

**CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 6pm.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Howard Higgins (Clerk & RFO), 4 members of the public. For item 5 of the agenda: Tom Kimber (David Lock Associates - DLA). Ben Meynell, Andy Birch & Imogen Holgate (all from Halland Land Management - HLM)

**57. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Adrian Walsh (District Cllr).

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

None.

**59. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

None.

**61. LAND AT PEASHELL FARM**

Presentation provided by HLM and DLA. This relates to a proposed development of up to 600 homes at Peashell Farm. Topics covered:

- It is recognised this land is not in the current local plan although this was in the initial draft of that plan. It is the intention to be added to the proposed 2041 plan if not developed beforehand. HLM confirmed the golf course is not part of this proposal and only relates to land at Peashell Farm;
- Effect of local employment and loss of local food production discussed;
- Effect of drainage and flooding to the village of Curbridge given that water flows from the land through the village via the ditch. The poor state of the culvert across Main Road was discussed as Elmbank Ditch passes through this culvert;
- Traffic calming measures. The village is increasingly used as a rat run due to housing developments and this will further exacerbate the situation. The junction at Downs Road/Main Road discussed and the need to upgrade the junction as it was clearly not designed for the volume of traffic;
- Access to the proposed site includes a second access point onto Downs Road. Concerns expressed over the difficulties this may present given the volume of traffic and close proximity to the roundabout;
- The need for proper connecting cycle paths including through the village;
- The pavement along Downs Road. This is very narrow in places and safety is a concern with the volume and size of traffic along Downs Road.

HLM and DLA representatives left the meeting

**62. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

- Main Road traffic speed & Speedwatch. For those who responded the survey results both show in favour of 20mph and a traffic build-out along Main Road. Speedwatch signs installed at each end of Main Road. Further volunteers have come forward to help with the scheme.

- Parish Council members met with representative from OCC highways about possible calming measures long Well Lane due to the volume and speed of traffic using this as a 'rat run'. Traffic humps may be necessary and OCC highways are due to send illustrative designs. A possible help may be to improve the advisory signs for large vehicles. Concern expressed to the Parish Council over traffic speed along the A4095 towards the south end of Curbridge.
- West Oxfordshire Local Plan. Clerk advised of a drop-in event for the public at the Corn Exchange in Witney on 16 October from 4pm to 8pm. There is also an event open to Parish Councillors being held at the WODC offices at Woodgreen.

### **63. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None received.

### **64. FINANCE**

RESOLVED: Payments: Play area inspection (£34.88); Wages (£360, £50); Parish Hall beams treatment (£1,595); PAYE (£270); External audit (£252); Play area works (£3,780); Grass cut (£412.20 x 2, £68.40 x 2). Bank balance as at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 = £25,830.88.

Clerk provided 6 month review of finances. Precept now all received. S106 funds being used to finance Parish Hall works.

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

The play area has just reopened following agreed works by the contractor including the installation of a roundabout and RoSPA recommendations.

RESOLVED: Work to be carried out by gardener to cut grass and cut back brambles.

### **66. SUNDRY NOTICES**

- Monthly checklist for Parish Hall approved.
- Parish Hall improvements and repairs. Clerk has applied for S106 funds to cover the woodworm treatment and a new front door. Glenn is looking through the terms and conditions for hire of the hall.
- Parish notice boards. Clerk provided a couple of printouts of 'man made wood' noticeboards and these checked. Preferred noticeboard selected. Costs to be applied for under S106 funds and to include installation.
- OCC has amended Schedule 1 of the grass cutting agreement and this affects the urban cutting element for the Parish Council. RESOLVED: Changes checked and agreed.
- It has been noticed that some tidying may be required for the 'library' by the play area. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Rachel Crouch to see if anything can be done.

Meeting closed at 7 p.m.

**Next Meeting** - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

**Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council**  
Signed 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023