phil Boddington, Nigel Parker (Scribe).

**Apologies:** Bob Knight.

**The Chair:** There was a short debate about possible conflicts of interest. Since the working party was acting on behalf of/helping out the Parish Council, who in turn were representing the Parishioners and carrying out their mandate, established through the PC survey, it was considered that there was no conflict of interest.

**Dominic Lawson Bespoke Partnership:** invitations to their “Design Workshop” in the Parish Hall 10 & 11 November had been received. It was up to individuals how they approached this event but Working Party members might want 1) not to cold shoulder it, 2) gather information, 3) not give anything away and, 4) see how the application might be delayed.

**CLPC Response:** everyone to consider the draft response written by Nigel and pass to him any comments, amendments, additions **All. Roger** already had a list of items to add to the Ecology section. Additionally, at start of the AbbeyMill Well Lane development, some people, believed to be from Southampton University, had been seen doing an ecological survey. **Nigel** to contact AbbeyMill to try to find out more and pass any information to **Roger and Phil**.

**Val** offered to cross reference the draft objections against the various planning policies that she had researched.

It was suggested that expert, paid for, advice might be needed. **Val** offered to contact the Hailey Action Group to see how much money they raised, how and what they spent it on.

It was also suggested that we should approach both our local MP and find out the names of the Planning Committee members, with a view to influencing them. **Nigel**

It was felt that the main obstacles to a successful objection were 1) the lack of a finalised WODC Local Plan and 2) that it is not for builders to say why they should be able to build somewhere but for the locals/objectors to say why they should not. **Nigel** to write to Planning to try to establish a date for the adoption of the Plan and to see if upcoming applications could be deferred until the Plan was signed off.

**Wish List:** a new Parish Hall with car park and a new playground were considered to be top of the list. These would also have the effect of delaying the process. Val had examined the Hall purchase documents and felt that there was no covenant on a sale by the PC. Glenn was obtaining a valuation. **Glenn** to progress this idea.

Val had done some research on Village populations and local shops. Even with the extra population that would be generated by the development, a shop in Curbridge was not considered to be viable, especially given our close proximity to Witney.

The next most popular ideas were a cycle path into Witney and various road safety measures. Need to sort these between Highways and Developers responsibilities, **Glenn** and **Group** to develop.

**Next Meeting: 7.00pm Monday 13 November**, Parish Hall, after the next PC meeting.

**Nigel**  
**26 October 2017**