

**CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022, 6pm.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Howard Higgins (Clerk & RFO), Ted Fenton (County Cllr.), Ben Woodruff (District Cllr.), 3 members of the public.

**40. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

**41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

None.

**42. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**43. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Clerk stated that bollards will be due to be installed at Dovecote Place to stop use of the alleyway as a short cut by vehicles. Ted agreed this has been a tortuous process to resolve. There is no date yet available and may take some time to finally install.

**44. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

List of outstanding District Councillor actions from previous meetings;

- Obtaining signs to discourage dog fouling: Ben advised there are stock signs held by WODC but may involve a charge for these signs. RESOLVED: Ben to send a link.
- Report on possible deterrents to stop fly-tipping along Starnham Lane: Ben said this was a County Council matter but corrected by Ted to advise this is a District Council matter. Glenn asked if signs could be erected along Starnham Lane. Ben advised such signs would have to be carefully worded.
- Provision of litter picking equipment by WODC for use by the Parish; Ben advised equipment can be obtained on loan from the Environment Officer at WODC. Glenn asked if the litter would then be removed by WODC if picked up by volunteers and Ben confirmed this to be the case.
- District councillor to address queries arising from removal of Parish Council owned dog bins by WODC: Glenn asked about the removal of Parish Council owned property and Ben replied saying the removed bins had no value. Clerk advised Ben they do have a book value. Also, it was noted that how can the Parish Council use any other contractor other than WODC contractor (Ubico) as the bins are now owned by WODC rather than the Parish Council. Ben referred to an email from last year from WODC but clerk stated that the list of locations made no mention of Curbridge. Clerk pointed out that numerous questions remained unanswered including and specifically what will the charges be next year due to the large size of the bin as these should remain unchanged regardless of the bin being larger. ACTION POINT: Ben will refer to WODC.
- District councillor response to the statement as per minute item 14 (9 May 2022): Ben confirmed he stated 'that creating fear and scaremongering with fake news wasn't helpful and it simply wasn't true that the floodgates would open'. For completeness this refers to the meeting dated 11 April and the addendum to the minutes of that meeting. This is in respect of the flyer issued by the Parish Council. He reiterated that any planning is only considered for that land and is not relevant to other land. Clerk advised Ben that the flyer only said 'could' and not 'will'

and means any land in and around Curbridge. Ben of the opinion that it is inferred that the flyer relates to the neighbouring land only. Animated remarks then made by Ben. Glenn intervened to draw a line under this matter.

Ted referred to the recent publicised speed limit changes for Witney. There is no news as yet for the introduction of a 20mph limit to Well Lane. Clerk confirmed that the Lew Survey results have been sent to Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) The survey results support a speed reduction.

Ben and Ted left the meeting.

#### **45. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- None received.

#### **46. FINANCE**

Bank transfers: RoSPA report (£88.20); parish hall repairs (£220); Printer inks (£82.17); Churchyard grant (£450 - to replace destroyed cheque).

Bank balance as at 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 = £15,220.22.

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

July inspection signed by Chairman.

Thistles have been removed but are growing back and will need herbicide to remove. Needs to be used at an appropriate time and when the Play Area not in use.

Glenn went through the recent RoSPA inspection and had met with the Play Area contractor on site. Disappointment with RoSPA inspection in that there are some errors made. Issues arising with the Multi Play RESOLVED: contractor to address.

RoSPA report made reference to no litter bin but this classed as a very low risk. RESOLVED: no litter bin required as litter has reduced without the bin.

Report referred to permanently locking maintenance gate but this is contrary to other advice that there should be 2 exits points. RESOLVED: no lock required.

Report also made reference to rabbit holes. These have been filled back in but Phil advised some have reappeared. This is an ongoing issue and may be partly addressed by the new fencing due to be installed.

#### **48. SUNDRY NOTICES**

- Clerk advised that the Noticeboard is currently being made according to the developer's agent. Agent said he will pursue.
- John referred to PTR (Public transport). John advised that basically the bus companies make their own arrangements. OCC will then consider if a community bus is required depending on what the bus company decides. This is pertinent in respect of the future of the S1 service. John asked that any questions in respect of public transport be sent to him in time for the next PTR meeting in October.

**Next Meeting** - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council**  
**Signed 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**