

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 5th June 2023, 6pm.

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

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

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Patrick declared an interest in respect of planning application 23/00322/HHD & 23/00323/LBC (item 26) being a neighbouring property.

23. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2023, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

24. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

25. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Clerk advised that the vehicle activated sign at the A4095 though Lew has had the 40mph taped over but still has the slow down lights operational. Ted advised this is a county wide issue following the changes to speed limits.

Glenn has contacted Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) about the Main Road/Downs Road junction and that no improvements have been made to this junction for decades. It seems this junction was not considered along with the other works for the roundabout serving the Windrush Place development. As an example the bus cannot turn into Main Road without traversing both carriageways. ACTION POINT: Ted to pursue.

Still no works to address the alleviation ponds. ACTION POINT: Ted to pursue.

Clerk advised that still waiting for Bollards to be installed at Dovecote Place. The delay is apparently due to the adoption of the road and the refusal by Abbey Mill Homes to do this work (due to not being part of the original remit) and can only now be done when adopted by OCC.

Ted provided an update on County Council matters.

Adrian advised that he is now involved with the Lowlands planning committee at West Oxfordshire District Council.

Ted & Adrian left the meeting.

26. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

● 23/00322/HHD & 23/00323/LBC – Conversion of existing single storey, vaulted height garage and outbuildings to single-story living accommodation; and a new rear ‘orangerie’ extension, in-filling the gap between an agricultural barn and the main house. Church Farm House, Lew. Some discussion about this application and in particular the effect on the listed building. RESOLVED: Agreement to proposed works on A4095 side of the the House. Objection to the proposed works towards the barn side of the House (being the Orangerie extension) as not being in keeping with the

character of the listed building. This is as agreed by 4 councillors with Jenny abstaining. Patrick not involved in vote and decision making process.

- 21/03342/OUT - Land South West Of Downs Road, Curbridge Business Park, Witney. Confirmed the appeal has been allowed. S106 funds secured for the Parish Council (availability based on occupation level).

27. FINANCE

Payments: Wages (£360; £48.20); Electricity (£211.14). Bank balance as at 1st June 2023 = £21,511.86.

28. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

May inspection signed by Chairman. Further bark chippings required and Glenn to discuss with gardener to ascertain amount for clerk to order.

29. SUNDRY NOTICES

Query received from a Lew resident asking the Parish Council to install concealed entrance signs, no parking signs and a safety mirror due to the shape of the road and parked vehicles obscuring vision. RESOLVED: this is a private matter for the resident and any signs/mirror may be allowed to be erected at their own cost with the consent of the landowner as may be necessary. None of this is Parish Council land.

Meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.

Next Meeting - Monday 10th July.

Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 10th July 2023