

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 3rd June 2019, 6pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Ted Fenton (county cllr.) Three members of the public, Howard Higgins (Clerk & RFO)

25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

26. NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

RESOLVED: Glenn welcomed Angela as a co-opted member of the Parish Council. This had been agreed by the whole of the Parish Council. Declaration of acceptance of office has been completed. Also register of interests completed by Angela.

27. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Declaration by Glenn in respect of preferred supplier for the play area refurbishment. See item 34.

28. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2019, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

29. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

Clerk provided recent update in respect of the review of polling districts and places. From the returning officer representations there is no proposed change to the the continued use of the Parish Hall for polling.

30. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Outstanding query from the parish meeting of 8 April 2019 in respect road at the Well Lane Development (Dovecote Place) which varied from the plans. In the absence of Ben Woodruff (District Councillor), Ted Fenton had established that the planning officers did consider this not to be a material change from the plans.

In respect of the new roundabout on the A40 Ted advised further signage is due to be put in place given the continued accidents. With the introduction of the A40 junction there has been noticed an increase in traffic through Well Lane and concerns were raised over HGVs using the road which is clearly not suitable. Glenn queried if a weight limit could be introduced but Ted did advise this was an expensive and slow process. Ted was asked if he look into what can be done.

Mark asked Ted if any further action in respect of the painting of lines needed at the Main Road/Bampton Road junction. Clerk confirmed this had been reported on Fixmystreet. There is no known date for when this will be addressed.

Clerk has been asked by a couple of residents if the grass can be cut back from the path running along the A4095 between Main Road and Well Lane. Ted confirmed it is current County policy to only cut once per year. This is insufficient for the path to be kept clear. RESOLVED: Glenn advised he will arrange for this to be cut (there will some cost to the Parish).

A meeting was due to be arranged by Ben Woodruff with the planning officers in respect of the VDS. This is still outstanding and the clerk confirmed a reminder had been sent to Ben which was acknowledged by Ben. General dissatisfaction was expressed by those present at the perceived lack of action by Ben.

Ted offered his apologies in advance for the July meeting as he will be away.

31. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Richard Smith advised of a small change to the VDS in respect of the ecological survey and further details provided by Roger Smith.

32. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 19/01230/FUL - Erection of workshop and change of use of rear garden of Rose Dene to form parking for Macs Garage. RESOLVED: no comments.

33. FINANCE

RESOLVED: Cheques for signing: Salary (£224.00); 5 years ground rent (£25.00); Hedge-cutting for previous years (£144.00); Water (£7.48); Printing (£47.48); Electricity (£250.78); St Johns Church maintenance (£350.00); Holy Trinity Church maintenance (£350.00).

The ground rent and hedge-cutting are very late invoices only received since the last meeting but within the statutory time limits for when payment would have been due.

Bank balance as at 1st May 2019 = £13,623.93 (Statement to 1st June not available at time of this meeting).

34. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

May inspection signed by Chairman. The council report for May also mentioned the weeds that need to be cleared. Parish Council under the impression this should be done as part of the Ubico grass cutting and bin emptying. ACTION POINT: Clerk to contact Ubico to establish the position in respect of weed control.

Glenn has obtained a revised quote from the preferred supplier. Due to Glenn declaring an interest (was not aware that a relative worked for this supplier until negotiating the revised quote) Glenn abstained from any further discussion and decision-making as to whether or not to continue with the preferred supplier. The clerk confirmed that he has been advised that the S106 funds have been released. RESOLVED: The amount of S106 funding is a little under the quote but there was unanimous agreement by the Parish Council (no vote by Glenn) to use the preferred supplier.

35. SUNDRY NOTICES

- Pint-of-life event due at the Lord Kitchener on 24 June 2019. Clerk had received an e-mail from the landlord of the LK asking when the leaflets would be distributed and also may be to double up with a flyer from the LK. After discussion it was not deemed appropriate for the Parish Council to include a flyer from the LK when the pint-of-life leaflet cost has been met by and distribution arranged by the Parish Council. RESOLVED: Leaflets to be distributed on or close to 15 June.
- Clerk noted that the ties holding a couple of signs to the gate of the LK field had been cut or broken. RESOLVED: Mark provided cable ties and the clerk to put back on the gate.
- Clerk has still had not received any revised quote from Ubico for the dog bin to be sited by the LK field. RESOLVED: Due to the lack of response by Ubico alternative action to be taken. Approval given for clerk to source bin direct and put in place given the inaction by Ubico.

Next Meeting - Monday 8th July

Cllr. Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 8th July 2019