

**CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 6pm.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ted Fenton (County Cllr), Howard Higgins (Clerk & RFO).

**106. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Patrick Foley, Cllr Jenny O’Sullivan, Adrian Walsh (District Cllr).

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

None.

**108. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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

None.

**110. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

Ted provided an update on County Council matters. The county budget has been finalised. The waste and recycling sites are not due to have any more later opening times.

Clerk obtained quotes for a speed indicator device to replace the old electronic sign on Main Road. Quotes considered although one full quote is still outstanding. RESOLVED: Cheapest option (including installation) to be selected as the signs are all essentially the same. Some funding will be available from the County Councillor Priority fund and the remainder to be funded from reserves (not budgeted).

Discussed the possibility of a sign on Downs Road (near the golf club). OCC are due to have some excess 30mph vehicle activated signs (VAS). RESOLVED: OCC to be contacted about siting a VAS on Downs Road and the Parish Council is aware the installation costs may have to be met.

Lew electronic sign entering from Bampton direction needs updating to a 30mph sign (40mph taped over at present). OCC advised of this requirement and Ted advised a VAS from Bampton should become available. RESOLVED: Ownership of the current 40mph VAS to be transferred to OCC.

No update on District Council matters.

Speedwatch flyers asking for volunteers with the printer and to be distributed to residents when available.

**111. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None received from West Oxfordshire District Council but an application was identified for Curbridge as follows (the Parish Council was not included as a consultee):

24/00516/PN56. Proposed conversion of existing hay barn to a two bedroom living accommodation. Duttons Farm, Lew Road, Curbridge. RESOLVED: Even though not a consultee the Parish Council wish to make the following observations (similar to 23/03151/PN56):

- 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 have been expressed to the Parish Council over the use of the land on the opposite side of Lew Road for storage (including non-agricultural) and this should be checked by planning officers. The proposal decreases storage on the immediate site.

Ted left the meeting.

## **112. FINANCE**

RESOLVED: Payments: Parish hall works (£4,229.70); Wages (£360, £50); Additional wages for extra work (£48); Roof repairs (£300); OALC membership (£236.78); Various subs (£15.50, £69); Electricity (£591.56); Bin emptying (£261.14); Fire alarm and lighting service (£156). Bank balance as at 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 = £22,288.62.

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

February inspection signed by Chair. RESOLVED: play bark chippings to be ordered.

## **114. SUNDRY NOTICES**

- February Parish Hall inspection signed by Chair.
- Quotes compared for external groundworks to help with drainage. RESOLVED: Contractor selected and Glenn to arrange.
- Recent Parish Hall emergency light inspection revealed fault. RESOLVED: Fault to be rectified. Parish Council discussed improving external lights and agreed if appropriate lighting available contractor to install at same time as rectifying fault.
- RESOLVED: Risk Assessment, Financial Regulations & Standing Orders approved.
- Possible Biodiversity policy/objectives to be discussed more fully at the next Parish Council meeting.
- New sign required for Lord Kitchener field (old one perished). RESOLVED: Clerk to order.

Meeting closed at 6.50 p.m.

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

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