

**CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 6pm.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Howard Higgins (Clerk & RFO), 6 members of the public.

**67. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Patrick Foley, Ted Fenton (County Cllr.), Ben Woodruff (District Cllr.)

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

None.

**69. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

A vacancy has arisen following the sad death of John Courtney. Clerk advised that West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) has been informed and they have yet to send an official vacancy notice. Co-option of any prospective candidates cannot be considered until expiry of that notice.

**70. MINUTES**

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

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

Clerk contacted WODC direct and they kindly supplied signs to discourage dog fouling and there is now a small stock held should anyone want to display the sign.

**72. PUBLIC INQUIRY**

Some discussion and confirmed notification of planning enforcement appeals (land south of Main Road, Curbridge) to be held at WODC offices, Woodgreen, Witney. The Inquiry relates to the use of that land. The Inquiry is open to the public who can comment at that meeting (see section 9 of ['guide to taking part in enforcement appeals and lawful development certificate appeals proceeding by an inquiry'](#) which can be found on the gov.uk website).

**73. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

No update on District Council matters as District Councillor not present. No update on County Council matters as County Councillor not present.

The proposed 20mph for Well Lane and 30mph for the A4095 through Lew are subject to formal consultation.

Clerk and Glenn met with representative from Oxfordshire County Council highways about speeding traffic along Main Road. Improved signs to A40 to be actioned by OCC. Recommended build-out by the Main Road sign (near 30 mph sign) to slow traffic entering Curbridge approaching from the West along with other possible traffic calming measures. Awaiting outline drawings from OCC but any measures will then be subject to further consultations.

Concerns expressed about possible effect to Well Lane and possible increased traffic dependant on measures introduced to Main Road. Suggested road hump near the play area and prohibit large vehicles. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact OCC highways about traffic calming measures for Well Lane.

Clerk has received complaint about speeding traffic through the Colwell Green development. There are currently no speed signs as the roads yet to be adopted by OCC. Clerk to contact Ted to ensure message about appropriate speed limit when it is set by OCC for the site.

#### **74. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None received.

#### **75. FINANCE**

Payments: WODC bins (£202.43); Grass cut (£445.20); Halls service subscription (£50); Website services (£71.62); Electricity and water (£244.37); Wages (£400). Bank balance as at 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 = £19,608.02.

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

October inspection signed by Chairman. Still awaiting work to be undertaken by contractor. Contractor has supplied quotes for toddler play unit but due to values further quotes required.

#### **77. SUNDRY NOTICES**

- Suggested Queen's canopy for the back area of field adjacent to the Lord Kitchener is on hold subject to future of the Lord Kitchener.
- Future of the Lord Kitchener is unknown as to whether it will re-open or be subject to change of use development.
- Rachel Crouch has obtained a response from Stagecoach following the petition and they state the service through Curbridge changed due to a lack of use.
- The benches around the Curbridge will be gradually removed for refurbishment and then reinstalled.

**Next Meeting** - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December (Subsequently amended to 5<sup>th</sup> December due to non-availability of sufficient Parish Councillors - change of date published).

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