

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Howard Higgins (Clerk & RFO), Ted Fenton (County Cllr), 1 member of the public. For item 7 of the agenda: James Yeoman (Savills).

67. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Mark Wilson, Cllr. Jenny O'Sullivan

68. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

69. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2023, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

70. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

71. LAND AT PEASHELL FARM

Discussion following presentation at the previous Parish Council meeting. A list of issues arising has been drafted and this includes items that could possibly be addressed under S106. RESOLVED: draft list to be circulated amongst councillors for input. List then to be sent to Ted for possible Oxfordshire County Council issues.

72. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Ted provided an update on County Council matters. This included a request to be aware of suspect cold calling especially in respect of those looking to do property repairs. The cap on bus fares is due to continue until after Christmas.

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

- Speedwatch. Clerk needs to be advised equipment needed for Speedwatch and if appropriate on-line training has been completed.
- A resident expressed concern over a tarmac patch at the end of an access road off Main Road that has appeared without reason. This causes water to back up rather than flow onto Main Road. This is suspected to be linked to recent fibre optic works on behalf of Openreach. RESOLVED: Ted suggested this is reported on Fixmystreet and clerk will action.
- West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2041. Glenn and Clerk attended an event at Woodgreen though little to report.

73. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received.

Possible housing layout at Colwell Green following approval of application 21/03342/OUT. Plan to date (still subject to change) provided by JY and feedback requested. Glenn asked if any housing will include proper home offices. JY will pass this back to the developer. Also requested a public noticeboard to be sited by the new play area. Parish Council expressed concern over the planned attenuation pond and the need for this to be properly fenced at an early stage for safety, given the concerns with the proximity of the pond to the play area on the developed site.

74. FINANCE

RESOLVED: Payments: Play area inspection (£34.88); Wages (£360, £50); Parish Hall works (£600); Play area ground maintenance (£60); Electricity (£201.31); CAB grant (£100); Grass cut (£412.20, £68.40). Bank balance as at 31st October 2023 = £21,765.52.

Clerk confirmed receipt of S106 funds, which are used to finance Parish Hall works.

75. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

October inspection signed by Chairman.

76. SUNDRY NOTICES

- A request has been submitted to the Parish Council to help fund works required on trees in the Churchyard in Curbridge. RESOLVED: Agreed in principle subject to reason for such a request being supplied by St Mary's (who administer the Churchyard).
- Oxfordshire Councils Charter Survey. RESOLVED: to be completed by the Clerk.
- Grounds maintenance (grass cutting). A quote has been provided by another contractor. RESOLVED: as cost significantly greater than current contractor no change proposed but dates of actual cuts by contractor to be monitored due to concerns from this year.
- Parish hall monthly inspection signed by Chairman.

Meeting closed at 6.45 p.m.

Next Meeting - Monday 11th December.

Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 11th December 2023