

# **CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**

**Virtual meeting using Zoom software, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021, 6pm.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Three members of the public, Howard Higgins (Clerk & RFO), Ted Fenton (County Cllr.).

### **85. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received.

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

Declaration from Glenn in respect of planning application 20/03316/FUL in that he rents an allotment from the applicants. Abstained from Parish Council decision in item 90 below.

### **87. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

None.

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

Ted provided an update on County Councillors matters. Anticipated overall rise of 3% to Council tax though budget yet to be finalised. Discussion over possible impact of flooding to sewage system and the need for Thames Water to investigate. John advised of 2 open cases to be actioned by Thames Water.

Glenn has requested that litter could be cleared along Starnham Lane (Road to Ducklington) whilst being closed. This had been requested through Ben Woodruff (WODC) whilst the road was shut but Glenn has had no response. As the road is to be shut again in April this is again a chance to clear the litter.

Mark mentioned the very poor state of Well Lane with an excessive amount of pot holes following flooding of the road from water running off the field backing onto the west of Well Lane (Ted to try and escalate). RESOLVED: Clerk to contact OCC about the state of the Well Lane.

District Councillor not present.

### **90. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

● 20/03365/FUL. Erection of a new farm shop and cafe. Ducklington Farm, Course Hill Lane, Ducklington. RESOLVED: There is general support for a farm shop but with reservations over the possible impact of traffic.

■ Concern over the effect of increased traffic on the staggered crossroads junction on the A4095 at Curbridge that will also naturally serve this site;

◆ Safety for pedestrians at a busy junction;

◆ Traffic joining from and accessing a minor road (referred to as Coursehill Lane in the application);

■ The traffic survey was conducted during the November 2020 lockdown period so may not be representative plus the road has since undergone roadworks with further works planned in April 2021 (TTRO T8578).

- 20/03316/FUL. Conversion of existing redundant farm outbuilding to create four self contained living units. Peashell Farm, Downs Road, Curbridge. RESOLVED: Comment similar as for application 20/01349/FUL being:
  - The Bridleway runs along the access road to Peashell Farm. Suggest warning signs should be in place to make drivers aware of the bridleway along the access road. Also, the bridleway needs to be clearly marked through the property for the correct route especially with the level of traffic. This is more the case given the proposed self-catering and thus visitors who would not know the access road is also a bridleway.

The following 2 planning application received after publication of the agenda and addressed at this meeting:

- 21/00114/HHD. Replacement gate access (retrospective). Willow House, Lew Road, Curbridge. RESOLVED: No comments
- 21/00113/HHD. Erection of a single storey side extension to approved annex. Alterations to the approved wood cladding at the front and chimney side elevation to natural stone of the main annex (part retrospective). Willow House, Lew Road, Curbridge. RESOLVED: No comments

## **91. FINANCE**

Cheque payments made: Parish Hall works and extras (£7,776); Parish hall flood prevention measures (£94.98).

Bank balance as at 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 = £14,955.71. Clerk has submitted a VAT refund claim to HMRC.

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

Play Area COVID-19 risk assessment reviewed and no change.

January inspection signed by Chairman.

## **93. SUNDRY NOTICES**

- Parish hall has some plumbing work to finish. Glenn has negotiated with the kitchen supplier to receive a cooker and fridge at no extra cost in return for accepting a colour mismatch with the kitchen finish. Some further items will be needed (eg first aid kit). ACTION POINT: Glenn to check items required.
- The Parish Hall was subject to some flooding due to build-up of surface water to the rear of the property. This was addressed by Mark and Glenn. Glenn expressed thanks to Mark and Sally. A sump has been dug out and a pump used to address the excess water. Longer term fix to be considered (extra soakaway).
- Standing orders, Code of Conduct and Child Protection documents reviewed. RESOLVED: no changes.

**Next Meeting** - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

**Cllr. Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council**  
**Signed 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**