

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 10th February 2020, 6pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Two members of the public, Howard Higgins (Clerk & RFO)

110. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ted Fenton (County Councillor).

111. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

112. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2020, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

113. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

114. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

District and County Councillors not present. Clerk reported on letter sent to OCC following last meeting:

- OCC advised patching work had taken place on Main Road though observations at the time of this meeting showed water still collecting on road. Noisy drain covers identified on Main Road following resurfacing. RESOLVED: Clerk to report to OCC.
- Road Markings (A4095/Main Road Junction), Cycle Path & pavement (along A4095 between Main Road and Well Lane), Broken Railings (A4095). No response to any of these items by OCC. RESOLVED: Clerk to chase for a response.
- Collapsed road sign (A4095 between Main Road and Dovecote Close). OCC have replaced.
- Pedestrian/bridleway crossing on Downs Road. OCC have informed that the barrier repairs are the responsibility of the developer. Clerk has advised OCC that the push buttons on the crossing are still not functioning and therefore the crossing is currently non-operational.

Pot holes are regularly appearing along Well Lane. The road is still in a poor state of repair. The patching works from last year include an area where the water collects due to road surface now being below the level of drains. RESOLVED: Clerk to report on Fixmystreet to OCC.

115. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

No further update.

116. PLANNING APPLICATIONSILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

- 20/00011/HDD - Erection of single and two storey extension to include front and rear dormer. 2 Hill View, Lew. RESOLVED: no comments

117. DOCUMENTS

Updated Financial Regulations and Standing Orders completed by clerk to reflect recommended models. RESOLVED: Updated Financial Regulations and Standing Orders adopted.

118. FINANCE

Glenn advised that the Play Area has been completed but the barriers remain in place to give chance for grass to recover. RESOLVED: balancing amount due under contract authorised.

RESOLVED: One cheque issued prior to meeting to meet unexpected works on Play Area (£2,574).

RESOLVED: Cheques for signing: Water (£7.80); Play area completion balance (£8,100).

Bank balance as at 31st January 2020 = £25,201.99. Direct debit mandate completed for Water bill.

Clerk advised of new Electricity supply contract for the Parish Hall.

VAT claim for 2018-19 and April to November 2019 refund received.

Clerk advised the Parish Council has been successful in receiving grants from the County Councillor Priority Fund (thanks to Ted Fenton) for 4 basic electronic speed signs along the A4095 (2 at Lew and 2 at Curbridge). Three different quotes obtained and preferred supplier chosen and is the same based on the grants. General discussion about available options. RESOLVED: 2 basic and 2 better grade signs chosen and this will result in some additional cost over and above the grant and to be met by Parish Council funds. All signs are Solar Powered. Authority given to clerk to use parish funds to meet additional cost (estimated to be in the region of £2,000).

For the electronic speed signs posts will need to be installed. This is to be arranged through OCC. Cost to be established as this may effect funds available for the preferred signs.

119. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

Play Area is currently closed for the reasons stated above. RESOLVED: Safety inspection is due to be arranged by contractor (not yet known if this is a RoSPA level inspection). Parish Council to arrange own RoSPA inspection.

Glenn suggested removal of non-refurbished equipment being the wooden frames toward the front of the Play Area as these have been subject to ongoing repairs due to nature of construction.

RESOLVED: Agreed to removal and Glenn to obtain costing. Litter bin in a poor state and to be removed. Litter situation monitored before considering replacement bin.

Quotes received for replacement play equipment to the wooden frames. RESOLVED: Clerk to apply to WODC for Community Facilities Grant to meet these costs. Also as there was unexpected additional work this to be added to application.

120. SUNDRY NOTICES

- Glenn advised building regulations submitted for Parish Hall facilities upgrade (these paid from past application. Angela queried if plans include for items such as hand driers in the toilets and this to be checked. RESOLVED: Glenn to obtain 3 quotes for work.
- No further news in respect of Lagan Homes development and possible increase in housing.
- The Parish Council expressed their gratitude to Sue Richman who has kindly replanted the tank trap near Dovecote Close.

Next Meeting - Monday 9th March.

Cllr. Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 9th March 2020