

# CURBAR PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 7.00pm at the Wesleyan Reform Church.**

Cllrs present:	Martyn Games (Chair)	Alexa Masterson-Jones
	Charlotte Cooper	Caralyn Denver
	Rob Scott	
Others present:	Pip Gilbert (Clerk)	Susan Hobson (DDC)
	Kath Potter (PDNPA)	Members of the public

## **Annual Parish Meeting**

**0524/01a Chairs Report** – The Clerk gave the Chairs annual report on behalf of the Chair. The report can be found on the Council website and noticeboards.

**0524/02a Affordable Housing** – The Chair referred to the paper prepared by Cllr Crook who was not able to attend the meeting. Copies were handed out to those present and it can be found on the website and noticeboards

**0524/03a Speed Indicator Device (SID)** – Cllr Scott gave an overview of the results of the SID which was installed on 6 January 2024, stating the reasons for its location was to comply with Highways requirements. Current SID data shows that most people travel below 27 mph, 4% are above the 30mph speed limit with an average of these at 33 mph. He also noted that averages had increased recently. Highways had completed some testing in advance of the SID installation and there has been 1.5mph decrease since its installation.

## **0524/02a Parishioners' Views** –

Parishioners present, and via email, voiced their opinion on several matters including

1. Verge clearing on Curbar Hill needed for safety reasons.
2. Playing field equipment options including addressing the torque on the exercise bike
3. Speeding matters including opinions that 30mph was too high a speed limit for some parts of Curbar. Cllr Denver provided a brief update on her involvement of a road safety group involving five local Parishes who are all pushing for reduced speed limits. The new 20s plenty signs were shown and several Parishioners offered to have one on their land.
4. Public rights of way – it was noted that two fences were currently overlapping a public right of way. Clerk to raise the issue with the Rights of Way team.

Kath Potter thanked the Chair for all his work for the Parish. She also summarised Peak Park matters in particular the need for affordable housing for the young people of the area.

Cllr Hobson noted that the Calver New Bridge works would likely to start in September and also the forthcoming road closures by Severn Trent. She referred to the meeting of the five Parishes over traffic speed matters and that there were two 20 mph speed limits trials currently in place but the police were not prepared to enforce the lower speed limit.

Cllr Masterson-Jones noted the forthcoming village picnic on the 28<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Parish Council Meeting**

**0524/01b Apologies for absence** – Cllr Crook, Cllr Boothroyd and PCSO Anthony Boswell

**0524/02b Variation of Order of Business** – None

**0524/03b Election of Chair** – Cllr Scott was elected as Chair. The Council thanked Cllr Games for all his work as the outgoing Chair.

**0524/04b Appointment of Vice-Chair** - The Council appointed Cllr Games as Vice-Chair

**0524/05b Appointment of HR Committee** - The Council appointed Cllr Scott and Cllr Denver as the HR committee. Burial Committee to continue as it currently runs and Cllr Denver to continue on the village hall committee. Cllr Crook was appointed as the Councillor for special responsibility for planning and liaison with PDNPA.

**0524/06b Declarations of interest** - None

**0524/07b To determine if any items should be taken with public excluded** - None

**0524/08b Public participation** – As noted above in the Annual Parish meeting

**0524/09b Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 7 March 24** - It was resolved to confirm these as correct records.

**0524/10b Communications received not reported elsewhere on the agenda** – Clerk noted the £250 grant being provided by Cllr Boothroyd towards new benches. The Clerk to email Cllr Boothroyd with the Councils appreciation. Clerk also read through a Severn Trent email re forthcoming road closures and agreed to forward the email onto the Council.

**0524/11b Planning applications** –

- a. NP/DDD/0424/0417 – Brackenburn, Riddings Lane, Curbar. Terrace – no comments.
- b. NP/DDD/0424/0418 – Brackenburn, Riddings Lane, Curbar. The Council agreed to object to the gate posts and gate as they were out of keeping for the area.
- c. Applications received after agenda set – The Council noted and supported the Bibury enforcement enquiry by Cllr Crook.

**0524/12b Burial Ground Committee** – No activities to report.

**0524/13b Playing field matters** – The Council agreed to install further equipment noting there was a need for exercise equipment for both young and old alike. Options to be discussed further at the village picnic in July.

**0524/14b Village picnic** – It was agreed that the current actions were related to the marketing of the event. Cllr Masterson-Jone to organise posters and Cllr Cooper Facebook posts. It was noted that there had already been a leaflet drop. Clerk to include the picnic on the agenda for the July meeting.

**0524/15b Whatsapp group** – Cllr Masterson-Jones stated that a Whatsapp group had been set up and will start promoting it

**0524/16b Traffic matters** – Cllr Denver provided a detailed update on the five Parishes road safety group. Cllr Scott agreed to arrange for the new 20s plenty signs to be installed.

**0524/17b Bench replacement and repairs** – It was agreed to purchase 2 traditional brown recycled plastic seats from Marmax at £345 plus VAT for installation by the well and by the BT box. It was agreed they needed to be anchored to prevent theft. Clerk to investigate options. It was also agreed to purchase a brown heavy duty recycled plastic picnic bench for £403 plus VAT from Marmax for the top end of the playing field under the oak tree. Cllr Scott agreed to provide measurements and the number of replacement slats to the Clerk for the repair of other benches.

**0524/18b Trough repair** – Cllr Scott will investigate possible trades people who could mend the trough

**0524/19b Statement of year-end finance position and approve AGAR forms** - The Council approved the year-end finance and AGAR forms.

**0524/20b Invoices for payment** Following payments were approved:

- David Turner £60 annual internal audit
- Tony Crook £20 reimbursement for leaflet printing
- G E Davies £110 for playing field gate repair
- Clerk £185.76 per month for April and May salary and £186 plus VAT for reimbursement of 20s plenty signs
- PPPF £12 annual subscription.

**0524/21b Date of next meeting** Agreed as 7pm on 11 July at the Wesleyan Reform Church meeting rooms. Future meetings potentially being 6 September, 7 November, 2 January and 6 March.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.22pm.