

CURRIDGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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**Curridge Residents' Association
Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at
8pm on Tuesday 16th June 2009 at Conifers, Sandy Lane.**

Janice Bridger took the chair.

ACTION

1 WELCOME

Committee members present: Janice Bridger (Acting Chairperson), Rob Crispin, Zoe Fannon, Diana French (Treasurer, who took the Minutes), Jean Rush (Secretary), Kathy Titcombe and Cyril Wood

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Committee members: Jenni Collins, Nicholas Collins, Eric Friend, June Friend, Freda Hendel, Kirsti Murray.

3 INPUT FROM NON – COMMITTEE MEMBERS None

4 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING that was held on Tues. 17th March 2009 were read by all and signed as correct by Janice Bridger.

5 THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF NEW RESIDENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR WELCOME AND DELIVERY OF HANDBOOK

Committee member to call at the house of new residents to welcome them, give them A Handbook of Curridge and provide a point of contact for information about the village.

NAME	ADDRESS	PERSON WHO WILL DELIVER HANDBOOK
	Birch Vale, Plantation Close	Jean has already visited.
	Tristan, Curridge Road	Jean has already visited.
Debbie Fisher	Old Heatherpine	Jean has already visited
	Fromentine, Curridge Road	Jean
Fairnington?	Sue & Clives old house, Woodlands Close, Curridge Park	Diana

6 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

THE COMMUNITY LAPTOP PROJECT

Liz Keevil had volunteered to liaise with Abbey Redwood of West Berks. Adult and Community Learning Team and to co-ordinate the Curridge group.

The classes took place in May 2009 in the W.I. Hall from 10am to 12noon on four Wednesday mornings.

Liz says they went very well. Eight students attended. They are hoping to run for four more weeks in September and there might be room for more students. If anyone is interested please contact Liz Keevil or Jean Rush (Tel 01635 200445).

THE PARISH PLAN UPDATE

Janice Bridger and Kathy Titcombe attend the Steering Group meetings. Two new people have joined the Steering Group from Chieveley, but more are needed from Curridge. *All*

It has been agreed that raw data from the questionnaires will go on the Chieveley website www.mychieveley.co.uk.

The next stage is to get actions to the responses.

Another event (probably in late September or early October) is being planned to present the results of the questionnaires, and the actions that have been planned, to the residents.

Possible actions will be taken to West Berkshire Council and their partners to consider what can be done.

The improvement of outdoor recreational facilities has emerged as a priority in Curridge.

Kathy Titcombe is to liaise with Peter Maherne, a governor of Curridge School about how the plans for the provision of a playing field for Curridge School can be taken forward. In order *Kathy*

for bids for funding to be made, by Hilary Cole or others, a definite plan will have to be available. The refurbishment of the tennis courts in Chieveley is in hand.

The need for land for a burial site in Chieveley is a costly problem and more consultation about this is needed.

84% of Curridge residents value open spaces (like Curridge Plantation) and this needs to be pointed out to West Berks Council for the future.

THE CURRIDGE WEBSITE www.curridgevillage.co.uk

Jenni Collins and Kirsti Murray are now working on the website with Jeff Mead.

If you notice anything that needs amending or have any suggestions please contact Jenni jenni_collins@hotmail.co.uk (there is an underscore between Jenni and Collins) *All*

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP (N.A.G)

Cyril attended the meeting in May along with 3 police officers and 7 representatives from the villages (Hermitage, Chieveley, Cold Ash and Curridge) and 1 from the army camp.

Cyril had suggested that minutes of the N.A.G. meetings should be taken.

The three priority issues at the moment are:- 1) Speeding on Cold Ash Hill. 2) Criminal Damage at the Acland Hall, Cold Ash. 3) Antisocial behaviour in the area near the W.I. Hall in Curridge. All incidents of criminal damage or antisocial behaviour in the locality of the W.I. Hall should be reported to Cyril, directly or via Jean. *All*

The C.R.A. committee felt that a greater police presence in the village would help and that the Police Officers and Police Community Support Officer (P.C.S.O.) should try to establish a friendly relationship with the local people. The Police Officers are very keen to do this and would be pleased to be invited to functions where residents are gathered e.g. meetings, fetes etc. PC Simon Easton is our Police Officer and the PCSO is Alex de Meyer. Both can be contacted via the Police non-emergency number 08458505505.

