

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

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

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

106. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ted Fenton (County Cllr.).

107. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

108. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2022, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

109. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

Clerk contacted WODC about getting more signs to discourage dog fouling but the response was less than helpful. RESOLVED: Ben will try to obtain signs.

110. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Ben provided an update on district council matters. For those wishing to donate items in respect of Ukranian refugees there is a collection point at Carterton Leisure Centre.

The user of the land close to the Main Road/A4095 junction has submitted a planning application for houses but there are no details at the time of this meeting. This should be available for the next Parish Council meeting. There is still the matter of the enforcement notice and the offending site has not been cleared.

S1 bus route discussed given new bus stops signs are in place at Windrush Place. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Stagecoach as this seems contrary to their previous message of no planned changes.

Ted Fenton has been chasing for action to install a bollard to stop vehicles driving through the alleyway from Dovecote Place to Well Lane. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Abbeymill Homes to see if this falls under their remit as the original developer.

No update received from OCC in respect of the 20mph request for Well Lane. Discussed possible traffic calming. RESOLVED: OCC highways to be contacted for further discussion.

Parish Council also received a request for additional street lighting in Well Lane. OCC have reported that the existing street lighting is well spaced and would be consistent with this type of parish lighting in a rural area.

20mph request to OCC considered for Main Road though there is no confidence in this being actioned by OCC. Possible solutions to be discussed with OCC highways.

Glenn advised he has contacted OCC about them meeting costs for any request to reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph on the A4095 through Lew. Discussed possible option of better signage such as gate style entrances through the 40mph zone.

111. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 22/00396/HHD – Additional side extension and adjustment of wall line at first floor. 2 Well Lane, Curbridge. RESOLVED: no comments other than requesting considerate parking by contractors due to pavement blocking and traffic problems

112. FINANCE

Cheques for signing: Wages addition year end (£64); various subs (£183.69, £12, £36); play area inspection (£30.65); stationery (£32.39). Bill not received from play area contractor so this cannot be paid until the new financial year.

Bank balance as at 1st March 2022 = £7,771.49. Clerk still waiting for mandate changes from Barclays. RESOLVED: Barclays complaint procedure to be used to try and resolve.

Wages not discussed as need to resolve issues with Barclays Bank in the first instance.

113. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

February inspection signed by Chairman.

The problem with rabbits digging in the Play Area continues but Phil trying to limit the damage.

114. SUNDRY NOTICES

- Financial Regulations to be updated: RESOLVED: authorised signatories to be reduced from 3 to 2 in line with on-line banking requirements when these become available.
- Risk Assessment, Transparency Code and Asset Register reviewed and to be updated.
- The Parish noticeboard in Well Lane has been taken down without any notification being made to the Parish Council. The clerk has contacted the representative for the development on the land adjacent to 2 Well Lane but has not received any response. This may require the Parish Council to fund a non-budgeted replacement and then take action to recover the funds from the developer who has caused the damage. RESOLVED: clerk to keep chasing.
- The preferred contractor for the Parish Hall has priced repairs to the windows, replacement panelling and soakaway drainage. RESOLVED: quote accepted and Glenn to contact contractor to start work.

Next Meeting - Monday 11th April.

**Cllr. Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 11th April 2022**