

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CUERDEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 19:00 ON
17th JUNE 2019 AT THE
BARN, CUERDEN VALLEY PARK.**

Present Cllr Ms J Brown
Cllr M Brown
Cllr Ms S Elsey
Cllr Ms C Meredith
Cllr N Whitham

In attendance N/A

Apologies for absence N/A

1 Appointment of Chair. Cllr J Brown was appointed as Chair

2 Appointment of Vice Chair. Cllr S Elsey was appointed as Vice chair.

3 Acting administrator. J Brown

4 Minutes of the meeting held on 26th November were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair at the Feb meeting. Minutes from the Feb meeting not available at this meeting and will be tabled at a later date.

5 Matters arising from the minutes.

Not possible at this meeting due to the absence of the clerk.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

No members of the public were present at the meeting. Two points were raised by CM regarding items she had been asked to table.

a) The hedgerow on Lydiate Lane is overgrown making the pavement difficult to use particularly for a mobility scooter. CM has been intouch with the council on behalf of the resident but has been informed that it is not possible to do until 31st July, after nesting season. Parish Councillors agreed to get back intouch and ask for a visual check to take place. If there are no nesting birds then the hedge can be cut. The discussion continued regarding other nearby hedgerow that have been cut back e.g. on Wigan Road and at the other side of the bridge on Lydiate lane.

b)

The cottages nearest to the road on Lydiate Lane have issues with parking. A question was asked to CM regarding who they could speak with regarding ownership of a patch of land adjacent to these houses. A suggest was made for the resident to utilise images from google maps/ aerial photos. CM will relay this information to the resident.

7 Clerk

It has been agreed to co-opt a clerk from the local area. SE will ask a known person who has strong council knowledge. If this does not result in a positive response an advert will be distributed by a mail drop to local residents, adding the advert to the noticeboard, website, post office, café, Sue Ryder barn notice board and local club. SE and JB to take the initial lead on this.

It was noted that Dave T, a previous clerk, has a bank of archived resources. AW was asked to investigate the moving of material to LCC Archives in the Nov meeting. It was agreed that NW will check how these can be officially archived in to the correct place.

8 Noticeboard

It was agreed that the current noticeboard is not accessible. SE will speak to a local resident's committee with a request to relocate the board on a small patch of their land.

9 Planning Matters

A discussion relating the planning permission for land close to Nell Lane took place. New planning with more housing has now been submitted alongside the original plan of 87 homes discussed in November. The Cllrs had concerns over the safety over local residents wanting to access the valley. It appears evident that the National Framework and Neighbourhood plan has not been fully factored in. SE has written a well worded letter linking to the framework and plan. It was duly noted that 700 homes have recently been built in the area. The councillors are not in agreement with the intention of an emergency escape gate as none of the other estates new or old have these. The planning is not being tabled at the next council meeting. When it does appear SE will represent the parish council as the speaker. She requests any photos of accidents, floods, fly tipping etc. to support the case.

Date of next meeting - to be confirmed once a clerk is appointed.

Meeting closed at 20.40