

CURBRIDGE AND LEW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Parish Hall, Curbridge, Monday 8th April 2024, 6pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Adrian Walsh (District Cllr), Howard Higgins (Clerk & RFO), 2 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Patrick Foley, Ted Fenton (County Cllr).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2024, which had previously been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Adrian advised of the North Witney Housing development. This linked in with the Witney Infrastructure Neighbourhood Group (WING) - a collaboration of local parishes responding to that development. Discussed and noted for reference. Glenn mentioned the need for sewage to be addressed thoroughly in all planning applications.

For the ongoing WODC 2041 local plan (February 2024 summary report) there is a list of submitted sites for possible development which include sites that could be within or adjoining the Parish Council area. Glenn asked Adrian if there is a map showing these exact sites (the narrative is not sufficient to pinpoint the sites). Adrian is not aware of any maps.

No update on County Council matters.

Adrian left the meeting.

The vehicle activated sign (VAS) on Main Road discussed and there is no record of this being a Parish Council asset. Accordingly this is an Oxfordshire County Council device. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact OCC about replacing this device (sometimes does not function).

Clerk advised there is no update on the proposed VAS for Downs Road as still awaiting suitability and costs from OCC.

Speedwatch flyers asking for volunteers distributed to residents within Curbridge. Low response to date. Speedwatch organisers advised of need for volunteers as sufficient numbers have to pass the on-line test for Speedwatch (this is free to take) before proceeding any further.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24/00410/FUL - The erection of a solar powered electric gate on an existing agricultural access and associated solar panels (retrospective). Duttons Farm, Lew Road, Curbridge. RESOLVED: No objection to the gate provided that any access is strictly for agricultural use only and not for any other purpose.

7. FINANCE

Year end figures provided by Clerk but subject to audit (reconciled with bank balance). Asset figures checked.

RESOLVED: Payments: Play bark chippings and labour (£1,431.79, £120); Wages (£360, £50); New sign for Lord Kitchener field (£18.45); Parish Hall lighting (£237); Speedwatch flyers (£37.96); Play area inspections (£69.76); Grass cut (£552.60).

Bank balance as at 31st March 2024 = £14,147.74.

8. WELL LANE PLAY AREA AND PLAYING FIELD

March inspection signed by Chair. Play bark chippings topped up.

9. SUNDRY NOTICES

- Biodiversity discussed. RESOLVED: To be considered for planning applications. No other policy considered effective as no suitable land owned by the Parish Council.
- March Parish Hall inspection signed by Chair.
- External groundworks at Parish Hall have commenced.
- Glenn advised of quote for a permanent ramp for disability access to the Parish Hall from the front door (currently access only available via back door). Some discussion about type of ramp and if a portable ramp may be better. ACTION POINT: Glenn to research more options.
- Some flood risk funding maybe available from Oxfordshire County Council. RESOLVED: Need to reiterate the state of the culvert across Main Road/Well Lane to OCC given they are looking at funding projects. Clerk to contact OCC.
- No representations made in respect of the Little Library on Well Lane.
- There was a recent incident of travellers using an area with open access next to the new A40 roundabout. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact developers agent to make them aware to secure site and also to ensure the gate by the attenuation ponds is secured.

Meeting closed at 6.45 p.m.

Next Meeting - Monday 13th May.

Glenn Gannon, Chair of the Council
Signed 13th May 2024