

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 5th December 2022, 6pm.

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

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

78. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

79. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

80. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The official vacancy notice provided by West Oxfordshire District Council is yet to expire so co-option not possible until after that date.

81. MINUTES

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

82. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

83. PUBLIC INQUIRY

Adjournment of planning enforcement appeals (land south of Main Road, Curbridge). To be held at WODC offices, Woodgreen, Witney, 28 March to 30 March 2023.

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).

84. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Ben provided an update on the use of the hotel at Ducklington for immigrants. Reference also made to the 5 year land supply which is reported as falling short at 4.1 years.

Ted provided an update on County Council matters. Botley Road in Oxford will be shut next year due to extensive works at Oxford Railway Station.

There is no update on traffic calming measures for Main Road in Curbridge. Ted has not had any definitive response to signage (such as gate style entrance signs) for Lew. This may be subject to direct funding by the Parish Council.

Ben and Ted left the meeting

85. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received.

86. FINANCE

Payments: Play area inspection (£31.72); Society of Local Council Clerks subscription (£112); Website services (£224); Wages (£400). Bank balance as at 1st December 2022 = £18,160.40

Budget discussed and precept approved. This will result in small reduction in the council tax element in respect of the Parish Council.

87. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

November inspection signed by Chairman. Still awaiting work to be undertaken by contractor and Glenn has chased contractor and work expected shortly to add more play bark chippings.

Play area contractor has provided quotes for a toddler play unit. Clerk requested further quotes from other suppliers due to cost. Only one further quote received and this significantly more expensive. RESOLVED: Parish Council selected preferred unit from play contractor quotes but is subject to approval of section 106 funds (clerk is awaiting reply from WODC).

88. SUNDRY NOTICES

- Lord Kitchener is sold subject to contract according to the agent's website. There is no other news on the future of the Lord Kitchener.
- Repairs are required to the Parish Hall roof and one quote obtained (some difficulty in getting quotes). RESOLVED: Quote approved (previously used reputable supplier). Ted had advised of some funds left in the County Councillor Priority fund. Clerk to apply for funds towards roof repair.
- Three benches require replacing around Curbridge. Quotes obtained. RESOLVED: Benches selected and clerk to include in request for funds to the County Councillor Priority fund.
- Request received for support in promoting swift bricks in new housing as recommended by RSPB. RESOLVED: agreed. Petition site is <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/626737>.
- There is a Civility and Respect pledge campaign as recommended by the National Association of Local Councils that seeks Councillors to treat all with civility and respect (Parish Council has signed up to the current Code of Conduct). RESOLVED: To sign up to pledge.

Next Meeting - Monday 9th January.

Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 9th January 2023