

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 13th March 2023, 6pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Howard Higgins (Clerk & RFO), Ted Fenton (County Cllr.), 5 members of the public.

109. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Patrick Foley.

110. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Glenn declared an interest in respect of item 116 being the wages for the caretaker.

111. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Co-option candidate not available at time of meeting so co-option held over.

112. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2023, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

113. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

Clerk advised of an objection by Manor Wood Homes to the Parish Council written objection to planning application 22/03544/OUT on the grounds that it did not match the minutes. Clerk confirmed with Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils that the submitted written objection by the Parish Council is wholly proper and can be in any form of words.

Clerk has not had time to draft the flyer advised in the previous minutes (item 108).

114. PUBLIC INQUIRY

Reminder of previously adjourned 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).

115. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

The District Councillor has resigned. An election date for a new District Councillor is not yet known.

Ted provided an update on County Council matters. The County Council budget has been approved. Botley Road is due to shut next month until November. Dix Pit household waste recycling centre will be shut for maintenance on 23 and 24 April.

Some discussion about the speed limits and possible 20mph for Main Road. Traffic calming measures may prove difficult due to placement of a build-out between the Downs Road junction and the entrance to Curbridge village. It seems that Section 278 funds to improve the junction between Main Road and Downs Road will not be available. ACTION POINT: Glenn asked if Ted can pursue improvements to this junction as it may help to mitigate the need for traffic calming/20mph along Main Road.

Glenn expressed disappointment at the lack of progress in addressing safety measures for the attenuation ponds. Glenn reported of culvert blockages around the ponds. RESOLVED: Copy correspondence to be sent to Ted.

116. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 23/00249/HHD – Erection of a single storey rear extension. 4 Clover Lane, Curbridge. RESOLVED: No comments.
- 23/00334/HHD – Erection of a two storey rear extension with balcony at first floor level. 6 Dovecote Place, Curbridge. Some discussion about impact on neighbouring properties. RESOLVED: No comments.

117. PLANNING APPEAL NOTIFICATION

- 21/03342/OUT - Land South West Of Downs Road, Curbridge Business Park. Planning Inspectorate appeal reference APP/D3125/W/22/3307358. Some discussion about the employment area and how this has moved location from the original plans. This appeal is to be determined by a hearing. Comments can be made online at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> by 31st March 2023.

The following appeal was received after publication of the agenda:

- 22/00744/OUT - Land South of Main Road, Curbridge. Planning Inspectorate appeal reference APP/D3125/W/22/3310486. This appeal is to be determined by written representations. Comments can be made online at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> by 7th April 2023.

118. FINANCE

Payments: Play area inspections (£63.44); Subs (£55, £213.88, £14); Play area dog signs (£14.88). Bank balance as at 1st March 2023 = £9,797.34. Clerk has applied for S106 funds towards new Play Area equipment and Parish Hall costs.

Caretaker wages discussed under a closed meeting (Glenn abstained from decision making process). RESOLVED: To be increased to £50 per month from April.

119. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

February inspection signed by Chairman. RoSPA defects yet to be addressed by the contractor. Further chippings required and quote by a different contractor will cost about £1k. RESOLVED: Cost approved.

120. SUNDRY NOTICES

- RAF Brize Norton has advised of an airspace consultation;
- Electric works quote received for Parish Hall and further quote expected. RESOLVED: Work approved as necessary and subject to preferred time frame to be met by S106 funds.
- Child protection and transparency code documents checked. RESOLVED: Approved;
- Asset register checked. RESOLVED: Approved.
- Clerk advised of a new Electricity Contract for the Parish Hall agreed direct with the current supplier due to no quotes being received from Utility Aid.
- RESOLVED: Next Parish Council meeting moved to 17th April;
- A very recent weight restriction engagement with local stakeholders announced by OCC (this is not a consultation). RESOLVED: Clerk to submit Well Lane as a suitable location.

Meeting closed at 6.45 p.m.

Next Meeting - Monday 17th April.

Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 17th April 2023