

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 9th March 2020, 6pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: One member of the public, Ted Fenton (County Cllr) Howard Higgins (Clerk & RFO)

121. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Patrick Foley.

122. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Declaration by Glenn in respect of planning application 20/00604/HHD. See item 127.

123. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2020, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

124. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

125. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Ted provided an update on OCC matters. This included a new recycling initiative whereby small electrical items could be taken to Carterton or Witney Library (Ted will see if a poster is available for this campaign). The recycling site at Dix Pit will be closed on 24 and 25 March for maintenance.

In the absence of the District Councillor, Ted advised the District Council budget approved and there will be a small increase in council tax.

126. S1 BUS ROUTE

John provided an update after attending a transport meeting. The S1 bus will be providing a service to the new West Witney development. John has been advised this will not affect the service for Curbridge.

127. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 20/00468/FUL - Addition of a small mower shed to complement an existing range of stables and hay barn. Charity Farm, Main Road, Curbridge. RESOLVED: No comments
- 20/00604/HHD - Conversion of loft to create first floor accommodation with two new dormers to front and box dormer to rear. First floor rear extension. 66 Well Lane, Curbridge. RESOLVED: No comments. Glenn abstained from decision making process of the Parish Council.

128. FINANCE

RESOLVED: Cheques for signing: Play area inspections (£59.14); 3 x subs (£12.00, £140.42, £55.00); expenses (£8.52).

Bank balance as at 28th February 2020 = £16,937.29.

Clerk has obtained a couple of costings for post installation for the electronic speed signs as OCC has no funds left. Cost obtained through OCC contact prohibitive. Sign supplier provided a contact and their cost is significantly less even though they do not usually cover this area. Overall costs will be about £11.5K for posts and signs. RESOLVED: Clerk to arrange for posts and electronic signs to be installed. Sufficient funds available from grant and remainder from Parish Council funds.

Clerk advised that unable to apply for Community Facilities Grant to meet additional Play Area costs as not yet on WODC website. Ted provided direct contact for Clerk to progress.

129. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

A RoSPA inspection has been arranged for the Play Area on Monday 16 March. Glenn advised of possible future costs with the fencing for the Play Area and clerk confirmed an allowance has been made in next year's budget.

Glenn provided information in respect of the Lord Kitchener field. A prospective new landlord for the public house has made an approach to using the field for additional parking. RESOLVED: A charge would be appropriate and further details would need to be established for possible costings.

Glenn has been advised that the Lord Kitchener is due to be closed for refurbishment for one month from 5 April.

130. DOCUMENTS

RESOLVED: Clerk to update documents to reflect dates, contact names and to comply with new website accessibility regulations.

131. SUNDRY NOTICES

- Glenn is waiting for quotes for Parish Hall upgrade. Some repairs need to be made to roof (storm damage). RESOLVED: Clerk to check insurance excess value to see if viable to make a claim.
- Website accessibility requirements mean the website needs updating and the website provider has provided a quote. Also a quote for checking document compliance: RESOLVED: Website provider to upgrade website framework to comply with requirements. Clerk to check document compliance for appropriate accessibility.

Next Meeting - Monday 6th April (one week earlier due to bank holiday).

Cllr. Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 6th April 2020