

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 11th July 2022, 6pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Howard Higgins (Clerk & RFO), Ted Fenton (County Cllr.), 1 member of the public.

31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Patrick Foley.

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

33. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2022, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

34. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

Clerk chased Abbeymill Homes for a reply in respect of the alley between Dovecote Place and Well Lane but has not received a response. ACTION POINT: Ted will try and get some resolution to this long outstanding matter.

35. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Ted provided an update on County Council matters. Clerk asked about Well Lane 20mph status given marks are in place for 30mph road-markings. Ted will pursue as little point in painting 30mph if 20mph is going to be introduced.

The responses to the survey asking Lew residents if they would support the possibility of a reduction of the speed limit for the A4095 from 40mph to 30mph have yet to be fully collated.

No update on outstanding and current District Council matters. This is due to the District Councillor not being present and not providing any responses to the outstanding matters. Mr S Forde queried about the minutes and his statement (item 14 of the minutes 9 May) and was informed that the Parish Council has not received any response from the District Councillor. This is one of several ongoing agenda items that cannot be addressed without a response from the District Councillor.

36. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/01674/FUL - Erection of single dwelling and associated ancillary works. Creation of visitor parking spaces. Oakwood Place, Lew Road, Curbridge. RESOLVED: The Parish Council object to this proposed development for the following reasons:

- Parish Council noted District Council planning officer comments from 2016 about over-development on this site.
- The land should be set aside for parking to stop on-road parking.

37. FINANCE

Clerk provided a brief overview and a summary of Q1 finances and no issues arising.

Cheques for signing & bank transfers: grass cut (£445.20); parish hall items (£2.35); Play area inspections (£31.72 x 2); Churchyard grants (£450 x 2); HMRC (£222).

Wages discussed under a closed meeting. RESOLVED: Clerk wages to be increased to £450 gross per month to reflect extra work and no hourly rise since 2019 (this will take effect from the start of August). Budgeted amount along with some contingency is sufficient to cope. No change to Parish Hall caretaker wages.

Bank balance as at 1st July 2022 = £15,199.74.

38. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

June inspection signed by Chairman.

The overgrowing brambles have been cut back but the thistles need removing. This may require a volunteer party to get together and help Phil in the removal of the thistles.

No quote received in respect of replacing the swing seats. RESOLVED: as this is budgeted Glenn will contact the contractor to go ahead as they need replacing.

Clerk has secured funds through the County Councillor priority fund to help with the costs of replacement fencing. Thanks expressed to Ted for his help. New fencing is on order.

39. SUNDRY NOTICES

- Fly-tipping has occurred on 2 occasions at the entrance to the retention ponds. It has also been noticed the gate is not always locked. RESOLVED: clerk to contact Ted to see if OCC can pursue with the developer about fly-tipping measures and general safety (no lifebelts, stopping unauthorised access to the site) before possible adoption of the site.
- New code of conduct now in place with the District Council. RESOLVED: New code of conduct adopted by the Parish Council.

Next Meeting - Monday 8th August.

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