

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 14th February 2022, 6pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Howard Higgins (Clerk & RFO), Ted Fenton (County Cllr.), Ben Woodruff (District Cllr.).

97. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

98. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

99. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2022, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

100. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

Stagecoach have advised they have no plans to make any changes to the network in response to the Parish Council query about the future route of the S1. Clerk advised that S106 funds are available from the development at Colwell Green.

101. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Ben provided an update on district council matters. A screening application has been submitted in respect of a proposed development by Ducklington and this is being dealt with by planning officers. The user of the land close to the Main Road/A4095 junction has agreed to comply with the enforcement notice to clear the land.

Ted provided an update on county council matters. The budget has been agreed and that element of the council tax will increase by 5%. Ted made aware of traffic using the alley that connects Dovecote Place and Well Lane. RESOLVED: clerk to send Ted a map to show the exact location so that he can report this for remedial action.

Glenn advised of the results of the traffic survey through Lew. The survey indicated general compliance with the 40mph speed limit. It is estimated that costs would be in the region of £5K to apply for a reduction of the speed limit to 30mph and there is no guarantee that such an application would be successful given the general compliance with the current 40mph speed limit.

The 20mph request for Well Lane is part of a county wide scheme. Clerk reported the survey of Well Lane residents showed support for the scheme. RESOLVED: these findings are to be sent to Oxfordshire County Council. 20mph and traffic calming measures also discussed for Main Road.

102. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 22/00023/HHD - Small Garden studio (timber cladding and glass windows). The Hayloft, Duttons Farm Barns, Lew Road, Curbridge. RESOLVED: no comments.
- 22/00105/FUL - Conversion of existing barn into a dwelling house together with associated works. University Farmhouse, Lew. RESOLVED: no comments.

The following application was received after publication of the agenda:

- 22/00042/HHD - Pool house and dormer windows to existing garage/workshop. Field House, Lew Road, Curbridge. RESOLVED: The Parish Council made the following observations:
 - The dormer windows were constructed at the same time as the roof construction under 19/00905/HHD which was a clear breach of those planning conditions. For the avoidance of doubt the dormers were not added subsequent to the completion of that construction;
 - The pool house and dormers are clearly in view from the public footpath that runs from Lew Road to Brize Norton;
 - A planning application for a very recent nearby development that is not visible from the public footpath was rejected by WODC planning officers. This included the stated reason of its siting, design, massing and scale not forming a logical compliment to the scale and pattern of development for the site or wider area.

103. FINANCE

Cheques for signing: Wages addition (£32); CFO subs (£55); play area inspections (£61.30); flyers (£18.11); Lew traffic survey (£300).

Bank balance as at 31st January 2022 = £8,475.79.

104. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

January inspection signed by Chairman.

The problem with rabbits digging in the Play Area has reduced but will continue to be monitored. A quote for a rabbit proof fence was cost prohibitive.

Additional play bark has been added but more may be required later this year.

105. SUNDRY NOTICES

- Standing orders, Code of conduct and Safeguarding policy all reviewed and to be updated.
- Dog fouling is becoming an increasing problem in the the area. RESOLVED: clerk to investigate further signage.
- Queen's Jubilee discussed and thoughts given to tree planting towards the far end of the recreation ground.
- There is a preferred contractor for the Parish Hall and it may be difficult to obtain quotes for lower value work. RESOLVED: the financial regulations make for this provision provided value for money is the outcome.

Next Meeting - Monday 14th March.

Cllr. Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 14th March 2022