It was agreed that we should invite one or both of them to attend the CRA Open Meeting on Wednesday 14th October 2009 at 8pm in the W.I.Hall. *Jean*

(Since this meeting I have noticed that there is information about the N.A.G. on the Curridge noticeboards- Jean)

BYWAYS

Byway 33 (NW from Fishers Lane) has been repaired by West Berks Council.

Work has been done on the surface of Chapel Lane.

Cyril had contacted Streetcare about Chalky Lane . They will only pick up non-biodegradable Waste. An attempt has been made to repair the dip that had occurred.

7 TREASURER'S REPORT

All the changes at the HSBC have been made. Diana ffrench is the Treasurer, and Diana ffrench, Janice Bridger and Jean Rush are the listed signatories, two of whom have to sign each cheque. CRA has a balance of £1010:04

Rob Crispin said that he Chieveley Parish Council donation to the CRA is to be used for CRA expenses only i.e. stationery, photocopying, production of the Handbook , website expenses etc. It cannot be used to implement actions arising from the Parish Plan or to cover other expenses that would usually be met by the Parish Council.

8 42 ENGINEER REGIMENT PROPOSED MOVE FROM HERMITAGE

The 42 Engineer Regiment will move from Denison Barracks in 2013.

A decision about whether the Royal School of Military Survey will relocate will be made in October 2010.

Any decision about the future of the Barracks site cannot be confirmed until the future of the RSMS has been decided. There should be no moves of personnel away from the site until, at the earliest, summer of 2013.

9 NOISE FROM NEWBURY SHOWGROUND

Janice and Eric are keeping a log of the noise of the loudspeakers on the Newbury Showground. Janice said that the noise is not acceptable. The noise from Newbury Show itself is not a problem and the Showground would like all hirers to use the same contractors as the Newbury Show, but the contractors cannot commit to all events and some are too small for them.

Janice is to send the log to West Berkshire Environmental Noise Dept. *Janice*

The Parish Council has a liaison meeting with the Showground Committee on 3rd November and Janice will give a copy of the log to Rob Crispin to take along to that meeting. *Janice*

10 BIDS FOR FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

All bids for funding need to have detailed plans and figures.

Details of an initiative 'Big Lottery Fund and the BBC' were discussed, but it was dismissed as a business venture.

11 THE JUNCTION OF PRIORS COURT ROAD AND B4009 AT HERMITAGE

Freda Hendel had informed Jean that some of the road markings have been changed and re-painted and she felt it was marginally better. She wondered if there were any other suggestions as to how it might be made safer. No other suggestions were offered at the meeting. *All*

12 ITEMS FROM THE MOST RECENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Section 106 agreement funding for public open spaces related to the planning applications on Park Farm, Curridge, and the house adjacent to Pantiles, Chapel Lane, Curridge, had been assigned to North Thatcham, but the Parish Council has had it reallocated for use in Curridge. It has got to be used to improve or provide public open space and has to be spent within 5 years of it being granted. In Chieveley similarly allocated money has been used to provide a multi-use games area.

Jean had delivered a report about C.R.A. at the Annual Parish Assembly on April 14th 2009 and said that it was always an interesting event and she felt it was a pity that it was not attended by more residents.

Concerns have been raised about the lack of communication between Curridge and Chieveley. Many Curridge residents are not aware of the recreational facilities that are available in Chieveley mainly because there is no coherent strategy for advertising the facilities, classes, clubs and events that take place in both villages. The Parish Plan might help with this. It was suggested that The Parish Plan 'Events' in late September/ early October could include a 'Roadshow' in which clubs, classes and societies in the villages set up displays to let everyone know about them.

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- A Clean-Up and Barbecue event is planned by the Trustees of Curridge Playground for Saturday 5th September starting at 3pm (BBQ at 5pm). Everyone is welcome and last year it was a pleasant, social occasion. Please encourage friends and neighbours to attend.

All

14 DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting is the Annual Open Committee Meeting to be held in the W.I. Hall at 8pm on Wednesday 14th October 2009.

It is hoped that local Police Officers will attend the first part of that meeting to give a short explanation of local policing and to answer questions. Please encourage residents to attend.

All