

**CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 6pm.**

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

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

**77. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. Patrick Foley

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

None.

**79. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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

None.

**81. LAND AT PEASHELL FARM**

Following the previous Parish Council meeting a list of issues arising has been sent to the agent (this includes items that could possibly be addressed under S106). RESOLVED: List to be provided to Ted and Adrian.

The Parish Council was informed that representatives from St John the Baptist church intend to send their own request to the agent.

**82. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

Ted provided an update on County Council matters. This included an update on the draft budget which is showing a shortfall at present. County Hall will be shut from 22<sup>nd</sup> December to 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

Adrian provided an update on District Council matters.

Ted and Adrian left the meeting.

- No update on Speedwatch.
- Glenn raised the issue of fly-tipping (especially along Starnham Lane and at Lew). Glenn will approach landowners to see if they would permit warning signs be placed to try and deter fly-tipping. RESOLVED: subject to landowner agreement signs to purchased and placed by the Parish Council.
- Village Design Statement. Kindly updated and now on the website.
- Oxford, Witney and Carterton rail link feasibility study. Some discussion and the very high costs involved. RESOLVED: should this project come to fruition the Parish Council would prefer to see the Southern route option around Curbridge. This can use a fair amount of the old line and also seems to give the best option of a freight spur to the airfield if it is ever needed.

**83. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None received from West Oxfordshire District Council but an application was identified for Curbridge as follows:

23/03151/PN56. Proposed conversion of existing hay barn to a two bedroom living accommodation. Duttons Farm, Lew Road, Curbridge. RESOLVED: The Parish Council make the following comments:

- The proposal seems to be outside the building line for other dwellings along Lew Road;
- From the proposal this suggests requirement for an 'agricultural tie' given the occupant needs to be on site;
- Concerns expressed at what seems to be a lack of storage on the immediate site given the use of the land on the opposite side of Lew Road for storage. The proposal decreases storage on the immediate site.

#### **84. FINANCE**

RESOLVED: Payments: Play area inspection (£34.88); Wages (£360, £50); Parish Hall works (£600); Defib battery (£246); SLCC subs (£112); Website fee (£207); Electricity (£88.22); Water rates (£20.01). Bank balance as at 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 = £24,149.21.

Budget discussed. Rise in Precept recommended (some increased inflationary pressures) but overall has minimal effect being less than a £1 rise for a band D property. Precept increased to help ensure improved year end balances. This was identified as a concern by the external auditor in the AGAR audit. RESOLVED: Budget approved.

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

November inspection signed by Chair.

#### **86. SUNDRY NOTICES**

- November Parish Hall inspection signed by Chair.
- Glenn is obtaining quotes to address the exterior surface around the Parish Hall and how this may help drainage. This may be a longer term project depending on costs.
- Mark has replaced the Parish Hall defibrillator battery,
- The noticeboard for the Parish Hall will need to be a slightly smaller size than originally agreed to ensure a safe fit. RESOLVED: Parish Council headers to the noticeboards to be provided.

Meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.

**Next Meeting** - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

**Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council**  
**Signed 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**